ACM Pipeline 3.0 Project
The Network for College Success (NCS) is located at the University of Chicago. Driven by research, the postsecondary work of NCS supports schools to increase the number of students going to college.

NCS also partners with the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) in an ambitious initiative called the ACM Pipeline 3.0 Project, designed to increase the number of highly qualified Chicago Public Schools (CPS) high school students who enroll in and graduate from selective and very selective colleges and universities.
What is ACM?

The Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) is a consortium of 14 academically excellent, independent liberal arts colleges located in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Colorado. Visit www.ACM.edu for more info.
What is a **LIBERAL ARTS College**?

**Liberal Arts DEFINED**
College or university curriculum aimed at imparting general knowledge and developing general intellectual capacities, in contrast to a professional, vocational, or technical curriculum.

*Webster’s Dictionary*

**What are the BENEFITS?**
- **smaller** class sizes
- taught by **professors**
- **higher** graduation rates
- opportunities to **collaborate** with faculty on research
- academics are centered on students and **interactive learning**
What **MAJORS** do Liberal Arts Colleges Offer?

- Anthropology
- Art and Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Critical Identity Studies
- Economics
- Education and Youth Studies
- Engineering Dual-Degree Program
- English
- Environmental Management and Forestry Program
- Environmental Studies
- Gender Studies
- Geology
- Health and Society
- History
- International Relations
- Mathematics
- Medical Professions Programs (Pre-Med)
- Modern Languages and Literatures
- Music
- Nursing
- Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Physics
- Political Science
- Pre-Law Preparation Program
- Psychology
- Science for Elementary Teaching
- Sociology
- Theatre, Dance and Media Studies
- Women’s Studies

*Plus Many More!*
WHO are ACM schools?

- Beloit College
- *Carleton College
- Coe College
- Colorado College
- Cornell College
- Grinnell College
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Lawrence University
- Luther College
- Macalester College
- Monmouth College
- Ripon College
- *St. Olaf College
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What are the GRADUATION RATES for ACM schools?
What is COLLEGE CHOICE?
What are estimated FINANCIAL AID packages?
What is the COST OF ATTENDANCE?

Northern IL: $30,592
U of I (Urbana): $29,594
Grinnell: $55,854

Cost of Attendance

Trends ESTIMATED from financial aid averages found on CollegeBoard.com
What about after the PELL GRANT?
What about after the INSTITUTIONAL AID?
What is the NET COST?

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The Pipeline invites students with a **GPA of 3.0 or higher**; and an **ACT of 18 or higher** (or PLAN of 16 or higher)

A plenary on **liberal arts colleges**, a **writing workshop** and an **ACM college fair** will be components of the Pipeline

An estimated **300+ students** from a cross-collaboration of at least **18 high schools** from all over the city will participate in the Pipeline

**All ACM colleges** will be a part of the Pipeline along with student volunteers from ACM Chicago Programs

**A completed APPLICATION PACKET is required to be considered for the ACM Pipeline 3.0 Project!**

- ACM Junior Exchange—Friday, May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2014
- ACM Senior Exchange—November 2014
Applying for the Pipeline

Eligibility

- **Junior** in GOOD Standing
- **3.0 GPA** (unweighted)
- **18 ACT** Composite Score (minimum)
- Taking **rigorous courses**
- Commitment to attend **ACM Junior Exchange** on Friday, May 2\(^{nd}\), 2014

Applying

- **ATTEND** Info Session
- **COMPLETE** **STUDENT INFO** section of Packet
- **SIGN** **CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**
- **OBTAIN** a copy of your official **TRANSCRIPT** and **ACT/PLAN SCORE REPORT**
- **RETURN** completed packet by **Wednesday, April 9\(^{th}\) to your counselor!**
“I got to talk with the college representatives—they knew what the school was looking for in an applicant, and that was really helpful. I got to create connections with real people at the college; I think that helped me get in.”

—Gaby, Hancock Alumna ’13
Carleton College, Class ‘17
Visit NCS.uchicago.edu for more information.

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