

April 2018



SHESC Tidbits

KANSAS VIRTUAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

In 2015, the Kansas State Board of Education, under the leadership of Kansas Commissioner Dr. Randy Watson, developed the Kansas Can Vision. This vision states that "Kansas Will Lead The World In The Success Of Each Student!" With the goal of moving from the current percentage of students successfully completing a postsecondary program (45%) to the percentage necessary to fill the demands of the workplace (70-75%) by 2026.

The Kansas Virtual College has been created to help achieve this goal and is a collection of classes that Kansas technical colleges, Kansas community colleges, and Kansas trade schools currently offer virtually and will lead to the successful completion of programs leading to four year degrees, two year degrees, industry certifications, military experience, or high paying jobs.

Maybe you know of a high school student who is interested in exploring a particular technical education course, but that course isn't available at their high school? Or maybe you know of a student who is ready to get a jump start in his chosen technical education field while still in high school? If so, find out more information by visiting www.ksvtc.essdack.org or by contacting Joe Ryan at jryan@smokyhill.org or Joni Clark-Leiker at consulting.jcl@gmail.com.



STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

ISLOAN SOLUTIONS

Did you know, there is a Federal program offering student loan forgiveness for nonprofit employees? While some educators may benefit from Teacher Loan Forgiveness, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program is for any full-time staff member. The loan forgiveness amount is individually determined and tax-free.

Innovative Student Loan Solutions has partnered with Smoky Hill ESC to provide information and expertise on this program. If you believe this program could benefit yourself or someone you know, we encourage you to learn more about this voluntary benefit, and find out if PSLF makes sense for you.

It's quick and easy to find out if you're eligible. Visit <http://smokyhill.myisls.com/> and enter registration code: hill. Answer a few simple questions, find out your potential savings instantly, and schedule your no-obligation telephone consultation with an advisor today.

For more information, please call 1-866-831-5564 or visit the above listed website. Consider exploring this program if you have federal student loans and would like to immediately lower your monthly student loan payment and reduce your student loan obligation.

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

April 3 — Integrating the SECD Standards into the Elementary Classroom (Hays)

April 4 — Integrating the SECD Standards into the Elementary Classroom (Salina)

April 5—Measuring Social-Emotional Growth (Hays)

April 6—Measuring Social-Emotional Growth (Salina)

April 9—Building Hope Through the IPS Career Advising Roadshow (Salina)

April 9— LETRS—Teaching English Learners (Salina)

April 10—Integrating the SECD Standards into MS/HS Classroom (Hays)

April 12—Integrating the SECD Standards into the MS/HS Classroom (Salina)

April 25—Technology Cadre (Hays)

April 30—Building Hope Through the IPS Career Advising Roadshow (Hays)

May 1—Building Hope Through the IPS Career Advising Roadshow (Oakley)
Register by emailing hstephens@nkesc.org

Look for our Summer 2018 workshop brochure soon!

VISIT: www.smokyhill.org for more information (detailed descriptions, times & availability of college credit) as well as links to register for these events!

FOLLOW US on Twitter and LIKE US on Facebook for the latest happenings!

**Volume Purchasing
System Training &
Q/A Zoom Webinar**

April 12—9:00 AM

**Register by calling
(785) 825-9185 or
email:
register@smokyhill.org**



SPOTLIGHT FEATURE:

Smoky Hill Volume Purchasing Program

Exciting news! The Smoky Hill Education Service Center ESM Volume Purchasing site is now live and ready for you to make purchases.

All catalogs are now online, including exclusive catalogs—School Specialty, Frey Scientific and CDW-G. Your district should see savings of 33% on most all School Specialty items, with free shipping on ALL items.

We have a new option available to help districts manage and approve items purchased and amounts spent by teachers—transfer carts. These can easily be set up for your teachers and the districts will have final approval on all purchases.

We will no longer have the following catalogs: Instructional, Art, Personal Protective Equipment, Construction Paper and Science Supplies. School Specialty is now our exclusive carrier, except for the science supplies, which is exclusive with Frey Scientific.

To set up teacher transfer carts or if you have questions regarding Volume Purchasing, contact Vicki Eustice by email veustice@smokyhill.org or by phone at (785) 825-9185.

There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.

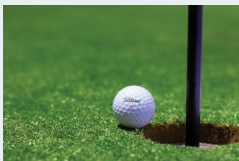
SIGN UP TODAY!

Get your 4 person team ready for this year's Smoky Hill Education Foundation Scramble for Schools Charity Golf Tournament.

Each \$268 team registration includes 4 green fees, 2 golf carts, lunch, prizes, beverages and a chance to win a new Traeger grill!

**Tuesday, May 29
8:30AM
Salina Municipal
Golf Course**

Call (785) 825-9185 to sign up today. We hope to see you there!



Join us for a brief overview of the program



This webinar will provide an overview of Method Test Prep, an ACT prep program that can be accessed directly or through the Career Cruising platform.

**Thursday, April 19th
Webinar times available:**

**9:00 AM
11:00 AM
1:00 PM**

Is helping your students score as high as possible on the ACT a priority at your school?

Did you know there is an ACT prep program through Career Cruising/Xello that over 70 Kansas school districts are already using?

Are you interested in exploring options to help your students?

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/4945512430777676289>

For additional information, contact Chris Modellmog at 785-825-9185.