

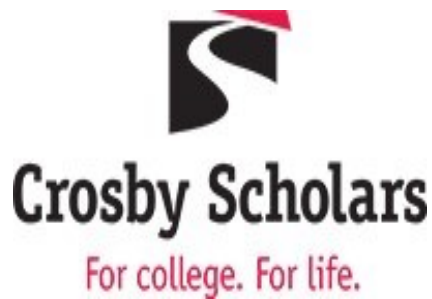
Junior Notebook, Class of 2022



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A link to the most current notebook is posted in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal.



Vision

College opportunities for every student

Mission

Inspiring success... together

Junior Program Requirements

The primary purpose of the Crosby Scholars Program is to help prepare scholars for successful college enrollment. By completing the program's requirements, we believe you will achieve your goal of attending a college or university of your choice or other post-secondary opportunity.

- Complete 2 hours of community service (we recommend 5)
- Continue to participate in Crosby Scholars random drug screening program.
- Speak with 4 admission College reps about their respective schools by attending a college fair OR visiting four colleges campuses. It is due **October 31** of your Senior year. **Virtual tours being accepted during COVID-19 restrictions. See college visit form section for more information.**
- Attend one Crosby Scholars Academy. See Academy section for topics and details.
- Attend a *Think Like a Senior Meeting* Program early in the second semester. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the Senior Program to you and all the services offered to you.



Academies



Juniors are required to complete one academy during their junior year. Live webinars and self-paced academy options are available on the Student Portal.

Topics include:

SAT/ACT Prep

Financial Literacy

Perseverance

Career Choice and Personality

Growth Mindset

Engineering

How to Get your First Job

Career Exploration

College Admissions

Juniors must register for academies on their Student Portal. If you cannot participate in an academy for which you are registered, staff asks you to cancel your registration through your Crosby Scholars Student Portal. The academy dates are posted at crosbyscholarsiredell.org and in the Crosby Scholars student portal. For the self-paced academies, please disregard the date on the portal.

Seeking Answers

When you have questions, consider the following...

- Read the quarterly newsletter;
- Read your email ~ *if you change your email address please update your Crosby Scholars Student Portal*;
- Check the website at crosbyscholarsiredell.org;
- Read the information posted on the Crosby Scholars board at your high school.
- Listen to the announcements at school;
- Ask the liaison at your school (*a school counselor*);
- Read your junior notebook;
- Ask your school's Crosby Scholars Officers

Community Service

The Program recommends its scholars complete 5 hours of community service but requires only 2 hours. Juniors must submit a community service form or verification of community service. This is due by January 31 of the junior year. **Due to Covid-19, the form does *not* have to be signed by the person in charge of the service activity.** Details and updates can be found on the website under "Community Service". The form is posted on our website and on the Student Portal. Crosby Scholars staff reserves the right to determine if a community service activity fulfills the requirement. Juniors may submit their form during the summer prior to their junior year. Only 1 form totaling at least 2 hours is required from each scholar. However, scholars are encouraged to submit all volunteer hours to our office. Scholars may visit our website to view a list of community service opportunities. These include virtual options.

To encourage scholars to submit their forms in advance of the deadline, the Program hosts community service contests. Scholars who submit their form early may be entered into a drawing to receive a gift card. Details are posted in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal.



College Visit Form

To fulfill the college visit requirement, Crosby Scholars must interact with 4 college admission reps about their schools. Students typically fulfill this requirement by attending a college fair, and submitting a college fair form during their junior or senior year. Another way Scholars may fulfill this requirement is by visiting 4 college campuses. Details are outlined on the website. This requirement is due by October 31st of senior year. The most popular way to fulfill this requirement is to attend the college fair at your high school (usually held in October). Due to Covid-19, we are accepting virtual tours. Simply take a screenshot of the tour OR keep a record of the confirmation email. Upload the form and other documents to your student portal. **Please do not submit your form until you have completed 4 tours!**



Think Like a Senior Session

Juniors are required to attend a ***Think Like a Senior Session***. The details including meeting dates will be posted in your Crosby Scholars Student Portal in second semester. We encourage you to bring your parent/guardian to this meeting.

During this meeting, you will learn about the Crosby Scholars Senior Program, which includes how Crosby Scholars works with you throughout the college admissions and financial aid processes. We will also discuss the Crosby Scholars Senior Advisor Program in detail, so you can make an educated decision when choosing your Senior Advisor.



Crosby Scholars Student/Parent Portal

Each Crosby Scholar has a Student Portal that provides access to Crosby Scholars Program information, events, registration links, and requirement statuses. Check your portal regularly for new events and to register for activities that suit your interests. The link to log in is posted at www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org. Your parent/guardian has his/her own log in credentials.

Junior Newsletter

The Junior Newsletter is published quarterly for Crosby Scholars juniors to keep them informed of activities, deadlines, and announcements. In addition to being emailed to juniors, a link to the newsletter is posted on our website. It is important for juniors to read the newsletter each quarter.

High School Liaisons

Each high school selects a school counselor to serve as the liaison to the Program. The high school liaisons are announced just prior to the beginning of each school year and serve as another resource for scholars. Their names will be included in the newsletter.

Social Media Accounts

The Program has Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. These accounts offer a simple way to stay connected to the Program. We will not monitor your tweets or posts.

Officers

Crosby Scholars have the opportunity to hold the following leadership roles: President, Junior Vice-President, and Sophomore Vice-President at their respective school.

- Be more involved with your fellow Crosby Scholars
- Represent your class at Crosby Scholars functions
- Experience a leadership role and enhance your activities resume

The junior officers have been elected for the 2020-21 school year. Please go to our website to see the full list of officer names. If you are interested in applying for a position next year, please email the High School Program Coordinator, Kristen Montgomery.



Crosby Club

Grade level meetings are held at each high school. A volunteer advisor meets with students 4-5 times at school. Advisors share personal, academic and social experiences about college with their students. Crosby Club meetings are group meetings and are therefore not rescheduled unless school is closed or after school activities are canceled. Meetings last about 30-40 minutes. Attendance is highly encouraged but not mandatory. **Due to Covid-19, Crosby Club meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Read your email for updates.**



Standardized Test Dates—Plan Wisely!

Covid-19 is causing things to change daily. For test day updates and registration for the ACT or SAT, go to the correct website. Visit actstudent.org to register for the ACT or to www.collegeboard.org to register for the SAT or SAT Subject tests. **Pay attention to what the Crosby Scholars Program offers. You can take an online practice test and receive academy credit.**

The fee to take the SAT is \$52.00. If you take the SAT with the essay section, you will pay \$68.00.

ACT without the Writing section is \$46.00 and \$62.50 to take the ACT with the Writing section. Scholars are also encouraged to use free online resources available for practice and learning through Khan Academy, Kaplan, College Board, and ACT.org.

Students who qualify to participate in their school's free/reduced lunch program can qualify for a fee waiver. See your school counselor for details. You can receive up to 4 SAT fee waivers (2 SAT and 2 for Subject Tests) and 2 ACT fee waivers. Fee waivers cover the test fee only (not stand by or late registration fees) and cannot be transferred from one test date to another.

Educational Options After High School



- Four-year public/private colleges or universities
Bachelor's degree
- Two-year public/private community or junior colleges
Associate degree
- Trade, Vocational, or Technical School
Certificate, license, on-the-job experience
- Gap year programs
[Americangap.org](https://americangap.org)

What Colleges Look For in a High School Student

Admission factors vary by college. A factor that is very important for one college may be moderately important at another. You can visit a college's website to learn what each college is seeking in an applicant. Some of the more common factors considered—in no particular order—are:

- Rigor of your curriculum (courses taken)
- Grades in college prep courses
- Cumulative Grade Point Average
- Admission test scores
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Counselor Recommendation
- Extracurricular activities
- Class Rank
- Demonstrated Interest

Remember, many colleges will make an initial decision on your application based on your profile (GPA, class rank) created through your junior year in high school! This does not mean that your senior year course schedule does not matter.

"Waiting too long to plan and develop academic and extracurricular skills and interests may limit college options. Students, therefore, have much work to do as they evaluate their college interests, determine academic and extracurricular goals, and plan for the costs of college attendance. The hard work though, is not without reward."

— NACAC

Tips To Consider Before Creating Your Target List of Colleges

- **Do not start the Crosby Scholars Senior Program without having developed a target list of colleges!**
- Start developing your list **NOW** – do **NOT** rule out a school you have never heard of – it may be the perfect college for you
- Each college is unique – resources, courses/majors, extracurricular programs

- Schools come in different sizes, locations, academic requirements, and selectivity – from very selective colleges to “open enrollment” colleges
- With about 4,000 options, you need **TIME** to develop a list that interests you
- Don’t choose a college because of it’s name or reputation
- Look at graduation rates when exploring schools. Failing to graduate in the traditional 2 or 4 years can be costly
- Talk to your parents, counselors, teachers, bosses, coaches, religious leaders – if they went to college, ask them about their experience – do **NOT** get caught up in rankings
- Your goal is to finalize a list and be excited about **EVERY** college on that list—Do NOT apply to a college that you would not gladly attend if offered the choice.
- Visit campuses and talk to students, visit websites
- Develop a description of your “**PERFECT**” college and then go find the colleges that best match your ideal college. **Crosby Scholars has an activity for you posted in your Crosby Scholars student portal.**
- Don’t forget to review the college’s profile of accepted students! Compare **your profile** to each college’s profile – scores, GPA, class rank, etc.



Tools To Assist You With Creating Your Target List of Colleges

Use the information presented during the Crosby Scholars Junior Academy to assist you with building your target list. The presentation is posted in your Crosby Scholars student portal. You may also find the following websites helpful.

- bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Coalitionapp.org
- www.petersons.com
- ctcl.org
- cfnc.org
- imfirst.org
- nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
- collegedata.com
- collegecompletion.chronicle.com
- collegegreenlight.com
- www.nacacnet.org
- www.youvisit.com
- Www.campustours.com



University of North Carolina System Minimum Admission Requirements

The University of North Carolina has set minimum admission requirements to its 16 campuses that address three areas: **high school courses, high school GPA, and test scores**. Meeting these minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to any specific university.

Quick recap of the GPA and test score requirement:

High School GPA: 2.5 cumulative weighted GPA
OR Test Scores of : 1010 (CR+M) on the SAT or 19 ACT composite score.



Meet Our Staff!

Suzanne Wegmiller, *Executive Director*



Jennifer Jamison, *Senior Program Coordinator*



Aaliyah Turner-Moore, *Communications Coordinator*



Kristen Montgomery, *High school Program Coordinator*



Ashley Scott, *Middle School Program Coordinator*



Noah Baldwin, *Near Peer Advisor*



Please Review Our Partnership Agreement!

Partnership Agreement: Program Responsibilities

The Crosby Scholars Program agrees to:

- Provide academic and personal enrichment workshops through Crosby Scholar Academy
- Inform Scholars of community service opportunities
- Design enrichment activities to promote early awareness of post-secondary opportunities
- Annually recognize the Scholars who successfully complete the program requirements
- Provide parents with useful and timely information and tools to help support the student in the college application process
- Provide assistance with locating funding sources to finance a post-secondary education
- Provide last dollar grant assistance per year to qualified Crosby Scholars who demonstrate an unmet financial need as determined by federal financial aid guidelines
- Coordinate and sponsor financial aid and college admission workshops
- Provide trained advisors who meet with high school students throughout the year to provide additional program information and to help students achieve their post-secondary educational goals
- Co-sponsor activities with the school system and community agencies that provide academic support and increase post-secondary options for Scholars

Our goal is to help Crosby Scholars in Iredell County prepare academically, personally, and financially for college admission and other post-secondary opportunities.

Partnership Agreement: Scholar Responsibilities

As a voluntary participant in the Crosby Scholars Program I will:

- Make education a priority by striving to maintain a 2.0 GPA, completing high school, and enrolling in college or another post-secondary institution
- Contribute to a cooperative school environment by being courteous, considerate, and respectful toward teachers, school officials, adults, and fellow classmates
- Utilize academic assistance provided by parents, the school, the community, and the Crosby Scholars Program
- Develop leadership skills through active involvement in school and the community
- Come to school prepared to learn, strive for perfect attendance, and avoid unexcused absences
- Not participate in any form of bullying – verbal, physical or cyber bullying
- Obey the law and refuse to make, sell, use, distribute, or possess illegal drugs

High School Crosby Scholars, are required to participate in the drug and alcohol screening program. As as voluntary participants in the Crosby Scholars Program students, agree to submit to random drug testing administered by the ISS school system through the program. If a student tests positive, he or she will participate in the recommended treatment. If students choose not to participate in the recommended treatment, they have made a conscious decision to discontinue participation in the Crosby Scholars Program. The SRO and principal/designee is authorized to release this decision about remaining a Program participant to the director of the Crosby Scholars Program.

Students will fully commit themselves to the overall objectives and requirements of this Partnership Agreement.

Permission is given for the school to release transcripts, test scores, and students' records to the Crosby Scholars Program. The following requirements must be met for completion of the Crosby Scholars Program each school year. Failure to fulfill any of these requirements will result in dismissal from the Crosby Scholars Program.

Partnership Agreement: Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

As a parent/guardian of a Scholar enrolled in the Crosby Scholars Program, I realize that it is my responsibility to:

- See that my Scholar is adequately prepared for school each day
- Provide security, values, and discipline
- Review my Scholar's school work and activities regularly
- Encourage my Scholar to achieve perfect attendance and avoid unexcused absences
- Insist that my Scholar be courteous, considerate, and respectful
- Provide my Scholar with a place to study
- Follow my student's academic progress and meet with school personnel during the school year as needed
- Make a special effort to attend school functions
- Make sure that my Scholar's extra-curricular activities and/or after-school employment does not interfere with academic performance
- Insist that my Scholar remain drug-free and not make, sell, distribute, or possess illegal drugs
- See that my Scholar completes all program requirements each year as outlined in the Student Partnership Agreement

*As the parent/guardian of a participant in the Crosby Scholars Program, I fully understand the overall objectives and requirements of the Partnership Agreement and commit myself to the responsibilities as stated above. I understand that participation in the **High School** Crosby Scholars Program includes random selection for drug testing. I also give permission for my student's school to release his/her transcript, test scores and student record to the Crosby Scholars Program and permission for photos/videos of my student taken during Crosby activities to be used by the Program for the purposes of illustrating, publicizing or advertising the Crosby Scholars Program.*

I understand that this agreement is effective as long as my Scholar remains an active participant in the Crosby Scholars Program. If for any reason my Scholar is dismissed from the Program or decides to not participate, he/she must submit a new Partnership Agreement to be readmitted to the Program.



Crosby Scholars

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