

HAPPY  
Summer

LaunchU  
May 2024

# What to Expect

-  Student Birthdays
-  Soft Skill: Self-Directed Learning
-  Career Explorers: Tracy Blount, Dentist
-  Mental Health Awareness: End of the School Year
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-  End of Year Celebration
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-  Launch U Graduation Celebration



# May Student Birthdays

2

Luken  
Carly  
Rebecca

3

Lorelei

11

Emma

14

Kevin

15

Izabella  
Amaya  
Anakaren  
Ellie

17

Edxon  
Michael

18

Neveah

25

Caden

26

Ella

29

Phe

31

Rubi

# June Student Birthdays

1

Finnley

7

Fernando

Malaina

8

Lillianna

Martin

Stormie

9

Jackson

11

Lola

12

Cody

Aulbany

14

Ivin

Serena

Olivia

29

Kaden

16

Kenady

17

Jo

Ashley

19

Lexi

20

Hailey

21

Jasmin

24

Hannah

25

Kylee

Benjamin

28

Brian

# July Student Birthdays

5

Jenny

6

Erika

7

Lillian

8

Payton

9

Isabelle

11

Ethan

12

Spencer

15

Valente

16

Paola

18

Sammi

19

Alex  
Natalia

21

Jeffrey  
Kay

22

EmmaLee  
Caleb

24

Merrick

29

Jonathan  
Mrs.  
Smith

# Soft Skill: Self-Directed Learning

“[N]europlasticity...provides the foundation for two crucial messages for middle and high school students:

- They have the capacity to become functionally smarter...if they are willing to persist in the hard work that may be required when learning gets challenging.
- Success in school is largely determined by the learning strategies students employ, and not by some innate talent for academics.”



## Free Online College Courses:

- [Stanford University](#)
- [Harvard University](#)
- [MIT](#)
- [Coursera](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)
- [Local Summer Learning Opportunities](#)

## Tools for Self-Directed Learning

- Set Learning Goals
- Choose Credible Learning Resources
- Stick to a schedule
- Apply What You Have Learned
- Share Your Knowledge

<https://creately.com/blog/education/self-learning-techniques-tools/>

# Career Explorers



## In this episode:

Hear how Tracy Blount become a Dentist and business owner.

This Career Pathway includes: Math, Science, and Health Science



An aerial photograph of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. Waves are breaking onto the shore, creating white foam. The sand is dark and wet, reflecting the light. There are some rocks scattered along the beach.

Everyone thinks of changing  
the world, but no one thinks  
of changing himself.

Leo Tolstoy

# Mental Health Awareness: End of School Year Stress

“The end of the school year can be stressful for both students and parents. As final exams and assignments become due, there is also a looming threat of big changes on the horizon. This can cause feelings of fear and anxiety. Our clinical experts share 5 things you can do to help relieve some of that stress as the school year comes to a close.”

## How To Have A Productive Summer



## 5 Ways to Relieve End-of-School-Year Stress

- 1. Stick to a schedule
- 2. Stay active
- 3. Plan for the summer
- 4. Scale back on activities
- 5. Start the conversation





# Special Reminders

**May 6 - June 24**

GRCC First Summer Session

**May 27**

Memorial Day

**June 25 - August 13**

GRCC Second Summer Session

**May 30**

Kent ISD Last Day of School

**August 19-22**

New Student First Year  
FUNdamentals Orientation

11:55 am - 1:55 pm

**August 26**

Launch U/GRCC First Day of Classes

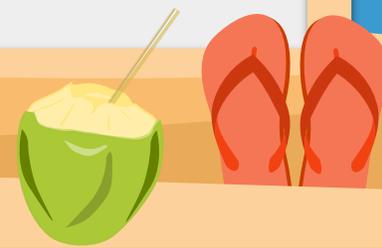
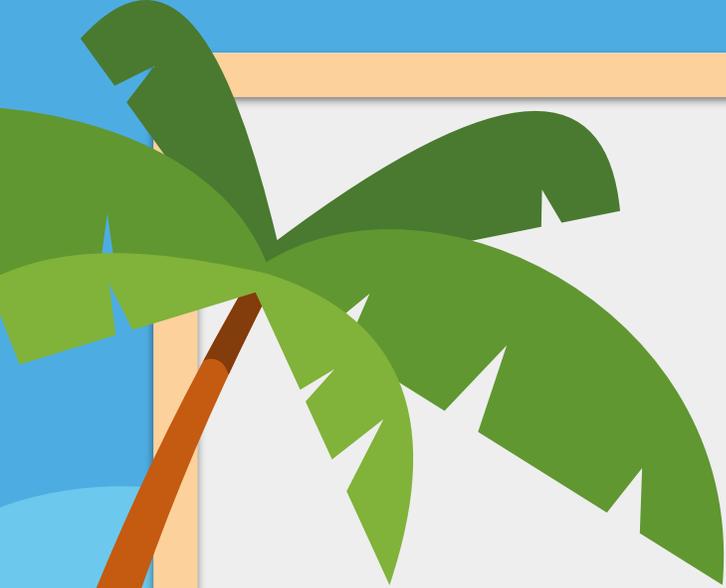
# End of Semester Celebration



# GRCC Collegiate

GRCC celebrates over 600 graduates at the 107th Commencement Ceremony

By Blace Carpenter - April 27, 2024 👁️ 106 💬 0



# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION



## CLASS OF 2024!

The Launch U staff wishes you the best of everything! It has been our honor to work with you and get to know you over the last few years.

**Congratulations!**



# GRCC GRADUATION 2024





Launch U  
Kent ISD

General Associate  
and  
Mechanical Design

- Earn a Degree While in High School
- Start in 10th grade
- Finish after a 13th year at GR
- Get a degree for free!

Ideal for students  
who want to

- Save money
- Start college now
- Start a career & SAJ
- launchu.kentisd.org

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WINS

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WELCOME TO  
KENT CITY  
HIGH SCHOOL

Grand Rapids  
Community College



YOU MAKE US LOOK GOOD!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND KUDOS  
TO A JOB WELL DONE:

ALEXIS LINDER  
&  
JUAN PEREZ-LOPEZ

\*ACADEMIC TOP 5% IN THE  
2024 GRCC GRADUATING CLASS





GREATEST DAY EVER!



YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD  
AND HAPPY!

# GRCC GRADUATION & EMC RECEPTION



YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD!



2024

Celebration  
Launch  
U



# **LAUNCH U UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

**IN THE FALL LOOK FOR CLASSES IN  
C-WING OF KCTC**



