

July 2017



# La Crosse Promise

YOUR DREAM. OUR PROMISE.

## In their own words... What has the Future Center done for me?



"My Future Center Advisor has helped me a lot because she not only has been a good school support she is also a good personal support and when I feel like I am being irrational, she talks me through the problems. She set up different job shadows when she saw that I was starting to doubt what I wanted to do for a career. Above all, she helped me weigh the pros and cons of each of my school options and helped me through comparing the finances because that was really stressing me out."

**-Gretchen**

*Central High School, Class of 2017  
Attending Edgewood College*

## Future Center Events for Fall 2017



School is just around the corner, and we have great plans for high

## The Promise Effect!

### Ninth Promise Family to Break Ground on New Home on 7th Street



An enterprising La Crosse Promise family took on the demolition of a condemned structure on 7th Street to make way for their new home. They purchased the property from the city this month and were approved for the La Crosse County grant for Acquisition and Demolition. The house was demolished on July 26. This is the first time in the Promise's history that a private homeowner arranged for the demolition of an old structure to prepare for construction themselves. They will be the ninth Promise family (home design above) and they are recent new arrivals in La Crosse. They plan to use the scholarships for their children, now ages 3 and 10, who will be eligible for \$25,000 each when they graduate from high school in La Crosse. Their house is being built next door to another Promise house that was built in 2016.

This year we will have two Promise homes side-by-side on two different streets. (7th Street and 9th Street). Another great step toward neighborhood revitalization.

We call it "The Promise Effect!"

schoolers! See just a few of our fall programs below:

**Parent Information Night  
Wednesday Sept. 20 at Central:**

Parent Information Night is for all parents/guardians and the high schoolers in the School District of La Crosse. Started planning for your future with information presented by Future Center Advisors.

**Campus Visit to University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Monday, October 16 (non school day) 7 a.m. departure**

Students are invited to a campus visit to University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

**Campus Visit to Luther College  
Monday, October 30 (non school day) 7 a.m. departure**

Students are invited to a campus visit to Luther College in beautiful Decorah, Iowa.

*All campus tours are free. Lunch is \$10, which is refundable to students on free and reduced lunch. See your Future Center Advisor to sign up.*

**Career Lunch and Learns will start in October.**

These take place in small informal groups. Guest professionals explain their career choice and talk about their experiences getting there. If there is a career field you are interested in, let your advisor know, and we will try to schedule a speaker in that field.

**Future Centers**

**What's your dream? We are here to help you achieve it!**



*Our Future Centers:*

\* Assist you in discovering opportunities in careers that are sustainable and rewarding.

\* Connect you with the information and



*Above is a Promise home on 5th Avenue (above), which is coming along nicely and will be complete soon for a private homeowner.*

**Three Spec Homes for Sale**

Two homes on Farnam and one house on Johnson are under construction and available for homebuyers. 931 and 943 Farnam are listed by Wied Investments and 504 Johnson is listed by Spies Construction. The home on Johnson has an offer pending from what will be the tenth Promise scholarship eligible family. Both builders say the home designs and floor plans are not only functional but also fit in nicely with the historic neighborhood. High-quality materials will be used in all of this new construction. Because the builders applied for the scholarship, these properties have "Promise scholarships" already reserved. The homebuyer can just apply themselves within 60 days of closing.

The initial target of the La Crosse Promise program is to award the scholarship funds to 30 households. This place-based scholarship program is the only one in the country that offers scholarships to residents who build, buy or renovate homes in select neighborhoods.

To find out what La Crosse Promise Scholarship eligible properties are available to build your dream home, please visit this [site](#).

**Events**

**Come see us this summer!**

resources necessary to pursue post high school options.

\* Explain financial aid and help you with the application process.

\* Help you locate scholarships.

\* Provide you with guidance with college selection, applications, and more!



**Neighborhood Time Travels Walking Tours with Michael Scott (free!)**  
*Starts at Southside Neighborhood Center*  
Saturday, August 12 (11 a.m.), Thursday, September 7 (6 p.m.) and Saturday, October 14 (11 a.m.)

**Cameron Park Farmer's Market**  
Saturday, August 12 (8:30 -10:30 a.m.) and Friday, September 15 (4 - 6 p.m.)

**Back to School Bash**  
Presented by the Ho-Chunk Center  
Monday, August 14 (2 - 7 p.m.) Lunda Center, Western Tech

**Steppin' Out in Pink: Gundersen Health System Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness**  
September 9 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

## FUTURE CENTERS

Logan High School: 608.789.7034

Central High School:  
608.789.2054

## Current Homes and Lots Available



**Ready to build or buy your dream home and receive up to \$50,000 in scholarships?**

[View Properties Here](#)

A new Promise Scholarship-eligible home is currently being built at 504 Johnson Street  
Call us at 608.792.1137 to find out more!

## Home Designs Available



The La Crosse Promise Neighborhood Program Home Design Catalog is available to help La Crosse Promise families in planning their new homes. View some of the plans in this booklet [available here.](#)

## OUR MISSION:

La Crosse Promise is a catalyst for community revitalization through education.

## ABOUT US

La Crosse Promise is a non-profit agency promoting education and neighborhood revitalization. We offer homebuyers up to \$50,000 in scholarships and assist high school students to help them realize their dreams for the future!

**608.789.2049 or 608.792.1137**

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

Please give at [lacrossepromise.org](http://lacrossepromise.org)



[Give now](#)

**THANK YOU!**

**Forward to a Friend**



*The mission of La Crosse Promise is to be a private sector solution to strengthen our community and improve the quality of life for all its citizens through a strong commitment to education.*