

Dear Pre-Collegiate Students & Families,

We are writing to share important updates related to Pre-Collegiate's Summer Academic Institute 2021 (SAI).

Si prefiere esta información en español, por favor contacte a la directora, la Dra. Nancy Hernández al nhernand@uccs.edu o por teléfono al 719-255-3595.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions that impact the UCCS campus, Pre-Collegiate will offer a hybrid Summer Academic Institute in June and July 2021. The Pre-Collegiate team has been working diligently to adapt our programming so that we can offer dual enrollment classes, academic and skill-building workshops, and opportunities for students during this time. Some programming will be conducted in-person, but most sessions will be offered remotely online.

Below you will find the descriptions of workshops and other opportunities being offered during Summer Academic Institute 2021. Students should [register for these offerings at this link](#).

If you are in:

9th grade now, you are a Rising Sophomore

10th grade now, you are a Rising Junior

11th grade now, you are a Rising Senior

Expectations

- Workshops and Dual Enrollment Classes require an Academic Outreach Application. More information will be released after students complete the [2021 SAI Workshop Registration](#). We will have an opportunity on May 8th after the [SAI Orientation](#) to assist you with the Academic Outreach Application if you are having difficulty.
- If you plan to participate during the summer, please keep in mind that you will be expected to attend every session and there will be no excused absences. Exceptions to this will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Any In-person components will require a [UCCS Wellness Check](#). You will also be expected to follow all campus rules and guidelines regarding wearing of a face covering and adhering to physical distancing and area hygiene.

SUMMER ACADEMIC INSTITUTE 2021 PROGRAMMING DESCRIPTIONS

EXPLORATION AND FUTURE VISIONS WORKSHOP

- **Grade:** Rising Sophomores and newly admitted Pre-Collegiate Students
- **Dates:** Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4
- **Times:** 10:00am – 12:00pm

- **Required** for rising sophomores and newly admitted students. Must attend both sessions.
- **Delivery Method:** Zoom
- **Expectations:** Students can expect to spend an additional 2 hours working on assignments related to the Zoom components of this workshop.
- **Description:** In this live remote workshop, students will reflect on how their identities, interests, and skills may shape their academic and professional futures. With guidance from the Pre-Collegiate team, students will complete self-paced activities to explore potential future academic, personal, and career goals, and the steps they may need to take to get there.

MUSIC AND LYRICS WORKSHOP

- **Grade:** Rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
- **Dates:** Wednesday, June 23 – Friday, June 26
- **Times:** 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- **Recommended** for all students, limited to 20 students. Must be able to attend all three sessions.
- **Delivery Method:** Zoom and Canvas
- **Expectations:** No additional time commitment outside of workshop hours.
- **Description:** This workshop will look at the best song lyrics from the past and present and discover what makes them great. It will give students an opportunity to write their own versions of songs and create new lyrics. There will also be an opportunity to present/perform their lyrics.

MATH BRIDGE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

- **Grade:** Rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
- **Dates:** Monday, June 7 – Friday, July 2, 2021
- **Times:** 9am – 11am
- **Recommended** for all students
- **Delivery Method:** Zoom and Canvas
- **Expectations:** 1 Hour/Day M-F at your own pace.
- **Description:** Students will practice key math-based skills to strengthen their existing skillsets. Students will complete self-paced activities that will build their skills and will receive feedback from a Master Teacher in math. Students will develop a custom plan of action to prepare for college admissions tests that will help them work test prep into their busy schedules during the summer and academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP WRITING & PRACTICE INTERVIEWS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

- **Grade:** Rising Seniors only
- **Dates:** Monday, June 14 – Friday, June 23
- **Times:** 9:30 am to 10:15am (Live)
- **REQUIRED FOR ALL RISING SENIORS**
- **Delivery Method:** Zoom and Canvas
- **Expectations:** Writing and research on your own time is a part of this workshop.
- **Description:** Students will use reflections on their experiences, identities, and background to create a draft of a personal essay to submit with scholarship or college applications. This workshop will address key components of writing such as mechanics, voice, and audience. Students who participate in the Scholarship Writing Workshop will receive feedback on their work from faculty members from the UCCS Department of English. Students will also have an

opportunity to receive a practice interview that would be applicable for scholarship or college admissions purposes.

2021 UCCS On-Campus Day (OPTIONAL, IN-PERSON WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES) MONDAY, JUNE 28

- **Grade:** Rising Sophomores, Rising Juniors, and Rising Seniors
- **Dates & Times:** Monday, June 28 from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
 - **Rising Sophomores-** Campus tour from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, Group Introductions and Team Building from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
 - **Rising Juniors-** Campus tour from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, UCCS Admissions Presentation from 9:30 to 10:30 am, 10:30 to 11:30 Group Introductions and Team Building
 - **Rising Seniors-** Campus tour from tour from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, Completing the Common Application from 9:30 to 10:30 am, 10:30 to 11:30 Group Introductions and Team Building
- **Optional for all, Recommended for students who have never had a UCCS Campus Tour and who are comfortable attending. Limited to 30 students per grade level.**
- **Delivery Method:** In-person with social distancing guidelines
- **Expectations:** Any In-person components will require a [UCCS Wellness Check](#) the day you will be coming to campus. You will also be expected to follow all campus rules and guidelines regarding wearing of a face covering and adhering to physical distancing and area hygiene.

SUMMER ACADEMIC INSTITUTE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Please hold these dates for virtual programming. A separate registration link will be sent for these days.

- **Grade:** Rising Sophomores, Rising Juniors, and Rising Seniors
- **Dates & Times:** Tuesday, June 29 from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM or Wednesday, June 30 from 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM (students choose their preferred date)
- **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- **Delivery Method:** Zoom
- **Description:** Open to all students participating in the Summer Academic Institute. All sessions are the same on both days. Students will participate in breakout sessions on a variety of topics ranging from:
 - Jobs connected to Pathways
 - Information for student athletes pursuing their sport in college/professionally
 - Mental health
 - School/work/life balance
 - Scholarships 101

DUAL ENROLLMENT

During our modified Summer Academic Institute, **UCCS Pre-Collegiate will offer a limited number of VIRTUAL dual enrollment courses** to students who will be **Juniors** and **Seniors** during the 2021-2022 academic year. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer dual enrollment to rising sophomores this summer. Full communication about summer dual enrollment was originally sent to rising Juniors and rising Seniors on March 26th. This information can be found at this [link](#).

UNITE – Rising 10th grade Engineering Program

Rising 10th grade students selected for the Engineering and Technology pathway, are invited to participate in a four-week engineering exploration program (June 7-July 2). This is an opportunity to explore different engineering fields and participate in both virtual and in-person hands-on learning experiences. The 4-week schedule is required for this program. Equipment pickup from UCCS is June 3 8:00-11:00am.

- 3 weeks Arduino Inventor's kits – electrical engineering and coding projects (Virtual)
- 4 weeks of Code Combat – Python Programming (Virtual)
- 2 weeks of Engineering Career Exploration (Virtual)
- 1 week (1/2 day) of Drone workshop (In-Person)
- 4 weeks of Math Bridge – Let's work on those Foundational Math Skills (Virtual)
- ½ day – Engineering Career and College student panel (Virtual)

*NOTE: There will be a mandatory virtual orientation for the Unite program on May18 or May 20 at 5:30pm.

UNITE – Rising 11th grade Engineering Program

Rising 11th grade engineering pathway students that participated in the virtual program during summer 2020, will be invited to join us on campus during June 7-11 at 8:30-11:30am for an in-person Drone workshop. Space is limited to 20 students. Online sign-up will be sent out to students in this pathway in May 2021.

- 1 week (½ day) of Drone workshop (in-person) - up to 20 students
- 4 weeks of Math Bridge (Virtual)
- ½ day Engineering Career and College Student Panel (Virtual)

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER ACADEMIC INSTITUTE 2021

To sign up for Summer Academic Institute programming by grade: please complete the form at this link, before APRIL 25, 2021 11:59pm <https://forms.office.com/r/6ricF6b9h2>

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Explorations & Future Visions Workshop is required for rising sophomores and other new Pre-Collegiate students.**
- **Scholarship Writing & Practice Interview Workshop is required for rising seniors.**
- Unless indicated as required, dual enrollment, workshops, and summer virtual conference offerings **are optional** to students, but participation is strongly encouraged!
- All workshops are offered **at no cost to students.**
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Depending on your school district, transportation may be provided from specified locations to UCCS. Information will be released closer to June 2021.
- Rising Juniors and Rising Seniors, the link to the application for summer dual enrollment (due April 16) can be found [here](#). **Be sure to read the information from March 26 before completing the application.**

- **Except for the in-person event on June 28th and Unite Engineering Drone workshop, programming will be offered online.** Pre-Collegiate is optimistic about returning to partial in-person programming in Fall 2021.
- **Please pay attention to dates and estimated time commitments** prior to signing up. Each summer remote offering runs for a different length of time.
- Please indicate on the registration form if you need assistance with access to technology. A member of the Pre-Collegiate team will follow up with you based on your response.

We are excited to extend these offerings to our students. After students complete the registration link, they will receive additional details specific to those offerings in the weeks ahead.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at pcdp@uccs.edu. The Pre-Collegiate team is continuing to work remotely, so currently the best way to get in touch with us is through email. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

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