SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Henry David Thoreau Foundation offering scholarships

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards collegiate scholarships of up to $26,000 to eight to ten students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts.

As Henry David Thoreau Scholars, these select high school seniors may enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field. The Henry David Thoreau Scholarships are up to $26,000 four-year scholarships awarded to eight students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. High school seniors awarded the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships can enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field. Henry David Thoreau Scholars are encouraged to enroll in internships or study abroad to broaden their awareness and understanding of environmental issues.

Henry David Thoreau Scholars have studied a wide variety of environmentally related areas, including biology, epidemiology, oceanography, international affairs, and environmental law, and upon completing their undergraduate degrees, they became members of the Henry David Thoreau Society.

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends, and providing networking opportunities. Upon graduation from college, Henry David Thoreau Scholars are inducted into the Henry David Thoreau Society. A sign of success of the Henry David Thoreau Foundation's mission to foster environmental leadership is the support past scholarship winners provide to present scholarship winners.

To learn more about the Henry David Thoreau Foundation and the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships, people may visit thoreauscholar.org. Students have until Feb. 1, 2026, to apply.

STCC hosts careers in health care night on Nov. 13

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Technical Community College will host an Allied Health Careers Exploration Night on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 4:30-7 p.m. in the School of Health and Patient Simulation, Building 20, on the STCC campus.

The event is free and open to the public. Anyone considering a career in health care is encouraged to attend and learn about the many in-demand allied health programs available at STCC. Visitors will have the chance to learn about STCC's healthcare degrees and certificate programs, tour the college's state-of-the-art patient simulation labs, connect with faculty, current students and healthcare professionals and explore career paths in fields such as nursing, dental hygiene, respiratory care, medical coding and more.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity for anyone thinking about a health care career to see firsthand what STCC has to offer," said Christopher Scott, Dean of the School of Health and Patient Simulation. "Attendees will be able to meet instructors, experience our simulation spaces and discover programs that can lead to rewarding, high-demand jobs."

The night will feature tours of STCC's SIMS Medical Center, a nationally recognized patient simulation facility, and tours of departments. The SIMS Medical Center is one of only a handful of simulation centers in New England accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, a distinction that underscores its commitment to excellence in healthcare education and training.

Advanced registration is encouraged by visiting stcc.io/alliedhealthcareersnight. While no registration is required, visitors are asked to check in with organizers in the first-floor lobby of building 20, on the Pearl Street side of the campus.

For more information, people may email the School of Health and Patient Simulation at SHPS@stcc.edu or call 413-755-SHPS (7477).

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Chester
Conservation Commission
LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the authority of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00), the Chester Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM** in the Chester Town Hall, located at 15 Middlefield Road #16, Chester MA 01011. The Commission will review a **Request for Determination of Applicability** (RDA) permit application submitted by Fortune Consulting c/o Eric Faivre & Ellen Colson for the proposed installation of a new private water supply well and septic system at 6 Sylvester Hamilton Road (Assessor's Map 408-75) in Chester. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to wetland resource areas. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated.
11/06/2025

Town of Worthington
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Worthington Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in response to a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) regarding the work associated with the installation of an agricultural fence within a wetland and buffer zone, as part of a proposed ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility at 190 Ridge Road.

The Hearing will be held Monday, November 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Selectboard meeting room at Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road.
11/06/2025

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Worthington
Planning Board

The Worthington Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding a Special Permit application from BWC Wades Stream, LLC / BlueWave Solar for a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation at 190 Ridge Road. The proposed project overlaps the Water Supply Protection District, therefore requiring a Special Permit.

The Hearing will be held **Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM**, at the Worthington Town Hall. Remote public access will be provided utilizing GoToMeeting virtual software: https://www.gotomeet.me/PlanningBoard. To attend via phone dial (224) 501-3412; access code: 845-552-877.

The full proposal, including plans, can be reviewed at the Worthington Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road, Worthington, between 10 AM and 2 PM, Monday through Friday. Please contact Katrin Kaminsky at (413) 238-5577 x110 or townclerk@worthington-ma.us for more information about reviewing the application.
11/06, 11/13/2025

REGION

Operation Christmas Child takes place Nov. 17-24

Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 17 - 24.

Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations in Massachusetts by visiting https://www.samaritianpurse.org.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach another 12 million children in 2025.

Shoebox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups. People may find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Participants can donate $10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

"Samaritan's Purse works around the world to help people in need, but it's not about good works; it's about the Gospel," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Please prayerfully consider packing a shoebox this year with Operation Christmas Child. These simple gifts open the door for us to share the true meaning of Christmas."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off. Local locations include Word of Grace, 848 North Road, Westfield; Grace Church Congregational, 1055 Williams St., Pittsfield; Pioneer Valley Baptist Chapel, 56 Perkins St. Chicopee and Moldovian Baptist Church, 66 Bridge St., Agawam.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

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