

## Graduating Class of 2022 The Summer before Senior Year

*Early in the Fall, the counselors and I will visit all 12th-grade social studies classes to talk about important processes regarding your senior year and post-high school plan processes, such as official transcript orders, letters of recommendation, Xello, college and military rep visits, ACT (and test-optional), college application deadlines, college fairs, financial aid, etc.*

Some of you may be wondering what you can be doing between now and then to prepare for your post-high school plans.

The [Career Center Schoology Group](#) and [High School webpages](#) (under Services/Career Center) have information about part-time jobs, volunteering, college planning, financial aid/scholarships, and more.

### **Here is what I would recommend doing this summer:**

-**Volunteer** – community service is one of the biggest factors that donors look for in the HHS Local Scholarship Program (opens to all Seniors in December 2021) and helps strengthen many college and scholarship applications.

-Find a **part-time job**. Gain experience and save money!

-**Visit colleges** and/or meet with **representatives from the military**.

[What to ask a College Admissions Rep](#)

-Find someone who is in the **industry or the job** you want to be in, and **interview** them. *Ask about their interest in the field, their education, past jobs, and advice.*

-Look for **SCHOLARSHIPS**.

Other links for what to do this summer and during your senior year:

[College Planning Timeline Junior Year](#)

[Senior Year by the Month](#)

# Still figuring everything out--not quite sure what you want to do, where you want to go? Want some help?

*Read on...*

*That is where Xello comes in!*

*Xello is software that helps students in grades 6–12 create their very own, unique roadmap for future success—enabling them to discover their own personalized pathway through self-knowledge, exploration and planning.*

How to get to Xello:

In your Google Waffle, scroll all the way down. If you are logged into Google, you should be logged in to Xello automatically.

If you aren't logged in automatically, here are directions:

### STUDENT SIGN-IN FORMAT

Username:

Prefix + Student ID

e.g. XELLOUS-000000

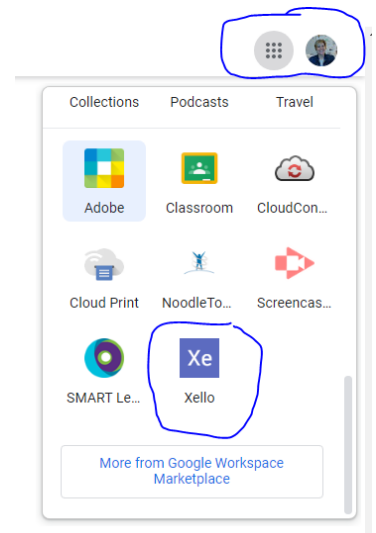
Password:

Student's Date of Birth

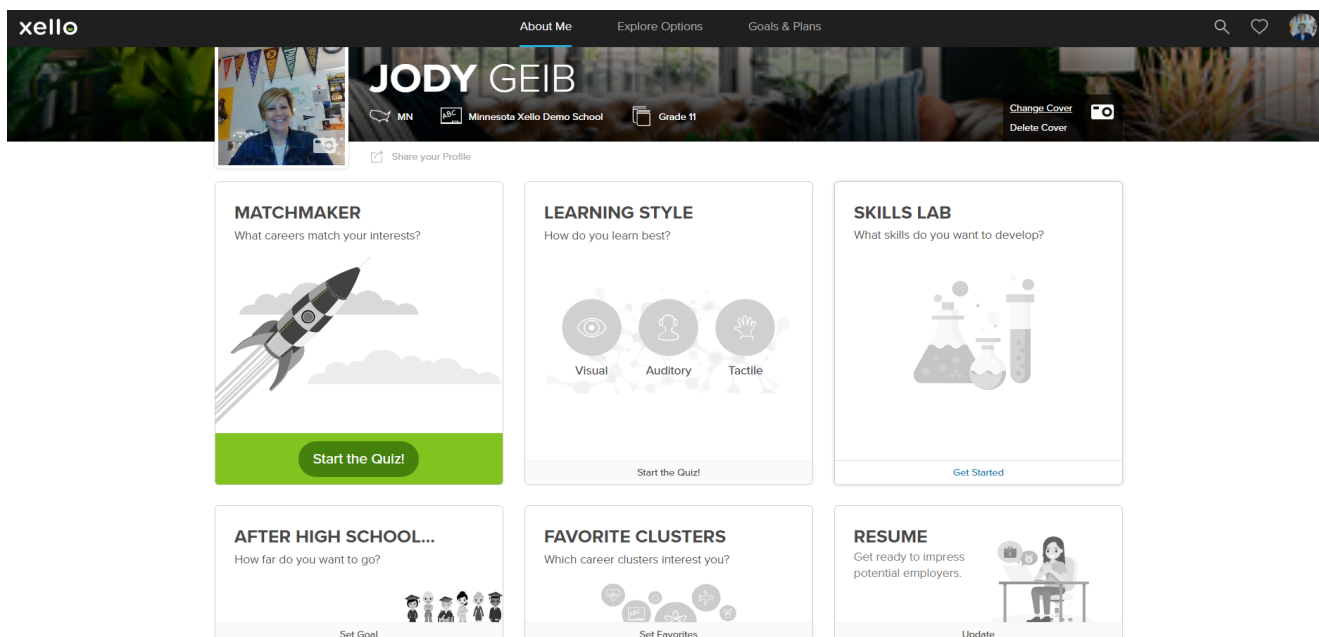
e.g. MMDDYYYY

Students must change their passwords when they first log in.

**Sign In**

Once in Xello, go to the **About Me** section.



Start with **MATCHMAKER**. Move on from there. You will want to review your **FAVORITE CLUSTERS & AFTER HIGH SCHOOL...**

These will give you guidance on what you are interested in and where to continue your education. Explore careers and colleges based on proximity, size of campus, athletics, the arts, etc. You can also build a RESUME in Xello. After you have completed the ABOUT ME section, move on to the EXPLORE OPTIONS tab to look deeper into CAREERS, SCHOOLS, & MAJORS

**EXPLORE OPTIONS**

- CAREERS (500+)**
  - Account Manager: \$35,000 - \$130,000
  - Activist: \$20,000 - \$80,000
  - Actor: \$2,500 - \$110,000
  - Actuary: \$48,000 - \$186,000
  - Acupuncturist: \$30,000 - \$100,000
- SCHOOLS (3,500+)**
  - Washington State Unive... Pullman, WA
  - University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
  - California State Univers... Long Beach, CA
  - Arizona State University ... Tempe, AZ
  - Georgia State University Atlanta, GA
- MAJORS (1,400+)**
  - Business
  - Health & Medicine
  - Skilled Trades
  - Biology, Agriculture & Environment
  - Physical Sciences & Engineering
  - Math & Computers
  - Law & Protective Services
  - Information & Communications
  - Education
  - Creative Arts & Design
  - Service Industry
  - Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

COMPANIES      OPPORTUNITIES

All of your information is stored for your convenience. Explore Companies and Opportunities related to your career interests. You will also be able to see what kind of employment outlook and earning outcomes.

Back To Top      Like this career?      Save

**NATIONAL**      Salary      Wage

Entry: \$35,000

Experienced: \$100,000

Internal Research

**SAMPLE CAREER PATH**

TITLE / ANNUAL SALARY RANGE	REQUIREMENTS	RESPONSIBILITIES
<b>JUNIOR CRIMINOLOGIST</b> \$35,000 - \$45,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's degree in criminology or a related area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proofread reports</li> <li>Enter data into a computer</li> <li>Learn the methods involved in law enforcement and criminology</li> <li>Collect data</li> </ul>
<b>CRIMINOLOGIST</b> \$45,000 - \$80,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master's degree in criminology</li> <li>5 years of experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemble and analyze the data collected by junior criminologists</li> <li>Advise on new policies and procedures</li> <li>Examine crime scenes</li> </ul>
<b>HEAD OF CRIMINOLOGY</b> \$60,000 - \$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD in criminology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer advice and guidance</li> <li>Manage other criminologists</li> <li>Oversee their research</li> </ul>

# RESOURCES

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## Dakota County Youth Job Search

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/FindJob/JobSearchResources/Pages/youth-job-resources.aspx>

## Trade Association Resources

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/FindJob/JobSearchResources/Pages/trade-association-resources.aspx>

## Who is Hiring Youth in Dakota County 2021

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/healthfamily/findjob/jobsearchresources/documents/hiringyouth.pdf>

## Minnesota Youth Program

<https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/find-a-job/targeted-services/youth-employment/mn-youth-program.jsp>

## Job Search Resources-Dakota County

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/FindJob/JobSearchResources/Pages/default.aspx>

## HHS Career Center webpages

[http://hs.hastings.k12.mn.us/services/career\\_center](http://hs.hastings.k12.mn.us/services/career_center)

## HHS Counseling Office webpages

[http://hs.hastings.k12.mn.us/services/counseling\\_office](http://hs.hastings.k12.mn.us/services/counseling_office)

--transcripts

--letters of recommendation

## Applying to College

<http://hs.hastings.k12.mn.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=92392&pageId=342264>

### ACT Information

<http://hs.hastings.k12.mn.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=92392&pageId=37048516>

### ACT Test Dates/Locations

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/test-center-locator.html>

### ACT Prep

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html#free>