



COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

Announcements for the week of October 31st – November 6th

ALERT: Someone is calling our families from Dream Scholars Foundation. I know nothing about this program so please do not give out your credit card information. If you want information about standardized test prep, I can give you some suggestions.

SENIORS: As deadlines approach, keep in mind that our office requires that transcript and recommendation requests be made 20 working days in advance of YOUR deadline. October 15th for November 15th deadlines...November 5th for December 15th and January 1st and 2nd deadlines.

SENIORS, if you are applying to Loyola University New Orleans and would like to have a scholarship interview, please sign up on Ms. Flair's door. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at Ben Franklin.

JUNIORS: Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse American (LEDA) is a not-for-profit organization committed to nurturing the leadership potential of exceptional students of under-represented socio-economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds. LEDA seeks to increase admission of under-represented youth to the country's leading colleges and universities, and to foster their successful participation at these institutions. If you would like to spend six weeks next summer at Princeton University free of cost, you are a candidate for a selective college or university AND you fulfill the following criteria, see Ms. Flair by Monday, November 2, 2009 to get an application.

- a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- All other factors being equal, LEDA will give preference to:
 - First generation students (i.e. the first in their immediate family to graduate from a four-year college or university)
 - Students whose family income is less than \$75,000 a year, and/or
 - Students who are from a racial or ethnic background that is significantly underrepresented at selective colleges or universities (i.e. Native American, Black/African-American, and Hispanic/Latino)

COLLEGES COMING TO YOU to date - 10/30/2009

College	Representative	Date	Time
Centenary College of Louisiana	Grant Brewer	Tue November 3, 2009	8:30 AM
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Wil Adams	Wed November 4, 2009	10:00 AM
Trinity College Dublin	Sarah Coyle	Thu November 5, 2009	8:00 AM
Loyola University New Orleans Scholarship Interviews – sign up on Ms. Flair's door	Harris Martinson	Wed November 11, 2009	9:30 AM
St. John's College	Karl Petrick	Wed November 18, 2009	9:25 AM

Check your Naviance Account daily as college and university representatives call everyday to schedule their appointments.



SAT I & SAT Subject TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES



Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009	November 12, 2009
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009	December 30, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010	February 18, 2010



ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES



Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline(regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline Period
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 20, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 15, 2010

If you miss the late registration deadline for ACT or SAT, you may try to take these exams "on standby." See Ms. Flair for details.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING

****Important: If you are nominated for a particular scholarship program, please realize that this is a great honor and that BFHS considers you their best candidate for success... however, recognize that a nomination is not a guarantee that you will receive that scholarship. Most require interviews, etc. and are very competitive with students from across the country. Be sure to prepare for your best work, and best of luck. ****

HURRY "It's the Season" Christmas Card Art Contest – Your art could be featured in the Louisiana Education Loan Authority's 2009 holiday greeting cards **DEADLINE** AND win a scholarship. Go to www.askLela.org. **DEADLINE** for submission is **November 6, 2009**. **APPROACHING**

HURRY Each year the Elks National Foundation awards the Most Valuable Student Scholarship. If you are a senior and would like to apply for this VERY **DEADLINE** lucrative scholarship program, pick up an application in Ms. Flair's office. Applications ARE NOT available online. **The deadline for applications TO BE** **APPROACHING** RECEIVED (at the Elks Lodge – on Cleary Ave. in Metairie) is **November 2, 2009**.

HURRY Thinking about applying to the Culinary Institute of America? Then you should apply for **Top Turkey Recipe Contest** and you might win a scholarship to the CIA! **DEADLINE** Application deadline is **November 2, 2009**. See Ms. Flair for details. **APPROACHING**

HURRY The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is pleased to announce its first annual "Freedom in Academia" student essay contest. This **DEADLINE** scholarship program is available to seniors who are willing to write an in-depth essay explain why free speech and First Amendment rights are crucial to **APPROACHING** higher education and how abuses of these rights harm the college experience. The First Place winner will receive a \$5000 award. For more information, go to www.thefire.org/contests. **The deadline for essay submission is November 6, 2009. Winners will be announced 12/11/2009.**

HURRY Each year, the **Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** works on behalf and at the direction of the entire Coca-Cola system to provide scholarship **DEADLINE** programs and enrichment opportunities in support of exceptional young people's thirst for knowledge and their desire to make a difference in the **APPROACHING** world. The current application for the Coca-Cola Scholarship is now available at www.coca-colascholars.org. The deadline to submit your application is **October 31**.

HURRY **GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Atlanta, GA – The President's Scholarship Program** is available for exceptional students in the field of **DEADLINE** mathematics and science and provides full tuition for four years of study. For more information go to <http://www.finaid.gatech.edu/scholarships/>. **APPROACHING** Deadline to apply: **October 31, 2009**.

HURRY **RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM** – African-American HS seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel **DEADLINE** academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must **APPROACHING** be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Students may begin the application process online at www.ronbrown.org beginning September 1, 2007. **Deadline to apply November 1, 2009**

HURRY Are you a budding film producer? If so, that interest could help you win a scholarship. Go to <http://www.ed.gov/iamwhatilearn/index.html> to learn what **DEADLINE** your Public Service Announcement (video) should include. Hurry, **the deadline to submit your film is November 2, 2009**. **APPROACHING**

The Boston University Trustee Scholarship is a merit-based award recognizes students who show outstanding academic and leadership abilities. Students from the United States and around the world are nominated by high school principals and headmasters. Those considered for the Trustee Scholarship typically rank in the top 5–10% of their class and demonstrate exceptional records of service and activity in their schools and communities. This scholarship requires a nomination from your counselor. **Deadline to apply December 1, 2009**, therefore, see your counselor today!

The Louisiana AFL-CIO will be awarding **three \$1000 scholarships** at their 55th Annual Convention, which will be held on March 15-16, 2010 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. To be eligible to enter this essay contest, all contestants must be high school seniors residing in Louisiana and have a parent or step parent who is a member of an affiliated local union in good standing with the Louisiana AFL-CIO. The deadline to submit you essay is **January 15, 2010**. See Ms. Flair for the essay topic.

BURGER KING® Scholars awards are \$1,000 each and may be used for educational expenses, such as tuition fees and books, during the first year of college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. For students to qualify, they must be a high school senior and a resident of the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico that meets the following criteria: maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher, works part-time for a minimum of 10 hours per week or 40 weeks per year, be actively involved in community service activities, demonstrates financial need (1040 form required), plans to enroll in an accredited two/or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school by Fall of the application year. Please visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/>. **Applications are available online Sept. 14, 2009 – Feb. 1, 2010.**

The **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** is pleased to announce that their 2009-2010 applications are now available. If you are a senior who is of Hispanic heritage, go to www.hsf.net to see the many scholarship possibilities that are available.

Entergy New Orleans and the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation have partnered to present the **Entergy Scholarship Award**. The \$5,000 scholarship is annually provided to a New Orleans area graduating high school senior planning on attending a university in the state of Louisiana. The student must have participated in high school sports, is not attending college on an athletic scholarship, and demonstrates financial need. The **deadline for this scholarship is November 30, 2009**. See Ms. Flair for a copy of the scholarship application.

Horatio Alger Scholars are not your average group of high school students; they are teenagers who have risen above adversity in their lives to maintain their grades, remain active in their community and participate in extracurricular activities. Seniors, if this describes you, apply for the Horatio Alger State Scholarship. Students must be planning to attend college in the New Orleans area. See Ms. Flair for details.

Louisiana Smart Start Scholarship Program is a 4-yr full tuition scholarship at qualifying LA colleges for seniors interested in business, communications, computer science, engineering, liberal arts, or social science. For more information and requirements visit www.jpmorangchase.com/smartstart or call 866-520-2976.

The GMS program selects one thousand students per year as **GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS**. The scholarship supports the costs of attendance, and can be renewed each year during the Scholars undergraduate program. The award is also renewable for graduate study for those who choose one of the seven graduate majors: public health, mathematics, science, computer science, engineering, education, or library science. Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they:

- ★ Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American;
- ★ Are a citizen, legal permanent resident or national of the United States;
- ★ Have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (*unweighted*);
- ★ Will be entering a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking freshman in the Fall of 2010;
- ★ Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities; and
- ★ Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria – For more information visit www.fafsa.ed.gov;
- ★ Have completed and submitted all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form, and Recommender Form) by the deadline.

Nomination forms are available at www.gmsp.org. The Deadlines for Submission of Nomination Materials is: **January 11, 2010 11:59 p.m. EST.**

THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION (GNOFCU) is kicking off its first annual \$500 Scholarship Program, "DELIVER A DREAM"! All applicants must be a member of the GNOFCU to participate (membership is free at www.gnofcu.com) and must submit a 250 – 1000 word essay. See Ms. Flair for details. The **deadline to submit you essay is March 18, 2010.**

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SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS – SAE is sponsoring several scholarship opportunities for students who have an interest in pursuing an engineering degree. For further information and an application go to <http://www.sae.org/students/awards>. Scholarships range in value from \$1,000 - \$10,000! Deadline to apply is **December 1, 2009.**

TULANE UNIVERSITY, New Orleans, LA – Come by the Counselors' Office and review Tulane's file to see the many scholarship opportunities that are available. Also, Tulane waives its application fee for LA residents.

The **Mattie Jones Hill Memorial Scholarship** is awarded each year to a high school senior to help defray the cost of attending college. This \$1000 to \$2000 scholarship is awarded based on evaluation of the application, transcript, two letters of recommendation and financial need. See Ms. Flair for details. **The deadline to apply is January 15, 2010.**

It takes courage to stand up for your beliefs; in *Profiles in Courage*, John F. Kennedy describes the story of eight U.S. elected officials who demonstrated political courage. Here's your chance to write a new profile in courage. If you're in grades 9 through 12 and are willing to write a less than 1000 word essay about a U.S. elected official who courageously addressed a political issue, you could win a scholarship valued at \$500 to \$5000. If you're interested in learning more, come to the Guidance Office for details. **Deadline for submission is January 09, 2010.** For more information, go to www.jfklibrary.org.

Apply now for **THE EUGENE McDERMOTT SCHOLARS PROGRAM** of the University of Texas at Dallas. This lucrative scholarship program covers the full cost of tuition, room, board, travel and much more. Check out the website at <http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/>. **Deadline to apply December 1, 2009.**

YOUNG EPIDEMIOLOGY SCHOLARS COMPETITION – for promising juniors and seniors who aspire to make a difference. Students are asked to submit a research report that sheds light on a health-related issue. For more information go to www.collegeboard.com/yes. Deadline to apply: **February 4, 2010.**

Diversity Program Opportunities***** **Each year many highly selective colleges and universities seek to diversify their student population. In an effort to get prospective students to visit their campuses, these institutions have Diversity weekend programs. If you are an academically competitive senior who is of African American, American Indian or Hispanic decent or you are from a low socioeconomic background, you may have an opportunity to visit some college campuses free of charge. See Ms. Flair for a list of schools that offer this opportunity Watch these opportunities for talented low income and/or multicultural students. See Ms DeGrazio or Ms Flair**

University of Chicago – Students of Color Open House,

Colby College - Discover Colby – Last Sunday and Monday of October – fall fly-in all-expenses paid.

Cornell University College of Engineering's Fall Hosting Program - math and science - all expense-paid programs. Apply online at www.engineering.cornell.edu/fallhosting.

Denison University – Campus Visits and scholarships – see counselor for recommendation.

Grinnell Diversity Leaders Program – free trip to campus, register by Sept 30th.

Oberlin College *Multicultural Visit Programs* -- all-expense-paid trip to campus by visiting www.oberlin.edu/flyin.

Mount Holyoke “Focus on Diversity” – Reserve you place by Wed. Nov. 1st at www.mtholyoke.edu/go/focusdiversity