

Hormel Inspired Pathways Wins Gold at the Anthem Awards!

Our program, the first corporate initiative to combine scholarship funding with a robust college advising and support program, was awarded the Gold in the category of **Most Impactful Corporate Initiative**.

The Anthem Awards are judged by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences (IADAS). Their recognition demonstrates world class talent, insight, leadership, and execution.



Parent Profile: Wendy Trujilo

How many children do you have using the scholarship and where are they attending?

I have two sons that are using the scholarship and they are both attending Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA.

How did you find out about the scholarship? Were the advisors/staff helpful in answering questions and providing support?

I found out about the scholarship during one of Mr. Snee's Townhall meetings. We also received great support from our advisor who helped us find the situation that worked best for our family.

What did it mean to you and your children to be awarded the scholarships? Did it change their college plans?

Having the opportunity to take advantage of this scholarship program means the world to me. As a single parent I wanted my children to have the opportunity to attend college and truthfully wasn't sure if I would be able to provide them that opportunity. So to have this option available means the world to us.

What are your children studying and what are their plans post-graduation?

My son Antonio is studying Media Production and my son Alijah is studying Graphic Arts/Design. Both would like to enter the field of their studies.

How's your children's experience in college so far?

Both are navigating the college experience well and working extremely hard—I'm proud to have two sons doing well in college!

Do you have any advice or suggestions to other Hormel parents with children getting ready to go to college?

I would advise parents to start early with the college process and understand what their child is interested in and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity that Hormel is providing. They are so helpful along each step. It is a gift that many are not afforded and I am truly grateful to Hormel for this opportunity.

Upcoming Events

All scheduled times are in EST.

New Scholarship Applicants Introduction to Inspired Pathways

MAR 2	APR 6	MAY 4
6:00PM	6:00PM	6:00PM

Juniors & Seniors Understanding Financial Aid & FAFSA

MAR 23	APR 20	MAY 18
10:00AM	10:00AM	10:00AM
7:00PM	7:00PM	7:00PM

Juniors Navigating the College Admissions Process

MAR 09	APR 13	MAY 11
10:00AM	10:00AM	10:00AM
7:00PM	7:00PM	7:00PM

→ [Zoom Link](#) for Presentations

Transferring from Community College to a 4-year university

Whether you're just graduating high school or looking to advance your career, there are many advantages to starting your higher education at a community college and transferring to a four-year university upon graduation.

Save Money

Starting at a community college is one of the best ways a student can mitigate the expense of a bachelor's degree. With the average cost of a four-year university surpassing \$35,000, this strategy can save you tens of thousands of dollars. This is especially true for Inspired Pathways students, who will be able to complete the first two years of their college journey absolutely free.

Find Your Passion

One of the most common concerns among students entering college is that they aren't absolutely certain about which degree to pursue. In fact, more than 80% of students end up changing their major at some point during their college career. By starting at a community college, you'll have to opportunity to try out a wide range of courses and programs without locking yourself into the major you listed on your application.

Get into a better 4-year college

Another benefit of starting at a community college is the opportunity to improve your grades, which could even help you qualify for scholarships that would not have been an option if you had entered directly into a university. Especially if you are looking at prestigious schools, attending community college can give you a better chance of acceptance if you achieve good grades.

In addition, many colleges like to admit transfers instead of freshmen because they have proof that these students can be successful at the college level. Because of this, many colleges either design programs to help encourage community college transfers to attend or change their admissions criteria to make it easier to get in. Below are some examples of four-year-university initiatives intended to recruit community college graduates:

- 1. MnCAP**
When you enroll in the Minnesota Cooperative Admissions Program, you will be guaranteed transfer admission to the University of Minnesota.
- 2. Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways**
These programs provide a direct path to degree completion for community college students who plan to transfer to an Ohio public university to complete their bachelor's degree.
- 3. Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)**
This program guarantees admission to some of the most competitive colleges in the University of California system, which includes UCLA and UC Berkeley.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about guaranteed transfer programs in your state, visit the Inspired Pathways website and schedule an advisor meeting!

There's Still Time

Seniors

Complete FAFSA application now:
[StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

Complete Inspired Pathways scholarship application:
HormelInspiredPathways.com/apply

Complete your community college application:
available on each college's website.

Juniors

Begin College search ([click here to see guide](#))

Create SAT/ACT testing plan (see article above)



Reminder

To apply for a scholarship, schedule a one-on-one appointment with an advisor at HormelInspiredPathways.com