

# The Counselor Chronicle

## April 2025



**Summer School:** Information will be emailed out to all students in Mid-April. Summer School will run June 16th- August 1st this year. Remember that priority will be given to students who pass at least half of their classes 2nd semester.

### NON-TRADITIONAL CAREERS



**Non-Traditional Careers:** Very few children say to themselves "When I grow up, I want to be a professional bridesmaid" or groomsman. But just because children don't think of it doesn't mean it's not a viable career option. A wacky career choice like professional wedding attendant isn't a suitable career choice for everyone, of course.

What is the point of thinking about an unconventional career choice that wouldn't be feasible for most people? Doing some form of career brainstorming that takes you out of narrow expectations might help you identify drawbacks and advantages of many career choices. For example, even though it can pay well, being a professional wedding attendant is often just a part-time job that supplements a full-time "regular" job. Weddings can also be extremely stressful for people around the bride and groom. Going to weddings for a living might seem glamorous, but like many jobs, there can be unexpected downsides.

Most people have either been to a wedding or seen one in a movie or on television so they are familiar with what wedding attendants look like. But there are lots of well-paying satisfying jobs that many people have never seen. For more information about non-traditional career paths, check out this [article](#).

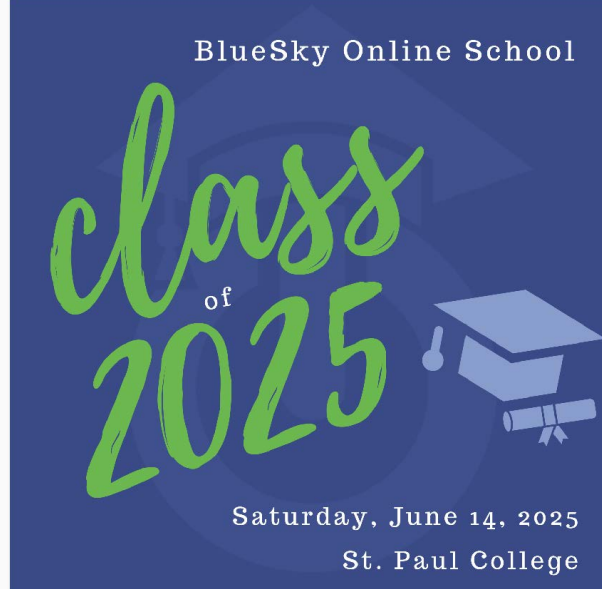
[10 Non Traditional Jobs that Pay Well!](#)

## Senior Snippet

For seniors planning to attend college next year--or even if it's not for a year or two--here is some great information about Financial Aid. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education wants ALL college-going students to apply for financial aid! Billions of dollars are awarded every year, and they want you to know all your options to help pay for college.

Use this information to help guide you through the process to apply for financial aid for the 2025-2026 school year.

[FAFSA Completion Resources](#)



Saturday, June 14, 2025  
St. Paul College

Please complete the following graduation forms by the indicated due dates. Submissions will not be accepted after Friday, May 23rd

Cap & Gown Form - Due April 18th

Graduate Slideshow - Due May 14th

Graduate Guest Seat RSVP - Due May 23rd

Send in your senior portraits to be added to the [senior gallery](#).

[Senior Gallery Submission](#)

[Graduation 2025 Website](#)

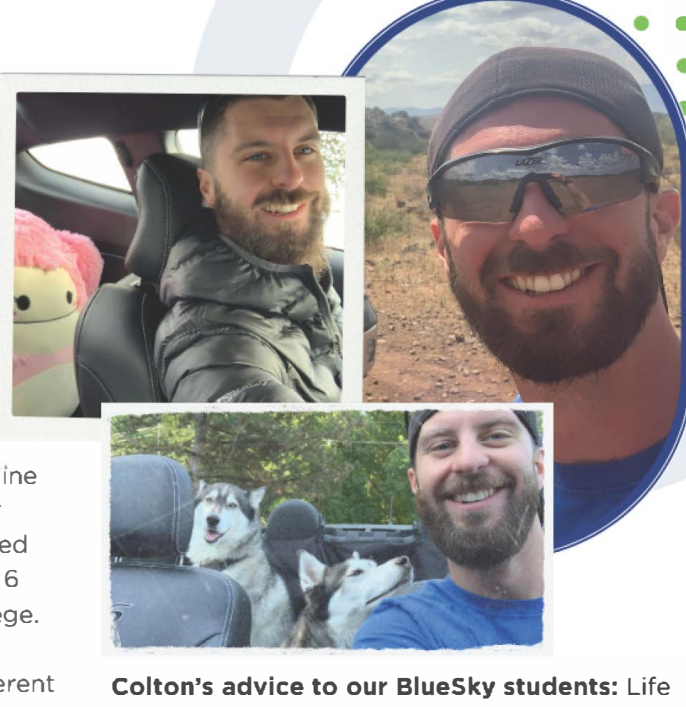
## Alumni Spotlight



Colton Barrett is a 2009 graduate of BlueSky Online Charter School. After graduation, he spent a year participating in the Junior World Long Track Speed Skating Team. After that, he was a pro cyclist for 6 years, which is how he paid his way through college. Due to injuries, he had to stop competing after winning several national titles in a handful of different events.

He moved back to Minnesota and bought an auction in Hudson, Wisconsin, selling all local consignments, estates, pallet flippers, new products, vehicles, toys, and more. Then Covid started, and to make it through this time period, he started renting vehicles on Turo and for private rentals. This is now his full-time business.

He rode for the college team on a cycling scholarship. His intention was to go to school for Motorsports Management to work with race car teams, but the program was discontinued before he could complete it. He then switched to Business Management with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. He graduated from Marian University in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2025.



**Colton's advice to our BlueSky students:** Life is short, get out and do things. Work to live, don't live to work; nobody ever got to the end of their life and wished they had worked more, but do honest, good work. Relationships are the most important things in your life: If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together (an expression in cycling). Learn the tax code. Make memories.

The thing Colton remembers most about his time at BlueSky was the flexibility, which allowed him to make an interesting and exciting life. He would like to give a shout out to Gabra Lokken--she was the most helpful to him and was always very supportive.

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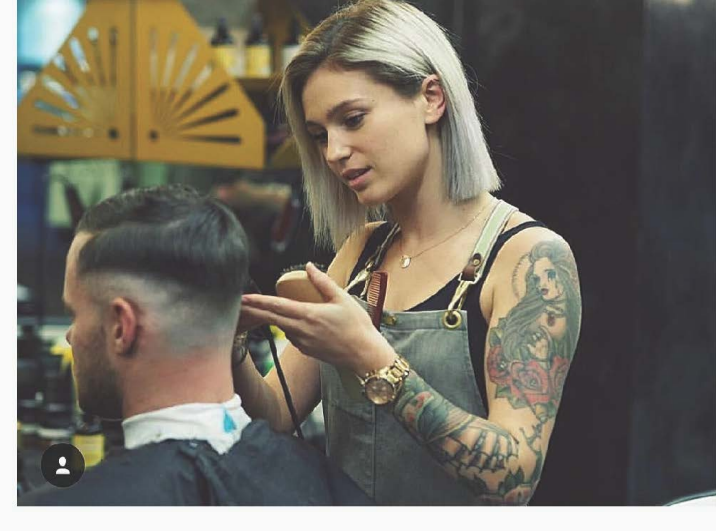
If you know anyone who has graduated from BlueSky and would like to be featured in the Alumni Spotlight section of our newsletter, please have them fill out the [Alumni Spotlight Interest form](#).

[Alumni Spotlight Interest Form](#)

## Featured Occupation

- **Occupation:** Barber
- **Education Required:** High School diploma & 9 months - 1 year for licensure
- **Outlook:** 7% Growth
- **Median Wages:** \$54,406 annually

**Job Duties:** Barbers are grooming professionals who specialize in cutting, styling, and caring for hair, primarily for male clients. They inspect the hair, scalp, and skin to recommend treatments, discuss hairstyle options, and provide services such as shampooing, cutting, drying, styling, trimming facial hair, and performing shaves or facials. In some states, they are also licensed to bleach, color, and chemically treat hair. Barbers use tools like clippers, scissors, razors, and blow dryers, and are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their equipment. Those who run their own barbershops may also manage staff, keep business and inventory records, order supplies, and handle marketing.



## ACT Testing



If you are an 11th grader planning to attend a 4-year university, now is a good time to take the ACT for the first time--if you have not yet taken it. If you are unsure about whether or not you should take the ACT, please schedule an appointment with your BlueSky counselor.

High School Code: BlueSky Charter School 242228

[ACT Registration Information](#)

### 2024-2025 NATIONAL TEST DATES SCHEDULE

TEST DATE	MINIMUM REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE	PHOTO UPLOAD & STANDBY SEATING
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 20	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

If you have any questions, please email us at [testing@blueskyschool.org](mailto:testing@blueskyschool.org)



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