



FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE



Announcements for the week of 08/17 – 08/22

College Applications - Be in the Know

Stop by the Guidance Office to make an appointment to meet with your counselor to get started on this sometimes overwhelming process. The sooner you begin, the less overwhelming it will be.

- Fact 1** You will get to know the Counselor's office and its college library very well. Come in and review information about the college admission process and different school application requirements.
- Fact 2** **DEADLINES will get you if you aren't careful** - deadlines for college applications, for scholarship applications, for financial aid applications, for ACT and SAT registration. Pay close attention to your deadlines and to Franklin's internal deadlines. REMEMBER, it takes four weeks (20 school days) for the Guidance Office to prepare and mail your recommendation and/or transcript.
- Fact 3** While the bulk of this process will require a great deal of effort on your part, you will work closely with us, either Ms. DeGrazio (last names beginning with M – Z) or Ms. Flair (A – L). Come get to know us because we will write your counselor letters of recommendations. We will be offering a weekly or bi-monthly College Bulletin to keep you posted on College Visitors, test registration deadlines, scholarship opportunities and more. It is YOUR responsibility to read the Bulletins, to check the Junior/Senior Bulletin Board in the second floor stairwell, to meet with your counselor, to meet with college reps as they visit Franklin's campus. In short, the process is your responsibility and we will do everything in our power to make it as easy as possible.
- Fact 4** **The clock is running** - so start the application process NOW. Last year, you received your *College Admissions Handbook* full of great information on helping you to narrow your options and select the colleges and/or universities to which you will apply. **Download a copy from the Counselors' page of the school website ([click here](#))**. Review the *Handbook* with regard to all that is required to acquire letters of recommendation from your teachers and from your College Counselors. See page 6-1 of the *College Admissions Handbook* to see what is required before we can write your letters of recommendation.
- Fact 5** *If you haven't taken the SAT, Subject Tests, and/or the ACT, DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE OCTOBER test dates. Register online at www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org.* The deadline for the October 14th SAT (or Subject Tests) is September 12. The deadline for the October 28th ACT is September 22nd. Don't forget to send your test scores to Franklin, school code: 192006.

SAT I & SAT Subject TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009	September 23, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009	October 15, 2009
December 5, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009	November 12, 2009

ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline(regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline Period
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 20, 2009

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.

SENIORS: DON'T FORGET TO REMIND YOUR PARENTS ABOUT THE COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION WEDNESDAY NIGHT, August 19, 2009 IN THE AUDITORIUM – 6:30 TO 7:30 p.m.

PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE ATHLETE? If so, now is the time to complete and submit the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse form. Anyone considering participation in college athletics MUST submit this form. See your counselor or go to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Even a chance you will apply to LSU??? Then NOW is the time to apply for admissions so that three days later you can apply for housing. Applications are available online at www.lsu.edu. You will be required to submit a \$150.00 housing deposit, \$100.00 of which is refundable if requested in writing typically before June 1, 2010. **IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE YOU WILL LIVE IN THE DORM, YOU MUST APPLY FOR HOUSING NOW!** Applying to **other large state schools?** Apply for housing as soon as you can.

Colleges coming to you

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for these important dates **AND** the **FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE NIGHT!** College reps who will come to the Counselor's Office. **New colleges added since the last bulletin!!**

Scheduled College Visits			
College	Representative	Date	Time
No College visits	Counselors Off Campus - LACROA	Wed August 26, 2009	All day
Samford University	Lisa Hart	Tue September 1, 2009	8:30 AM
EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS	Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, & Stanford at the Marriott on Convention Center Blvd. rsvp at www.exploringcollegeoptions.org	Thu September 3, 2009	7:30 PM
Washington University in St. Louis	Alison McCann	Thu September 10, 2009	8:15 AM
Vassar College	Nicole Savage	Thu September 10, 2009	9:30 AM
Millsaps College	Josh Koller	Fri September 11, 2009	10:00 AM
No College Visits	Counselors Off Campus College Board	Wed September 23, 2009	8:00 AM
Yale University	Mark Dunn	Thu September 24, 2009	6:30 PM
Yale University	Mark Dunn	Fri September 25, 2009	10:00 AM
BEN FRANKLIN COLLEGE NIGHT MONDAY, September 28, 2009 6:00 to 8:00pm			
Hendrix College	Mr. Lovemore Gororo	Tue September 29, 2009	12:30 PM
Georgetown University	Lia Glavin	Mon October 5, 2009	1:00 PM
University of Virginia	Leigh Morgan	Tue October 6, 2009	6:30 PM
University of Notre Dame	Christina Brooks	Mon October 19, 2009	6:30 PM
St. John's College	Karl Petrick	Wed November 18, 2009	9:25 AM

Please remember that **college visitors are NOT an excuse to miss class** and that your teacher does not have to sign your pass. You should elect to visit only with representatives of colleges that fit your academic profile. If you will miss class, don't forget to pick up a College visitor pass during lunch

CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE?

See where you stand with financial aid. Try the FAFSA4caster on the FAFSA website: www.fafsa.ed.gov or this University of Arizona site: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/money/estimate.aspx>. Both will give you an idea of where your family stands for financial aid. What you will learn is an ESTIMATE of your EFC (Expected Family Contribution). These will give you good estimates for schools that do not require the CSS Profile. For schools that require the Profile, try this page on the Williams College website: <http://www.williams.edu/admin/finaid/calculator/>.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every senior should have started an online scholarship search. Use www.fastweb.com or www.collegeanswer.com or any of the many free online searches available.

******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. ******

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill – The Morehead-CAIN Scholarship recognizes well-rounded young leaders who set a high standard for the rest: in conduct and in achievement, in the classroom and in extracurriculars. Morehead nominees must demonstrate capacities to lead and to motivate fellow students, scholastic ability and extracurricular attainments, moral force of character, and physical vigor. If you are interested in being considered for Franklin's one nomination, see Ms. DeGrazio or Ms. Flair by August 31, 2009.

The University of Virginia's Jefferson Scholars program seeks to attract the most promising students in the country, those who possess exceptional ability in leadership and scholarship and who show promise of making a significant contribution to the University community as students and to society at large. Seniors who are interested in being considered for Franklin's one nomination for this outstanding scholarship opportunity must sign up in the Guidance Office by October 1st.

We have been invited to nominate students to receive **the Danforth Scholars Award for Washington University** for any interested students. Students with strong standardized test scores, high grades, and extracurricular involvement are invited to apply. Winners will receive full and partial scholarships to **Washington University**. Deadline to indicate you interest is October 1, 2009.

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 grade, 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.

Each year, **the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** works on behalf and at the direction of the entire Coca-Cola system to provide scholarship programs and enrichment opportunities in support of exceptional young people's thirst for knowledge and their desire to make a difference in the 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.

Davidson College- JOHN MONTGOMERY BELK SCHOLARSHIP. Franklin may nominate one (1) student of demonstrated intellectual and personal success & significant leadership ability. The value of this scholarship is equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees. Contact the Counselors before November 15th.

Davidson College- BRYAN SCHOLAR AND DAVIDSON SCHOLAR PROGRAMS. Davidson seeks students who have demonstrated intellectual and personal success in the classroom and in athletic endeavors, & significant leadership ability. The value of this scholarship is equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees. You must be nominated by your coach or a Davidson coach no later than September 10th and Parts I and II of the Davidson or Common Application for admission must be submitted by September 20th.

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

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.

Rhodes College, Memphis, TN – We may nominate (1) student to be considered for the **WALTER D. BELLINGRATH SCHOLARSHIP**. Students who have received this award in the past have earned at least a 3.8 GPA and have scored at least a 30 on the ACT. If you are interested in being nominated, please see your Counselor by **10/1/09**. Scholarship winners receive full tuition for four years of study at Rhodes College.

RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM – African-American HS seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must 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**

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.. so if you have already paid for an application, come by the office and see Ms. Flair.

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**.

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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, 2009**.

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