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PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM
1112 W. University Ave., Suite 201
Urbana, IL 61801

September 20, 2019

Dear Prospective PSP Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has been selected to participate in the **2019-20 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Principal's Scholars Program (PSP)**.

PSP is a comprehensive pre-college program that is designed to increase the pool of underrepresented students entering math, science and technology based academic programs and careers. Through PSP sponsored activities, students develop interests in math, science, technology and communications, learn critical/analytical thinking skills, and gain self-esteem and academic confidence. *PSP provides participants with hands-on, interactive classroom sessions, skill specific enrichment courses, tutorial sessions, personal development workshops, college tours, academic competitions, and educational field experiences.*

School administrative personnel at each of the participating schools select participants. These individuals (PSP liaisons) are dedicated deans, counselors, and teachers who volunteer their time and serve to support the efforts of the program. PSP coordinators work closely with students in the program to encourage them to take college preparatory courses prescribed by PSP and to adhere to the guidelines of the program.

Attached you will find a **Principal's Scholars Program 2019-20 registration form** with fall 2019 information. Please complete the application to confirm your son/daughter's participation in the program. **Please mail the registration form by Friday, October 11, 2019 to the Principal's Scholars Program Office, 1112 W. University Ave., Suite 201, Urbana 61801. The registration form may also be dropped off in the PSP Office mailbox outside the office. Please keep the flier as a program reference.**

A confirmation letter with additional program information will be mailed to students who submit a registration the week prior to the October 26th session. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 217-333-0234 (voice message line) or via email at mpramon@illinois.edu.

On behalf of the Principal's Scholars Program and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I salute you for your continued dedication to education.

We look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,

Pilar Ramon-Pfeffer

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Associate Director



Principal's Scholars Program (PSP)

Mission Statement

The Principal's Scholars Program (PSP) is a University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign statewide mathematics and science initiative that works in conjunction with parents and teachers to prepare underrepresented students for college preparatory pathways. Programmatic operations focus on the development of higher order thinking skills, computational literacy, and character-based education methodology as a collaborative systematic education reform strategy.

PSP Program Sites

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Chicago
Danville
Decatur
East Saint Louis
Rantoul
Rockford
Springfield
Urbana
Waukegan



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PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (PSP)

FALL 2019 ACADEMIC PROGRAM - MATH & SCIENCE & COLLEGE TRANSITION

The PSP Academic Fall Program is designed to improve students' academic skills and to prepare students for success in math/science courses. Each course focuses on the development of critical and analytical thinking skills. Sessions are innovative and interactive. Students will see math and science differently after this program.

PSP Fall 2019
REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday, October 11, 2019

Dates, Time & Location

Dates: **Saturdays** - October 26, November 2, November 9, November 16, and November 23, 2019

Location: **UIUC Campus - Siebel Center, Digital Computer Laboratory, and Transportation Building**
(Please note that sessions will be held at several campus locations. Students will be escorted to specific presentation locations.)

Time: **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** (Check-in at 9:45 a.m.)

COURSES

Students take one course for five (5) sessions. Class enrollment is limited therefore, registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES

Digital Imaging: Math Snapshot (9th Grade Only)

Capture the Math Image! This class will take technical creative skills and math understanding to the next level. The course will introduce students to digital photography, advertising, and design while strengthening math skills. Students will create an advertisement promoting algebra concepts and taking control of math understanding. Capture Math! **Space is limited. First priority will be given to PSP veteran participants.**

Digital Writing: Writing for the 21st Century (10th Grade Only)

As technology has evolved, the needs of writers have also changed. Digital writing is more than just a skill but it's changing how we communicate in a variety of platforms. Knowing how to structure emails, use online/computer based resources, apply for programs and jobs online, use social media and navigating the internet are more important to the modern-day student and employee than ever before. Learn these skills and more in this workshop and make yourself stand out in school, on college applications, and future employers.

PROBLEM SOLVER: SAT-ACT Standardized Test Math & Science Word Problems (11th Grade Only)

Students will decode standardized test math/science word problems and solve word problems that once seemed difficult. The course will touch on Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry math problems and science questions. This course will also focus on standardized testing techniques which will help improve test scores in math and science. A great way to prepare for the upcoming SAT and ACT test in the spring.

COLLEGE EXPRESS: College Success Plan (12th Grade Only)

Arrive to college ready and prepared for success. College Express will give senior high school students transitioning to college with skills critical to college life and academic success. Students will take a mock-college course, experience virtual reality college visits, receive a college academic success toolkit, and much more. College application and scholarship search assistance will also be scheduled during each session. **Space is limited. First priority will be given to PSP veteran participants.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES

STEM IN FILMMAKING: Math & Technology (6th Grade Only)

In this course, students will use technology to create a toolbox of mathematical models. This toolbox will include a review of basic math computations through geometry and algebra. Students will increase their mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills by completing a series of fun video creation activities and produce several short films.

EXPLORE ELECTRICITY (7th Grade only)

In this course, the participants will create, explore, and test the outcomes of innovative electricity-based projects. In doing so, they will develop a fundamental understanding of how several electrical devices work today. In addition to building this fundamental understanding, they will also gain practical experience in making such devices. They will make these devices using common electrical components, such as capacitors, resistors, switches, and batteries. After this course, they will understand the nature of electricity and how to harness it to build simple, useful electrical devices.

SEEING IS BELIEVING: Bio-Inspired Technology (8th Grade Only)

Why do we see? How do we hear? What does it mean to smell? Learn how life evolved to adapt to its environment, and how engineers and scientists today mimic nature in robotics, computer science, medicine, and technology. This course will delve into the science of the senses and bio-inspired technology.



Please Print

1. Student's Full Legal Name _____
Last First Middle

2. Mailing Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth: _____

3. Student's Contact (cell or home phone): (____) _____ Student's E-Mail: _____
Please Print Clearly - Reminders/notifications will be sent to this e-mail.

4. Gender: _____ Male _____ Female 5. School _____ Grade: _____

6. Ethnicity (Optional): African American Asian Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White

7. Citizenship (Scholarship Based Requirement): U.S. Citizen (born or naturalized) U.S. Permanent Resident International

8. Are you currently registered in AVID at Central High School or Centennial High School (Unit 4 students only)? Yes No

9. **STUDENT AGREEMENT**

To be signed by the Student Applicant: I understand that as a member of the Principal's Scholars Program, I will be expected to maintain a high scholastic average, attend all scheduled meetings and complete assigned work by the due date. I will conduct myself in an appropriate way and be respectful of myself, and those around me. If for any reason I am unable to fulfill the above mentioned, I will be dismissed from the program.

Student Signature: X _____ Date _____

10. **PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION:** Please read this form carefully. In completing this form, I acknowledge that: I am the parent or guardian of the child whose name is listed on this form and that I am at least 18 years of age at the time of signing this form.

Release of information: I give the Principal's Scholars Program and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign staff permission to review (or receive a copy of) my child's academic transcript. This will enable the staff to access his/her academic progress and make suggestions for improvement if necessary. I am aware that at no time will my name or identifying information about me be disclosed to anyone without my express written permission. Information identifying me will be stored in a locked office (if in hard copy form) or password-protected (if in computer database) and will be accessible only by PSP and school staff. I am aware that my responses to PSP evaluations may be used confidentially - along with the responses of others - in reports, professional presentations, in academic journals and/or used to improve PSP activities.

Emergency Procedures: I also understand and agree that in case of a medical emergency, an ambulance or PSP staff member will take my child to the nearest hospital or trauma center. I will assume the responsibility of all medical fees. The Principal's Scholars Program staff has my permission to act on my behalf in the case of a medical emergency. In the event that my child receives medical treatment while he/she is attending the Principal's Scholars Program, I request that medical records regarding treatment be released to the PSP Office, 1112 W. University Ave., Suite 201, Urbana, Illinois 61801. I understand that every effort will be made to apprise me of this situation.

The Principal's Scholars Program staff does not provide or administer medications.

Comments/Important Medical Information: _____

PHOTO RELEASE FORM: PSP will create a workshop photo collage for students. Photos may also be included in videotapes of PSP students when publicizing the program. Your signature below authorizes the Principal's Scholars Program and the University of Illinois to include photos and video footage of your child for the collage and in University publicity materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature: X _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's Phone (Day) _____ (Cell) _____ (Evening) _____

Parent's E-Mail (please print): _____

Fall 2019 COURSE ASSIGNMENT

Middle School

- 6th Grade- STEM IN FILMMAKING: Math & Technology
- 7th Grade- EXPLORE ELECTRICITY
- 8th Grade- SEEING IS BELIEVING: Bio-Inspired Technology

High School

- 9th Grade- Digital Imaging: Math Snapshot
- 10th Grade- Digital Writing: Writing for the 21st Century
- 11th Grade- PROBLEM SOLVER: ACT-SAT Test Word Problem Strategies
- 12th Grade- COLLEGE EXPRESS: College Success Plan

Academic & Interest Survey

I have not been pressured to answer any of the survey questions below in any particular manner. I understand that for this survey to be successful and/or valuable, I must give honest responses. I am aware that I may skip any question that I would rather not answer. I understand that this information will be used to improve and design PSP activities that meet the needs and interests of PSP students, parents, and schools.

Middle School/High School Courses

List the courses you are currently enrolled in (Indicate if courses are honors, A.P. or I.B.)

English _____ Math _____ Science _____

List math and science courses you have completed and the grades you received

Subject	Grade
Middle School Only	
6 th Grade English _____	_____
7 th Grade English _____	_____
6 th Grade Math _____	_____
7 th Grade Math _____	_____
6 th Grade Science _____	_____
7 th Grade Science _____	_____

Subject	Grade
High School Only	
9 th Grade English _____	_____
10 th Grade English _____	_____
11 th Grade English _____	_____
9 th Grade Math _____	_____
10 th Grade Math _____	_____
11 th Grade Math _____	_____
9 th Grade Science _____	_____
10 th Grade Science _____	_____
11 th Grade Science _____	_____

High School: Current GPA: _____ ACT: Composite _____ /STEM Composite _____ /ELA Composite _____
 or Math _____ /Science _____ /English _____ /Reading _____ /Writing _____

SAT: Total Score _____ /Reading/Writing _____ /Math _____

Future Plans

Please list the universities/colleges you will apply to in your senior year.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

I will apply to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall of my senior year.

Check the college(s) you are interested in applying to at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

UIUC College

- College of Agricultural Consumer & Environmental Sciences (ACES)
- College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS)
- College of Business (BUS)
- College of Education (EDU)
- College of Engineering (ENG)
- College of Fine and Applied Arts (FAA)
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS)
- College of Media (COM)
- Division of General Studies (DGS)
- School of Social Work (SSW)

Pre-Professional Paths – Pre-professional paths are tracks for students who plan to pursue specific professions. Choose a pre-professional program, if applicable.

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|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine |

College Admission (Check the information you would like to receive about applying to college).

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select a College/University | <input type="checkbox"/> Test Preparation for Standardized Tests | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Based Classes/Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Process | <input type="checkbox"/> Deciding a Major | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship Classes/Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Admissions Prerequisites | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Support Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> College Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Indicate additional information that you would like to receive about your education or attending college.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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**AGREEMENT TO APPROPRIATE COMPUTER USE GUIDELINES &
AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC NETWORK ACCESS**

AGREEMENT TO APPROPRIATE USE GUIDELINES IN ORDER TO ACCESS UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COMPUTER RESOURCES

Like other Urbana campus computer users, PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM ("PSP") students are also bound by all University of Illinois policies regarding computer and network facilities and services. The appropriate use of University computing resources at Urbana-Champaign is addressed in several University policies, most specifically in the campus "appropriate use" policy found at <http://cam.illinois.edu/viii/viii-1.1.htm>. The use of the Network and other computer resources is a privilege, which may be revoked at any time for abusive conduct. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Altering system software or files, or installing unauthorized software
- Placing unlawful information, computer viruses, or other harmful programs on the Network
- Allowing others to access any of your University provided personal account(s)
- Accessing files, accounts or computer systems you are not authorized to use
- Impersonating other users by using their accounts or login names
- Sending threats, harassments or bullying by electronic mail or other forms of electronic communications
- Sending or forwarding e-mail chain letters
- Using University or other computing resources for commercial activities or political campaigning (Guidance on political campaigning can be found in the Campus Administrative Manual under Guidelines Concerning Use of University Resources for Political Campaign Activities at <http://cam.illinois.edu/viii/VIII-1.3.htm>)
- Falsifying the originating address of any e-mail message or online post
- Damaging or defacing any computer or network equipment

The Network is intended for exclusive use by its registered users who are responsible for the use of their passwords and accounts on the Network. Any problems that arise from the use of an account are the responsibility of the account holder. Any misuse may result in suspension or revocation of Network privileges.

Administrators reserve the right to remove any material stored in computer files which they, in their sole discretion, believe may be unlawful, obscene, in violation of copyright (see: <http://copyright.illinois.edu>), or otherwise unrelated to the teaching and laboratory mission of the school.

Parents of children who are 13 or younger should also see http://www.vpaa.uillinois.edu/policies/web_privacy.cfm, specifically the section entitled "Rules for Individuals under Thirteen Years of Age".

AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC NETWORK ACCESS

I understand and I will abide by Authorization for Electronic Network Access. I understand that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and/or its agents may access and monitor my use of the Internet, including my e-mail and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that, should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and PSP Program disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the University's electronic network connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign & Principal's Scholars Program and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use of, or inability to use, the Internet.

I have read this Authorization for Electronic Network Access. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes only. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Principal's Scholars Program to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the University and PSP, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my student's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this authorization with my student. I hereby request that my student be allowed access to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Internet.

I give permission for the Principal's Scholars Program to issue a Network Account to my student.

I do not give permission for the Principal's Scholars Program to issue a Network Account to my student. I also understand that not giving permission may hinder the student's full participation in the class and learning process.

DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: X _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN (please print): _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

STUDENT (please print): _____



**Photo/Media/Publication
Release Form**

The Principal's Scholars Program is committed to promoting the positive activities, work of our staff, and students. As part of this effort, the Principal's Scholars Program (PSP) and the University of Illinois takes photographs/video/recordings of PSP programs, participants, and activities throughout the year. In addition, outside agencies such as local radio and newspapers or television stations may interview students or take video/photos of PSP activities to highlight positive events in our community. PSP classes may also create short videos, webpages, and interact with several social media platforms. Photographs, videotapes, motion pictures or portions of class productions may also be used to highlight PSP and the students. Your signature below authorizes PSP, the University of Illinois, school districts, and outside agencies to include photos and video footage of your child or likeness in publicity materials, websites, and varied promotional platforms while participating in approved PSP activities, events, classes, etc.

Release

I hereby grant full permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record. This releases and hold harmless agreement is binding on heirs, my assigns, personal representatives and myself.

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: X _____

Parent's Name (Please Print): _____

Student's Signature: X _____

Student's Name (Please Print): _____

School: _____ **Grade** _____

