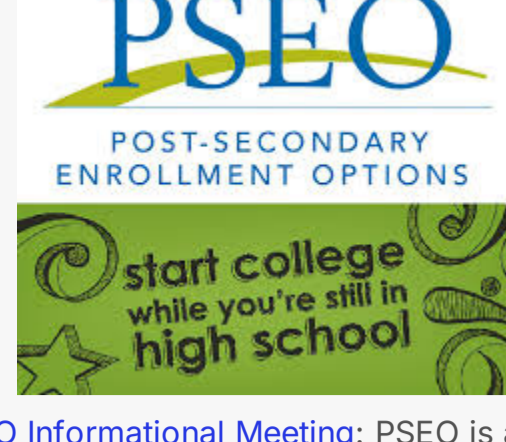


The Counselor Chronicle

January 2026

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence" — Martin Luther King, Jr.



PSEO Informational Meeting: PSEO is a Minnesota program that allows students who qualify to take college classes while still in high school. Although it is mostly for 11th and 12th graders, there are some limited options for 10th graders as well.

An informational meeting will be held via Zoom on **February 4th, 2026, at 12 pm.** Students and parents/guardians interested in learning more about the PSEO program are welcome to attend. If you cannot attend the meeting, please email your BlueSky counselor.

[Additional PSEO Information](#)

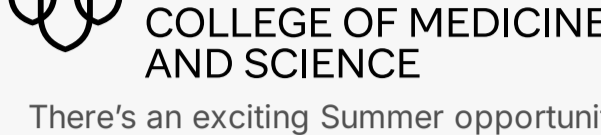
[PSEO Informational Zoom Meeting](#)

Pass/No Credit form: All students may request a Pass/No Credit grade for one class per semester. Opting to do this means it has a neutral impact on the student's GPA.

If you are wondering whether you would benefit from a Pass or No Credit final grade for a class, it would be great to discuss this option with your BlueSky counselor and the impact it may have on your transcript and future opportunities, such as college admissions. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity, this form must be completed no later than the last day of the semester, which is January 21, 2026.

[Pass/No Credit Request Form](#)

Senior Snippet

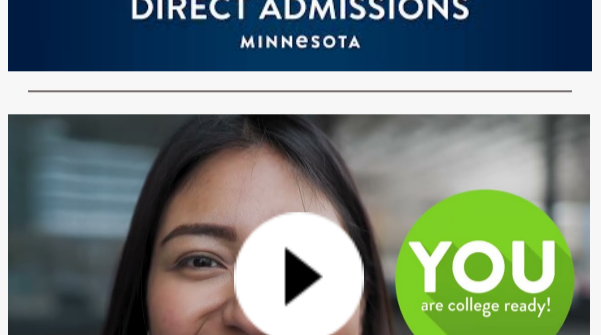


There's an exciting Summer opportunity at the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences! The **Career Immersion Program** offers two exciting opportunities to explore and get an inside look at a wide range of allied health careers. While you may be familiar with roles like doctors, nurses, and researchers, there are many others you might not know — such as radiographers who capture X-rays or respiratory therapists who help patients breathe more easily. Whichever program you choose, you'll gain valuable insight into the many careers that play a vital role in a patient's care. The application opened on January 1, 2026! There is an essay portion, and we encourage BlueSky students interested in it to work with their English teachers on it. For more information, feel free to schedule an appointment with your Bluesky counselor.

There is a recording of the College Readiness Consortium Career Webinar featuring the **UMN School of Nursing** that aired on 11/17/25. Check it out below!



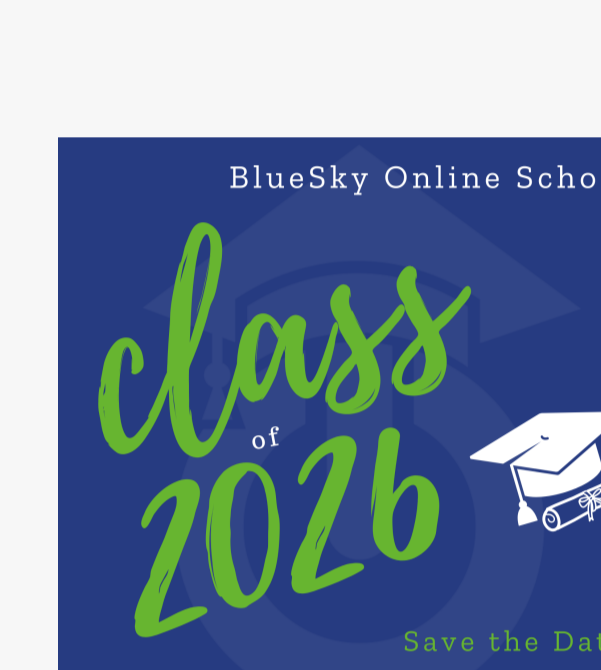
Graduating seniors, make sure to check your email for Direct Admission information.



If you have filled out the Direct Admission form, you should be on the lookout for information from the colleges you selected. Most of these schools will ask for additional follow-up information.

If you did not complete your Direct Admissions form, it will be sent again in mid-January. If you plan to attend college next Fall, please take time to fill out the form to indicate which schools you are interested in attending.

If you need help with the Direct Admissions process or have any questions, please contact your school counselor!



Our live graduation ceremony is happening on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and we cannot wait to celebrate with you! We'll be hosting our event in the auditorium at Thomas Jefferson High School (4001 W 102nd St, Bloomington, MN 55437).

Please take a moment to fill out the forms below, whether you'll be joining us in person or celebrating elsewhere. More information on the day's schedule and how to reserve guest seats will be headed your way soon!

Graduates attending the live ceremony will receive a cap, gown, and tassel, while those celebrating from afar will have their diplomas mailed after the ceremony.

[Cap & Gown Form](#)

Please upload your senior portrait to our [Senior/Graduate Gallery](#). Photos are to be of the senior/graduate only. Please allow a few days for newly submitted photos to be added to the gallery.

[Senior/Graduate Gallery](#)

Want to take the mic at graduation and give the class of 2026 a moment they'll never forget? If you're feeling inspired, brave, or just really love a spotlight, toss your name into the hat using the [Google form](#) below.

Filling it out doesn't guarantee a speaking spot, but it does let us know you're interested and ready to be considered!

[Student Speaker Interest Form](#)

Alumni Spotlight

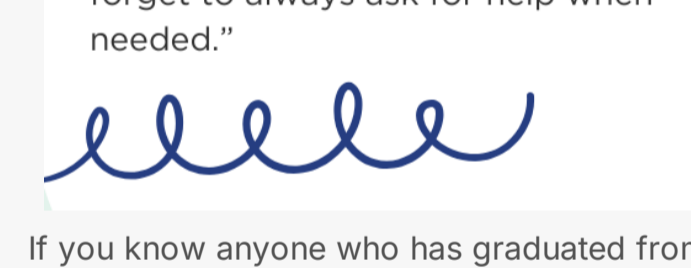


Joslyn Peck is a 2021 graduate of BlueSky! After graduation, Joslyn earned her CNA license and then spent some time traveling. Her road trip took her to Florida, California, and Las Vegas. She currently works as a CNA for Allina and lives in Owatonna with her boyfriend. She also enjoys her German Shepherd, Talia, and her black cat, Blinky.

Joslyn states that she loved BlueSky and has many memories, but the top memory is all the field trips. "I got to experience and see a lot, compared to when I was in person {school}."

Joslyn's advice for our BlueSky students is to "Stay on top of your work, and don't give up. Also, don't forget to always ask for help when needed."

Joslyn would like to give a shout-out to Counselor Jen Anderson. "She helped me out a ton to make sure I was able to finish school when I did."



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

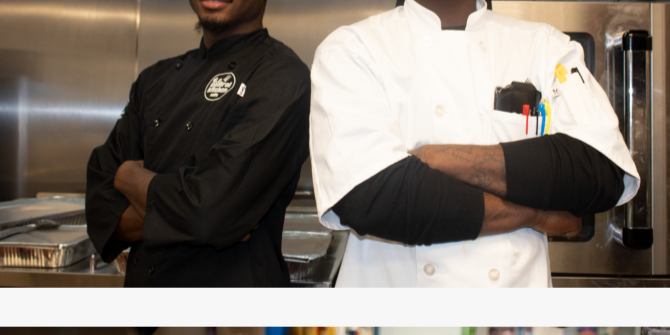
- **Occupation:** Chef of Diner Cook
- **Education Required:** On-the-Job Training (1 month – 1 year)
- **Outlook:** 11.3% Growth
- **Median Wages:** \$60,990 annually



Job Duties: Chefs and dinner cooks work in a variety of exciting settings, including hospitals, hotels, schools, large institutions, and, of course, restaurants. No two days look the same.



Chefs usually have advanced skills and extra training, often through culinary programs or even the military, which can be an amazing place to learn the craft. Their work goes way beyond cooking. They dream up menus, choose ingredients, prepare meals with care, and make sure food is handled safely every step of the way.



If you like being creative, staying busy, and making people happy through food, this career serves up something new every day.

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.

2025-2026 NATIONAL TEST DATES SCHEDULE			
TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE	PHOTO UPLOAD & STANDBY DEADLINE
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23	February 6
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24	April 3
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29	June 5
July 11, 2026*	June 5	June 24	July 3

Students taking the ACT at the BlueSky campus in Bloomington. However, if the BlueSky campus is too far, there is an option that is likely closer to your home. Please check the [ACT locator](#) below.

If you have any questions, please email us at testing@blueskyschool.org

High School Code: BlueSky Charter School 242228

[ACT Test Locator](#)

[ACT Registration Information](#)



- [Email Carla](#) 651-202-2025
- [Email Grant](#) 651-202-2046
- [Email Jennifer](#) 651-202-2051
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