

# Wahlert Catholic News

March 12, 2021

## Upcoming Dates:

- **March 15-19:** Spring Break
- **March 15-17:** Dubuque Area Youth Ministry Spring Break Event \*\*
- **March 25:** Mass for the Unborn | Church of the Resurrection \*\*
- **April 2:** No School | Good Friday
- **April 17:** National ACT exam hosted at Wahlert\*
- **April 30-May 2:** Dubuque Area Youth Ministry Event | "The Wilderness" \*\*

\* *Additional information found in the Guidance News Corner found below.*

\*\* *Additional information found in the Campus Ministry News Corner found below.*

## *In Person, Face-To-Face Instruction*

### *A Note from Wahlert's Principal*

Wahlert Catholic Parents -

Hopefully your spring break plans offer you as a family a time to regroup and to re-energize. With approximately 9 weeks left until the end of the school year, our teachers and students have to make a serious push in all classes. Too many students are missing school using the pandemic as an excuse to not attend classes face-to-face. Some are leaving the building at various times throughout the day with some returning and others not. Many are using it to extend the weekend or sleep time in the morning. These behaviors are unacceptable and must end.

**Beginning March 22, all students should be in full-time attendance at Wahlert Catholic High School.** Please keep in mind that virtual learning should only be considered as an option for COVID-related health concerns. The virtual learning option is a temporary solution to a temporary problem. If a student is quarantined or has pre-existing conditions or concerns, the virtual option is there. However, that option must be maintained for the remainder of the year or specified quarantine period. A

student is not approved to attend virtually simply out of convenience. If a student is ill with another sickness, they are just that, “ill,” and should take the day to rest and to get well. Having kids in school, working with them face-to-face is by far the better option that will lead to greater success. We ask for your support in making this happen.

Thanks so much for your assistance.

Ron Meyers, Principal  
Wahlert Catholic High School

## Reserve your copy of the 2020–2021 Yearbook!

### Don't forget to order your 2020-2021 yearbook!

- Books can be ordered and paid for online at [wahlertyearbooks.com](http://wahlertyearbooks.com)
- Not sure if you've purchased a book? [Email Ms. Gaul](#) and she can check.

## Congratulations, to our Wahlert Eagles!

### Congratulations to Wahlert's Two National Merit Scholarship Finalists!

Please join us in congratulating Wahlert Catholic High School seniors, Nathan Munshower and Evan Poirier, on their notable standing as National Merit Scholarship finalists. Qualifying among an elite group of scholars nationwide – approximately 15,000 finalists of the 1.6 million entrants – Nathan and Evan await the May announcement of National Merit Scholarship winners. We commend these students for this outstanding accomplishment!

### State Achievements | 2020-2021

Congratulations, Eagles, on your recent state achievements!

- **Men's Cross Country:** 11th
- **Women's Cross Country:** 3rd
- **Men's Golf:** 10th
- **Women's Bowling:** 5th
- **Women's Basketball:** *Qualifiers*

## Driver's Education Opportunities

Parents are asked to directly contact any of the three local driving academies listed below if interested in registering their student(s) for driver's education.

### **A-Tri State Driving School**

Kent Paca, Instructor  
(563) 583-3003

### **Dubuque Driving Academy**

Susie Quinn, Instructor

[dbqdrivingacademy.com](http://dbqdrivingacademy.com)

### **4BES Driving School, LLC**

Craig Forbes, Instructor  
(563) 599-2934; (563) 583-7368

# Campus Ministry News Corner

## Mass for the Unborn | Dubuque County Right to Life

*Mass for the Unborn*

*Thursday, March 25*

*Church of the Resurrection, Dubuque*

*Rosary: 6:25 p.m.*

*Mass: 7:00 p.m.*

In honor of the Feast of the Annunciation and the International Day of the Unborn Child, Dubuque County Right to Life is sponsoring a Mass for the Unborn. This Mass will be held on Thursday, March 25 (exactly 9 months before Christmas) at Church of the Resurrection in Dubuque. The evening will open at 6:25 p.m. with a special pro-life Rosary led by DuHawks for Life. Mass will follow at 7:00 p.m. Please join in on this special evening - everyone is welcome!

## Dubuque County Right to Life needs a few student volunteers!

Dubuque County Right to Life has organized a Mass for the Unborn happening on Thursday, March 25, at Dubuque's Church of the Resurrection. They are looking for 3 volunteers to wipe down/sanitize pews after Mass.

**Is your student interested in volunteering?** Contact Ashley Stackis, DCRL Executive Director, at [AStackis@dcrtl.org](mailto:AStackis@dcrtl.org) or (563) 556-5960.

## Dubuque Area Youth Ministry Spring Break Event | March 15-17

**Join the Dubuque Area Youth for a "Spring Break" event filled with fun, faith, & service from March 15-17!**

All 6th-12th graders from any parish are welcome to attend! The event will include Mass each morning, participating in various service opportunities throughout Dubuque, and ending with an epic Gaga Ball/Kick Ball party on the last day. [Check out this flyer for additional details and registration.](#)

Registration forms can also be picked up from Mrs. Jones, Campus Minister at Wahlert & Mazzuchelli, or one of the parent youth ministers. Please return completed registration forms to either Mrs. Jones or one of the parish youth ministers by Thursday, March 11.

## Dubuque Area Youth Ministry Spring Break Event | The Wilderness

**Join the Dubuque area youth on a camping retreat!**

**The retreat date has changed and will take place April 30-May 2 at New**

**Wine Park.** All 9-12 graders are welcome to join us for a weekend of outdoor fun and some time to reflect on God's presence in our lives.

Registration forms can be found [here](#), or hanging to the right of Mrs. Jones' office door (Campus Minister at Wahlert and Mazzuchelli, room 105 at Wahlert). Registration can be given to Mrs. Jones or one of your parish youth ministers by April 26.

# Wahlert Counseling News Corner:

## ICR Future Virtual Fair | One Stop Future Planning for Students

Engaging with prospective colleges and learning about potential career opportunities is a vital part of the planning process. While traditional events are still unavailable due to the pandemic, one of Iowa's largest annual events will be held in a virtual format to ensure students can continue planning for their future.

Students of every age have something to gain at ICR Future. From learning about different career fields from Iowa employers, to speaking with more than 100 colleges, universities, apprenticeship and military representatives, and career experts, there's something for everyone.

Join us online and take advantage of this opportunity to speak one-on-one with college representatives from across the country and with Iowa business leaders about the jobs of tomorrow.

**ICR Future Virtual Career & College Fair**  
**Sunday, March 28, 2021**  
**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

In addition to an expansive selection of colleges and universities, ICR Future will also feature career planning experts available to discuss career selection and planning, career opportunities in Iowa, and career training through registered apprenticeships. Students can register to attend at [www.ICANsucceed.org/icrfuture-Student](http://www.ICANsucceed.org/icrfuture-Student). Once registered students will receive all the event updates and reminders.

Visit [www.ICANsucceed.org/icrfuture](http://www.ICANsucceed.org/icrfuture) for all the event details and updates of exhibitors.

## Planning & Paying for College & Career Webinar | Iowa College Access Network

Families and their student(s) are invited to attend a virtual presentation (Zoom webinar) on “Planning & Paying for College & Career” to be held on Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. This virtual presentation will be led by Mary Joan Dougherty, Iowa College Access Network’s (ICAN) Advisor for East Central Iowa.

### **Topics included in this presentation are:**

- Career exploration & assessment
- Academic preparation & requirements
- Admission process & requirements
- College/training program selection
- Financial aid process
- Understanding costs (cost of attendance)
- Scholarship process
- Where to go for help.

Families interested will need to register for this webinar. A confirmation email will be sent with the link to join the webinar, along with links to materials that go along with the topics. There will also be a reminder sent the day before the event takes place, with the link to join and material links attached.

**Registration for this event can be done using the link below...**

**[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gSg6OmSKS6-wWLoAdPiumQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gSg6OmSKS6-wWLoAdPiumQ)**

## 2021 Young Women in Leadership Conference | University of Northern Iowa

**Registration is now open for the 2021 Young Women in Leadership Conference at the University of Northern Iowa on Wednesday, April 14th.** This annual event, hosted by the University of Northern Iowa Women in Business, is open to all high school students and is geared toward developing women leaders. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers focused on topics relating to leadership, personal, and professional development.

- Registration fees will be \$15 per attendee, which will include a boxed lunch, t-shirt, and training.
- Space is limited so register [here](#) to reserve your spot.
- To see our COVID-19 Safety Protocols, please visit UNI's [website](#).
- If you have any questions, please reach out to [uni.youngwomeninleadership@gmail.com](mailto:uni.youngwomeninleadership@gmail.com).

## International Relations Summer Program | Harvard Foreign Policy Initiative

For the first time, the Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative will be hosting an international relations summer program for high school students around the world. The three-day virtual program, happening June 17-19, will consist of discussions with Harvard professors, experienced policymakers, government officials, and regional experts. 9th - 12th grade students are encouraged to apply!

### **Students accepted into this program will have the opportunity to learn...**

- Real-world policy writing skills
- Cross-cultural leadership
- Ways to address global challenges from all sectors of international relations

Students will learn from workshops led by Harvard professors and experienced policymakers, government officials, and regional experts. Confirmed experts already include the President of Brookings, U.S. Ambassadors, and senior White House officials.

Additional information, including the online application and program cost, can be found at [harvardforeignpolicy.org/harvardirscholarsprogram](http://harvardforeignpolicy.org/harvardirscholarsprogram). Early application deadline is April 1, with May 1 as the final deadline. Full or half financial aid will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact Wahlert Catholic High School's Counseling Office, (563) 583-9771, with any questions.

## Virtual Career Exploration | Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC)

While Northeast Iowa Community College was unable to host in-person career events this year, virtual versions are available for students and parents to check out.

[Click here for a series of videos](#) that highlight several career opportunities and how NICC can help your student further their interests in a specific career field. Videos are updated to this playlist often! Careers highlighted include...

- Nursing
- Welding
- Athletic Training
- Engineering
- Medical Assistant
- Graphic Design
- Banking
- ..and much more!

For more information about NICC, as well as the programs and degrees it offers the community, visit their website at [www.nicc.edu](http://www.nicc.edu).

## FAFSA Frenzy | Step-by-Step Guide to Completing the FAFSA

[Click here](#) for Iowa College Access Network's (ICAN) recording of the FAFSA Frenzy Virtual Event that was held on Wednesday, March 3rd. This event walked parents and students through a demo of how to successfully complete the FAFSA. Common questions and situations that arise for students/families were also discussed.

## Exploring Program | Spring 2021

The **Exploring Program** is a great opportunity for your student(s) to identify career possibilities while having fun in an exciting and informal environment. Designed for students ages 10-20, this program provides an opportunity to



learn about a variety of careers and network with professionals already working in those fields. Students will get hands-on experiences to determine whether or not a particular career field is right for them.

**A variety of topics are explored**, including: architecture and civil engineering, conservation and wildlife management, culinary arts, diesel mechanics, engineering and technology, firefighting, law enforcement, law and government, nursing, radio broadcasting, as well as sports marketing.

This year, the Exploring Program is excited to announce the launch of the Health Careers Exploring program, in partnership with UnityPoint Health Finley Hospital! This program has converted to a virtual program where students will be given live tours and ask questions in various departments each month. There is no limit to the number of students allowed in the program, and the program will be run through Microsoft Teams. Additional information about the Health Careers Exploring program, including registration information, is attached to this email.

Visit [exploringdubuque.org/programs](http://exploringdubuque.org/programs) for the full 2020 Career Exploring Guidebook, in addition to details on how to register your student for an career event.

### **Meet Ms. Joni Knopp - Wahlert's NICC Success Coach**

Northeast Iowa Community College's Success Coaches assist students in finding work-based learning opportunities, schedule a campus visit, complete an application for admission, answer financial aid questions, and provide details on program requirements. **Ms. Joni Knopp is Wahlert Catholic High School's Success Coach liaison.** Students can reach out to her via text, email, or phone to schedule a time to meet. Ms. Knopp can connect when it works best for your student, even before or after school, virtually via Zoom, by phone, or in person when possible.

**Email:** [knoppj@nicc.edu](mailto:knoppj@nicc.edu)

**Call:** 844.642.2338 ext. 2216

**Text:** 563.663.9082

## Northeast Iowa Career Learning Link Opportunities | NICC

Northeast Iowa Career Learning Link (CLL) is a program through Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) that exposes students to high-demand career areas and sets them on the pathway to career and educational success beyond high school. The program provides work-based learning opportunities for students in partnership with local businesses.

This program allows students (and parents!) to save time and money by knowing the career path to follow after high school. Career coaches work with students to explore the right post-graduation plan, in addition to helping find job shadow, internship, and career mentoring opportunities. For a full list of upcoming virtual events and opportunities, [click here](#).

## College Admission COVID-19 Updates

**Class of 2021 Parents** - Check out the links listed below for area college admission COVID-19 updates. Check in with these links for your student(s) applying for Fall 2021 college admission next year. Additional schools will be added frequently, so check in weekly. If a school your student is interested in is not yet included in the list below, please visit that particular college/university's admissions office webpage for additional information.

- [Clarke University](#)
- [Coe College](#)
- [Cornell College \(Mt. Vernon, IA\)](#)
- [Creighton University](#)
- [Iowa State University](#)
- [Kirkwood Community College](#)
- [Loras College](#)
- [Luther College](#)
- [Mount Mercy University](#)
  
- [Northeast Iowa Community College \(NICC\)](#)
- [St. Ambrose University](#)
- [St. Louis University](#)
- [University of Dubuque](#)
- [University of Iowa \(\[Admissions/Testing Updates\]\(#\); \[COVID-19 Updates\]\(#\)\)](#)
- [University of Northern Iowa](#)
- [University of St. Thomas \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)

- [University of Wisconsin - Platteville](#)
- [University of Wisconsin - Madison](#)

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Available October 1

ICAN Succeed's website is a great resource for additional information and details regarding the FAFSA. [Click here to check it out.](#)

[Click here](#) for tips and information from the Federal Student Aid Office on how best to approach the FAFSA process.

The beginning of October marks the time period that parents should be thinking about and working on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This form is used to apply for federal student aid such as loans, grants, and work-study at both two-year colleges as well as four-year colleges. The FAFSA is the first step to receiving financial aid and must be completed for each year of college. Students can use the myStudentAid app, file online at [fafsa.edu.gov](https://fafsa.edu.gov), or request a printed form by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID. This form is very important for you and your child to complete together so that your child is able to receive student financial assistance. Contact Wahlert's Counseling Office with any questions or for additional information.

### Upcoming FAFSA Ready Iowa Events

FAFSA Ready Iowa is ICAN's initiative to increase the FAFSA completion rate and help more students access financial aid. Each event offers free assistance for students and families to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). [Click here](#) for upcoming virtual events!

## Iowa College Access Network (ICAN)| Career & College Planning Resources

### ICAN Tip of the Week

Are you a junior or senior who wants more information on college and career planning? Sign up to get the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) Tip of the Week and other college and career planning alerts! ICAN offers several forms of email communications to help you stay on top of the planning process for life after high school. [Click here](#) to register for the ICAN Tip of the Week, Class of 2021 Senior Alerts, Class of 2022 Alerts, or ICAN e-alerts. You can also check out the ICAN College and Career blog [here](#).

### Upcoming ICAN Webinars

For many the school year is beginning, and others have another week or two. For some you're returning everyday, for others it's a few days each week and then learning online. ICAN is committed to helping students succeed in whatever environment learning presents itself this fall. ICAN will host **FREE** webinars throughout September on Wednesdays at 3pm and on select evenings at 7 pm. All live events will be recorded and available for viewing on both the ICAN Facebook page and the [ICAN website](#). You can stream these events live from any device and ask questions of ICAN student success advisors during the presentations.

## Your Student's Scholarship Resources.

### Scholarship Feature Friday

*This week's featured scholarship:*

[\*\*Certified Medical Assistant Scholarship | Medical Associates\*\*](#)

Scholarship Feature Friday is a weekly email from Wahlert's Counseling Office designed specifically for **seniors** as a resource for them to learn more about available scholarship opportunities. Each Friday, the Counseling Office will highlight a new scholarship opportunity and email it directly to your student's Holy Family email address. Specific details regarding scholarship type, who should apply, how to start the application process, and scholarship amount will all be highlighted. Students will use

these emails as a way to learn, discover, and apply for new scholarships each week as they plan their years after high school.

### **College Planning eBulletin Board**

*A great online resource for scholarship opportunities and college events.*

Available on Wahlert's website, the [College Planning eBulletin Board](#) is a resource for students and parents to use when planning out scholarship opportunities. This online hub focuses on details regarding scholarship information - all of which are organized by topic, school, and/or career field. This page is frequently updated by the Counseling Office as we receive weekly scholarship information and college admission news (so check in weekly as the school year rolls on!). [Click here](#) for quick access to the eBulletin Board, or find it listed in the Quick Links section on [Wahlert's homepage](#).