

Talent Search

Douglas-Cherokee

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Student Spotlight:



Madison Romero is a Junior at Middlesboro High School. She has been in Talent Search since her Freshman year. She loves going on the college trips and getting to see campus with her friends. She hopes to go to the University of Kentucky and become a NICU nurse where she can help babies. We have big hopes for your future college plans!

UNION

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY



Quick Links / info:

- ♦ [UCU](#): Barbourville, KY
- ♦ 15:1 Student to Faculty
- ♦ 35+ [Areas of Study](#)
- ♦ 100% of students receive Grants or [Scholarships](#)
- ♦ [Cost of Attendance](#)
- ♦ [Athletics](#)
- ♦ [Clubs and Organizations](#)
- ♦ Mascot: Bulldogs

Students from Bell county
KY now have access to the
[UCU Tuition Free Pathway!](#)

**Apply before November
1st for this opportunity!!**

Students from
Claiborne and
Jellico High School
TS pictured on
their college visits
to Union!



Accounting

Union offers a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, along with some similar majors in Supply Chain Management, Business Administration, Marketing, Business Management, and even a certificate in Social Media Management.

- Average Accounting [Salary KY](#): \$59,343
- Average Accounting [Salary TN](#): \$62,014
- Accounting jobs are [growing at 5%](#) (faster than avg)

If you are detail oriented, good with numbers, and proficient using spreadsheets, accounting could be the career for you!



UCU Tuition Free Pathway Information

Who's Eligible?

You may qualify for the Tuition-Free Pathway if you:

- Are a graduating senior or graduate of a participating high school. (Middlesboro or Pineville High)
- Are a first-time, full-time undergraduate student.
- File the FAFSA each year using Union's school code 001988.
- Maintain good academic standing at Union.

What's Covered?

Tuition: 100% covered (up to 8 semesters) + comprehensive fee

What is not covered:

Room and board, student fees, books, certain lab or class fees associated with specific majors, or personal expenses.

Admissions Requirements

- High School Diploma
- Minimum 2.0 GPA

Application Deadline: November 1, 2026



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kiren Anderson, Anna Arbo, Julie Baird, Shyann Baker, Camille Bean, Lyra Bentley, Kadiance Blackburn, Naomi Blair, Dominic Bobbitt, Kailyn Braden, Brayden Clay, Ashton Daniels, Kennedy DeBusk, Neveah Deertz, Olivia Douglas, Landon Feltner, Allison Fortner, Jacklyn Foust, Sydney Gibson, Brooklyn Gilreath, Mackenzie Greene, Zakary Griffin, Alyssa Honegger, Addi Irwin, Ashlynn Jackson, Logan Jenkins, Kaydence Johnson, Payton Johnson, Brayden Jones, Hallie Jones, Jessie Lawson, Sophia Lay, Caden Lester, Maeriah Lotarion, BillyJoe Madden, Gloria Massengill, Abigail McIntosh, Brionna Meredith, Erica Middleton, Macey Miesel, Dakota Miller, Delilah Mullins, Caedan Oliver, Page Owens, Nicholas Ramsey, Keleigh Russell, Sarah Rutherford, MaKenna Strunk, Andrew Thomas, Randilyn Thornsby, Laura Trammell, Sean Valade, Dawson Warren, Connor Wilkinson, Jackson Womack



5 fun facts about HALLOWEEN

Pet costumes are becoming more popular with almost a third of US pet owners dressing up their pets



Two thirds of adults who take kids trick or treating admit to stealing some of the kid's candy



In some places including Dublin, Georgia and Illinois, only kids are allowed to wear Halloween masks – they are illegal for adults



Americans spend \$2.6 billion on candy at Halloween



Giant pumpkins grown for competitions can weigh over 2000lbs

WWW.NONSCREENACTIVITIESFORKIDS.COM

Senior Sash

**This year Seniors will receive a graduation sash
by meeting the following requirements:**

1. Apply to Tennessee Promise (TN Seniors ONLY)
2. Apply for a minimum of 2 colleges or trade schools
3. Complete your [FAFSA](#)
4. Sign- in with your Talent Search Counselor 12 times senior year
5. Attend your TS Counselor's in school senior workshop in February

See your TS Counselor for details

Did you know the FAFSA takes about 15 minutes to complete?? Check out [this FAFSA video](#) for a good laugh.



Test Dates:

- ♦ October 17th, 2026
- ♦ December 12th, 2026
- ♦ February 27th, 2027
- ♦ April 10th, 2027
- ♦ June 12th, 2027
- ♦ July 10th, 2027

ACT[®]



Talent Search members get an ACT waiver to take the test for free! Juniors— see your TS counselor if you want to test on one of these dates for free!!

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QUIZ TIME:

The first 2 to text the correct answers to
423.307.9547 will have a prize mailed to them!

1. What schools went on college visits to Union this year?
2. What's the deadline for the UCU Tuition Free Pathway?
3. What date is Halloween?

Halloween

Marie A. Lawson

GRANNY, I saw a witch go by,
I saw two, I saw three!
I heard their skirts go swish, swish,
swish—"

"Child, 'twas leaves against the sky,
And the autumn wind in the tree."

"Granny, broomsticks they bestrode,
Their hats were black as tar,
And buckles twinkled on their shoes—"

"You saw but shadows on the road,
The sparkle of a star."

"Granny, all their heels were red,
Their cats were big as sheep.
I heard a bat say to an owl—"

"Child, you must go straight to bed,
'Tis time you were asleep."

"Granny, I saw men in green,
Their eyes shone fiery red,
Their heads were yellow pumpkins—"

"Now you've told me what you've
seen,
WILL you go to bed?"

"Granny?"

"Well?"

"Don't you believe—?"

"What?"

"What I've seen?
Don't you know it's Halloween?"

