



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE
Announcements for the week of December 12th – 18th

EVERYONE, exams are a very important part of your grade. Study hard, do well. Junior grades are critical in the college application process as are first semester senior grades!! ... and by the way seniors, second semester grades and important too! Good luck with exams!!

Several important dates to remember

January 5, 2010 – We have invited ten recent graduates to be on a panel to speak to **juniors, seniors, and their parents**. Our panel members will answer questions about the transition to college. We will have students from a broad range of colleges and universities, public, private, in state, out of state, small, large, and more. Make the move to college a little easier with great information from students who have experienced the transition. So mark your calendars for

JANUARY 5, 2010

5:30 pm – DINNER – FUND RAISER FOR TENNIS TEAM
\$5.00 FOR CHILI AND SALAD

6:00 – 7:00 PM – PANEL WITH Q & A

Panelists will be:

Jill Tatarski – LSU - freshman
Ben Fleury – Cornell University - freshman
Michelle Sesler – Harvard University – junior
Chris Wheelahan – Carnegie Mellon – junior
Jordan Coughlin – University of California – Berkeley – sophomore
Dwayne Fontenette – Loyola NOLA – freshman
Jonathan Lazo – Loyola NOLA - freshman
Charlotte Fournier – Tulane – freshman
Sally Bronston – University of Pennsylvania – freshman
Akeya Aidoo – Howard University – freshman
Lizzy Dupont – college graduate headed to the Peace Corps
Xavier University – freshman

January 20, 2010 – Juniors and their parents are welcome to meet with Ms. Flair from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for a college Q & A. There is no agenda to this meeting. It is simply an opportunity to get your questions answered. What do I need to do for TOPS? When do I take the SAT/ACT/Subject Tests? How do I pay for college? What does it take to get in to LSU? I want to go out of state, help! What is a liberal arts college? How do I deal with the NCAA and possibility of playing sports in college? AND any other questions you have. See you January 20th in the library from 6 – 7:00PM.

Freshman and sophomore parents will learn about standardized testing given to their students and about what freshmen and sophomores should be doing to prepare for the college application process. **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**, meet Ms. Flair and Ms. DeGrazio in the auditorium for a one hour presentation to begin at 6:00PM.



SAT I & SAT Subject TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES



While registration fee waivers are available for students who are on free or reduced lunch, the limited number of waivers go to seniors first. Underclassmen who have multiple testing opportunities available will not be given a fee waiver.

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009	December 30, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010	February 18, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010



ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES



Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline(regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline Period
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 19, 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.

COLLEGES COMING TO YOU to date - 12/4/2009

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design Anne Harvey Thu January 14, 2010 1:45 PM
Check your Naviance Account daily as college and university representatives call everyday to schedule their appointments.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING

NEW SCHOLARSHIP:

The Louisiana Solid Waste Association is currently offering a scholarship for high school graduates interested in pursuing a career in the Environmental Industry. See Ms. Flair for a copy of the scholarship application. The **deadline for receipt of the application is February 1, 2010.**

HURRY DEADLINE APPROACHING The Overture to the Cultural Season is pleased to announce their annual High School Artistic Achievement Awards. Scholarships will be awarded in the areas of creative writing, dance, instrumental music, visual arts, vocal music and theater. See Ms. Flair for details of these awards and to pick up

HURRY DEADLINE APPROACHING The non-profit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers identifies America's most creative, original and innovative teens through the presentation of The Scholastic Art & writing Awards. Go to www.artandwriting.org for details on how to apply. The deadline to submit your work is December 11, 2009 (with a \$5.00 submission fee) or January 8, 2010 with an \$8.00 submission fee).

HURRY DEADLINE APPROACHING The 2010 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award online application instructions are now available. Have you started your own successful business? Then go to www.NFIB.com/YEA, click on "Apply Now" and get started. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2009.

HURRY DEADLINE APPROACHING 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.**

HURRY DEADLINE APPROACHING 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.

The Tom Joyner Foundation® announced the 'Full Ride' Scholarship program that will cover all the expenses of one student planning to attend a Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) in the fall of 2010. Students will receive full tuition and stipends for up to 10 semesters to cover room and board (on-campus only) and books up. Students must meet the required academic standards each semester to renew the funds each year. Graduating high school seniors can apply for the scholarship by going to BlackAmericaWeb.com (<http://www.blackamericaweb.com/site.aspx/foundation/fullride>). To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria. The applications must be postmarked no later than January 15th, 2010. The winner will be announced on April 2, 2010.

The Louisiana State Knight of Columbus is pleased to announce their annual Scholarship Program for Catholic Boys and Girls who have exhibited leadership and Catholic values. Seniors who are actively involved in their Catholic church should apply for this scholarship opportunity. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2010. See Ms. Flair for an application.

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 your 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.haveyourwayfoundation.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.

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.jp Moran chase.com/smartstart or call 866-520-2976.

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 your essay is March 18, 2010.

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR ANNUAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND HAVE ACHIEVED GREAT THINGS IN THE CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY, GO TO WWW.CO-OP.EDU FOR MORE DETAILS. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 15, 2010.

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.

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.