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Release Notes

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RELEASE NOTES SUMMARY

These release notes detail the product improvements and new features included in the June 28th, 2023, release.

Resolved Issues

1. When viewing Job Banks with a Career Profile, Job Banks has new styling.

2. When viewing the Connections page for Legal Secretary career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name, National Association for Legal Support Professionals (NALS).

3. When viewing the Connections page for Veterinarian career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name, American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges.

4. When viewing the Connections page for the Travel Agent career profile the name of the society was updated to reflect the correct name, American Society of Travel Advisors.

5. When viewing the Connections page for the Medical Equipment Repairer career profile, the link for the Virginia Biomedical Association was removed.

6. When a parent views a student's homepage, the curriculum will now be displayed.

7. When a professional views a student's Work Value Sorter activity, the images will now display.

8. When a professional views a student's Career Key activity, the images will now display.

Enhanced & New Features

-   Style improvements were made to the timeline menus.

-   All FAFSA documentation was updated to indicate a change in the open date from October to December for the 2023 calendar year.

-   The Resources page was updated to include subsections designed to improve the look and feel of the page.
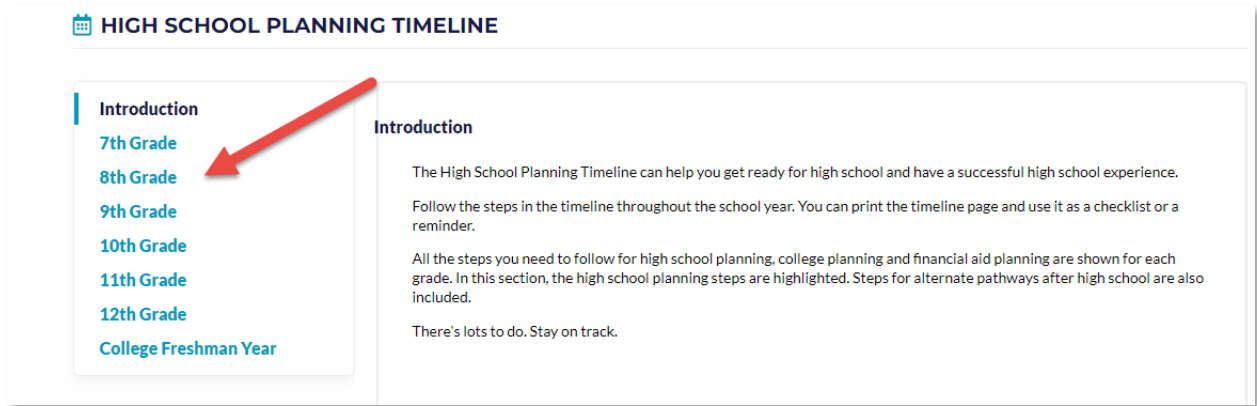
1. RESOLVED ISSUES

This table summarizes the product improvements included in the June 28th, 2023, release.

	Problem	**Improvement**
1	The styling is off when viewing Job Banks within a Career Profile. (PPS-4367)	The styling was updated when viewing Job Banks within a Career Profile.
2	When viewing the Connections page for the Legal Secretary career profile, National Association for Legal Professionals (NALS) is displayed. This is incorrect. (PPS-4720)	When view the Connections page for the Legal Secretary career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name; National Association for Legal Support Professionals (NALS).
3	When viewing the Connections page for the Veterinarian profile, Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges is displayed. This is incorrect. (PPS-4675)	When viewing the Connections page for the Veterinarian career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name; American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges.
4	When viewing the Connections page for the Travel Agent career profile, the American Society of Travel Agents is displayed. This is incorrect. (PPS-4719)	When viewing the Connections page for the Travel Agent career profile, the name of the society was updated to reflect the correct name, American Society of Travel Advisors.
5	When viewing the Connections page for the Medical Equipment Repairer career profile, the link for the Virginia Biomedical Association does not work. (PPS-4721)	When viewing the Connections page for the Medical Equipment Repairer career profile, the link for the Virginia Biomedical Association was removed.
6	As a parent, when viewing the homepage, the student's curriculum is not displayed. (PPS-4602)	As a parent, when viewing the homepage, the student's curriculum will now be displayed.
7	When a professional views a student's Work Value Sorter activity, the images are not displayed. (PPS-4792)	When a professional views a student's Work Value Sorter activity, images will now be displayed.

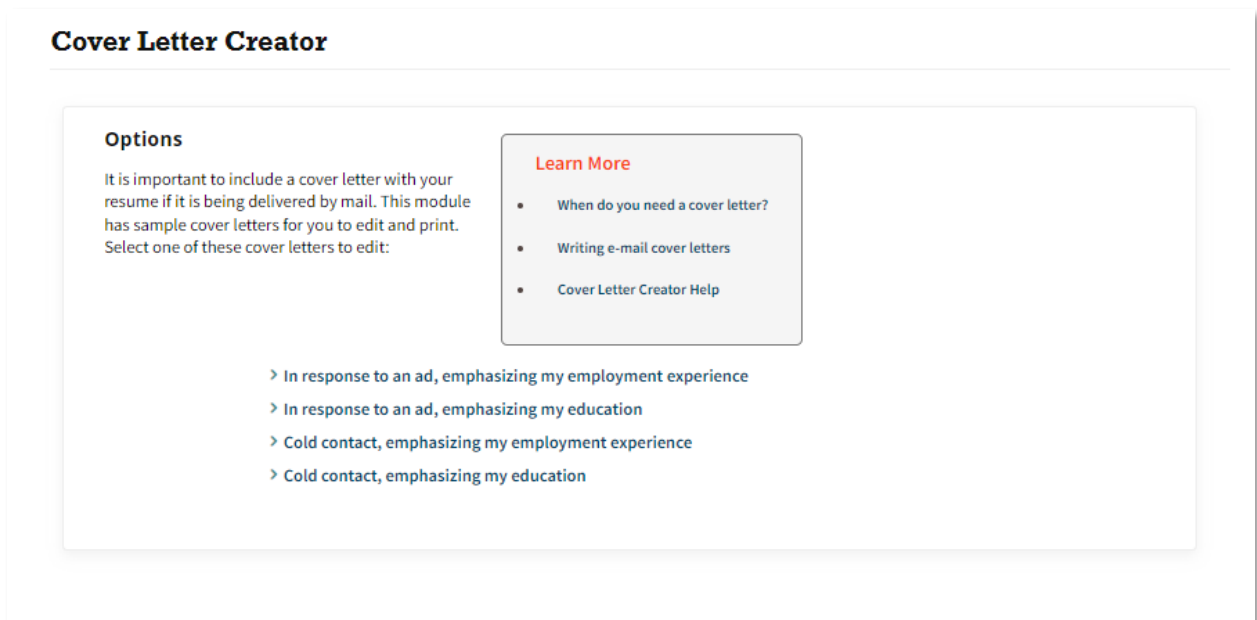|	Problem	Improvement
8	When a professional views a student's Career Key activity, the images are not displayed (PPS-4798)	When a professional views a student's Career Key activity, images will now be displayed.

2. TIMELINE STYLE IMPROVEMENTS

The timeline menus were updated to a new style on High School Planning, Resume Builder, Job Interview Practice, Financial Aid Wizard, The Career Key, Basic Skills Survey, Transferable Skills Checklist, Compare Careers, and Work Values Sorter.

High School Planning Timeline

The timeline menus were removed from Cover Letter Creator, Thank-you Letter Builder, Distance Search, and College Matching Assistance.

Cover Letter Creator

The timeline menu background was dropped, and the menu simplified for Career Finder and School Finder.

School Finder

Choose Characteristics

Key Facts
- Location
- School Type
- Public/Private
- School Setting
- School Size
- Academic Calendar
- Historically Black

Admissions
- Entrance Difficulty
- GPA
- ACT Scores
- SAT Scores
- Admissions Policies
- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- Applicant Selection Criteria

Costs And Financial Aid
- Tuition
- Tuition Plus Room & Board
- Need-based Scholarships/Grants
- Non-need-based Scholarships/Grants

Academics
- Programs/Majors Offered
- Special Academic Programs
- Student to Faculty Ratio

Student Body
- Gender Balance

Sports
- Intercollegiate Sports

Campus Life & Services
- Extracurricular Activities
- Student Housing
- Health and Family Services

Career Connect
- Career Services

- Clear your choices and start again
- Save your current search as:

The School Finder helps you narrow down a list of thousands of schools to only the ones matching the characteristics you choose.

Start

◄ Start by choosing characteristics you would like in a school.

See these characteristics on the left? Choose one that is important to you and click on it. For example, if you want to see schools in one region, choose Location.

Saved Searches

You haven't saved any searches yet.

School Finder

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3. FAFSA

The Department of Education is updating the FAFSA form. All articles referencing the FAFSA open date were updated to indicate the new form will not be open until December 2023.

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FAFSA is the KEY!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the key that opens the door to financial aid. It serves as the application for most of the financial aid from federal and state programs and from colleges and universities. Even if you are not sure that you will need financial aid, we recommend that you fill out a FAFSA anyway -- it's free.

The FAFSA normally launches on October 1 each year. However, in 2023, the Department of Education is updating the form and it will not be available until December.

When you file the 2023-24 FAFSA, you will use what the U.S. Department of Education calls the Prior Prior Year (PPY) for income information. This means that you will use your 2021 income information to complete the 2023-24 FAFSA.

You should submit the FAFSA as soon after the official starting date as possible, making sure you meet any college or state deadlines. The quickest and most accurate way to file the FAFSA is online. In contrast to a paper copy, the online form displays only the data entry fields you need to complete. You also receive directions as you need them. The FAFSA site is also available in Spanish.

To complete the FAFSA you will need an FSA ID (Federal Student Aid), a username and password that enables you to log in to some Department of Education websites.

You may wish to make use of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT). This tool transfers your income tax information directly from the income tax form that you filed onto the FAFSA. You can read more about this process and find out when your tax information will be available through the IRS DRT here.

If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the FAFSA, you can obtain one by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

The FAFSA may not be the only form required to receive an award letter from a school. You must also complete the college admissions process. Check with each of the colleges and universities you listed on your FAFSA to determine their requirements.

If you filed your FAFSA electronically, you will receive an electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) within a few days of submitting your completed FAFSA. (SAR results may take three weeks if you filed a paper FAFSA.) The SAR is the result of your FAFSA. Read it immediately and follow any directions. The schools you listed on the FAFSA will also

4. RESOURCES

The Resources section was updated to include subsections designed to improve the look and feel of the page.