



# FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

Announcements for the weeks of 01/17/2012 – 01/20/2012

## SAT I & SAT Subject TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late
<b>January 28, 2012</b>	<b>SAT &amp; Subject Tests</b>	<b>December 30, 2011</b>	<b>January 13, 2012</b>
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 3, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests		

## ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline(regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline Period
<b>February 11, 2012*</b>	<b>January 13, 2012</b>	<b>January 20, 2012</b>
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 18, 2012

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.

**JUNIORS:** Interested in some free online standardized test prep?? Try this site: [http://www.internet4classrooms.com/enrichment\\_2011/signup.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/enrichment_2011/signup.htm)

## CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE?

Starting October 31, all colleges and universities must have on their website a financial aid calculator. This will help you see and ESTIMATE of what your expected family contribution will be if you attend that institution. In the meantime, see where you stand with financial aid right now by trying the FAFSA4caster on the FAFSA website: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. Click on FAFSA4caster (lower right side) on the first page. This site 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). This financial aid calculator will give you a good estimate 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/>.

**PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE ATHLETE?** If so, now is the time to complete and submit the NCAA Clearinghouse form. Anyone considering participation in college athletics MUST submit this form. We cannot send your transcript through Naviance unless you have registered with the NCAA. See your counselor or go to [http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA\\_EMS/NCAA.html](http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html)

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 (as of 11/17/2011)

<u>College</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Dillard University</u>	Alvin House	Tues. Jan. 17	8:20 AM

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every junior and senior should have started an online scholarship search. Use [www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com) or any of the many free online searches available.

**Deadline** Honoring the legacy and character of our nation's 40th President, **THE GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, **FAST** integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. Applications for the 2012 GE-**APPROACHING** Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program will be accepted online between **November 14, 2011 and February 17, 2012**. Like President Reagan, candidates use the formative experiences of their youth to lead, serve, and pursue a life of purpose and significance, both individually and for their communities. Each year, roughly 20 Scholars will receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for an additional three years – up to \$40,000 total per recipient. For more information, go to

**DEADLINE** **THE MATTIE JONES HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded each year to a high school senior **FAST** to help defray the cost of attending college. This \$1000 to \$2000 scholarship is awarded based on evaluation of t  
**APPROACHING** the application, transcript, two letters of recommendation and financial need. See Ms. Flair for details. **The deadline to apply is January 15, 2012**

**DEADLINE** **THE HERBERT JACKSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**, valued at \$1,000, is awarded to graduating **FAST** high school student who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning. **The deadline to apply for the**  
**APPROACHING** scholarship is **January 15, 2012**. See Ms. Flair for details and a copy of the application packet. These are local scholarships so the competition pool is smaller. **APPLY!**

**DEADLINE** **THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES U.S. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** is open to high **FAST** school seniors and offers scholarships to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic  
**APPROACHING** achievement, leadership and community involvement. Since 1985, \$40 million in scholarships have been awarded. There are several different scholarship applications. Go to the website to see which one is for you. **The deadline to submit your application is January 27, 2012**. Go to [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org).

**DEADLINE** **KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLARS** is looking for high school seniors with financial need and an entrepreneurial **FAST** spirit to qualify for the **KFC Colonel's Scholar Program**. Awards are up to \$20,000 for tuition, fees, textbooks,  
**APPROACHING** room and board. To qualify, graduating high school seniors must earn a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.75, enroll in a public college or university within their state of legal residence, plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and demonstrate financial need. **Online applications will be accepted between December 1, 2011 to February 9, 2012** at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org). For questions, visit the website or call toll-free 1-866-KFC-7240.

**DEADLINE** **THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION** is pleased to announce their **FAST** annual Co-op Scholarship program. If you are interested in any of the following institutions of higher learning  
**APPROACHING** and have achieved great things in the classroom and community, go to [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) for more details. **The deadline to submit your application is February 15, 2012**.

**DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING** **THE EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA FOUNDATION (ESAF)** is pleased to announce their annual scholarship competition. This service organization brings volunteers together in programs that make a positive difference to the world community. Students interested in competing for the scholarships available to Louisiana students should go to ESAF's website [www.esaintl.com/esaf](http://www.esaintl.com/esaf) - click on State to learn which scholarships are applicable for Louisiana State residents. There is a financial need component to the selection process. **The deadline to submit applications is February 1, 2012.**

Applications are now open for **THE BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**. Are you a student who is dedicated both in and out of the classroom? Do you drive positive change in the communities? Buick wants to celebrate these students' lives by helping to make college dreams a reality. Don't miss this opportunity to become a Buick Achiever of 2012. Go to <http://www.buickachievers.com/>. **The deadline to apply is February, 29, 2012.**

**THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S CAUCUS** is pleased to announce the application period will open October 18, 2011 for the 2012 Educational Advancement Opportunity (EAO) Scholarship (\$500) and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000). The purpose of the scholarships is to advance the overall education of deserving young women in Louisiana and to assist with the cost of tuition, room & board and/or books. Go to [llwc.louisiana.gov](http://llwc.louisiana.gov) for more information. **The deadline to apply is January 25, 2012.**

Each year, **THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA** sponsors scholarships for children of military officers. If you are the child of an officer, go to [www. http://www.moaa.org/Education/](http://www.moaa.org/Education/), register, and apply for the available scholarship funding. **The deadline to apply online is 12:00noon, March 1, 2012.**

**THE BROTHERS OF THE SIGMA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.** and its Scholarship Foundation would like to offer the opportunity to African American male graduating seniors to apply for our 2012 Academic Scholarship Awards. Seven (7) scholarships totaling \$4,500.00 will be awarded to students who apply and meet the criteria listed on the application. Please feel free to contact a representative with any questions either by email or by voice at the following number, 504-708-4502. See Ms. Flair for a copy of the application. **The deadline to apply is a postmark of Tuesday, March 13, 2012.**

**THE AYN RAND INSTITUTE** proudly announces their annual essay competition for students in grades 8 through 12. Students who have read (or are willing to read) Anthem, Letter of Ayn Rand, and/or The Fountainhead are encouraged to visit [www.aynrand.org/contests](http://www.aynrand.org/contests) to get the details of the competition. Scholarship awards range in value from \$50 to \$10,000. **The deadline for the 8th through 10th grade competition is March 20, 2012. The deadline for the 11th - 12th competition is: April 26, 2012.**

**THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION** is pleased to announce their annual CO-OP Scholarship Program. If you are interested in any of the institutions/programs listed on their website and have achieved great things in the classroom and community, go to [WWW.CO-OP.EDU](http://WWW.CO-OP.EDU) for more details. **The deadline to submit your application is February 15, 2012.**

**THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROJECT NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** offers college scholarships, cash prizes, and a trip to Boston (for top writers) to winners. Go to <http://holocaust.hklaw.com> to access more information including the 2011-2012 writing prompt, contest rules, uploading portal for participating student essayists, and the free teacher guide. **Essays will be accepted until Midnight of April 19, 2012, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Entries received after 12:00 a.m. (EST) will not be accepted.**

**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](http://www.jpmorangchase.com/smartstart) or call 866-520-2976.

**The Milk Mustache Campaign** brings you the **SAMMY 2012 "SCHOLAR ATHLETE MILK MUSTACHE OF THE YEAR" Awards**. If you're a graduating senior who pushes yourself to the limit, gives back to those around you and takes care of your body

by making smart choices like drinking milk, then you could be rewarded with a \$7,500 college scholarship. Visit [www.bodybymilk.com](http://www.bodybymilk.com) for complete rules, information and an online application. **The application deadline is March 4, 2012.**

**THE BIGSUN ORGANIZATION** is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. In order to do our part we are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. This \$500 scholarship can be used to attend any college or university. For more information, go to <http://www.bigsunathletics.com/>. **The deadline to submit your application is June 23, 2012**

## **Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors,**

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER???** Take a look at some of these opportunities or search for a program that is right for YOU!

If you have no plans for the summer, search for a summer program, get a job, or volunteer! We have numerous brochures from college and university programs. Come by the Guidance Office to find a summer activity!

<http://www.enrichmentalley.com/>

[www.teenink.com](http://www.teenink.com)

<http://www.summeroncampus.com/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/787-summer-programs-for-high-school-and-college-students>

There is a file drawer in the Counselors' Office with lots of information about summer opportunities so stop by and check it out.

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ALL DATES are approximate based on last year's programming.

Looking for a great volunteer opportunity? Then consider volunteering as a camp counselor at the **Louisiana Lions Camp**, summer camps for mentally and physically challenged youth in Leesville, LA. The hours are long and the work is plentiful in a very challenging and structured environment. The Lions are looking for sincere and responsible 16 and 17 year olds who will commit to the entire seven week program. Request an application at (800) 348-6567 or download one at <http://www.lionscamp.org/>. Junior counselors receive \$700 for the season. Senior Counselors receive \$875. Camp provides a week of training, room and board, insurance, time off, and lots of challenges.

**Ochsner Medical Center STAR (Science Technology Academic Research) Program** – DEADLINE TO APPLY is March 14, 2012 no later than 4:00pm. Students interested in this outstanding research opportunity (great for budding scientists and pre-meds!) should attend the informational meeting January 27 AND submit a completed application by the deadline. The application requires two recommendations so ask teachers for those NOW! Students must be 16 years old by June 1, 2012 and cannot be 18 years old before August 1, 2012. See Ms. Flair for more details.

**Service Learning in Paris**, July 3 – 30, 2012 – [www.study-serve.org](http://www.study-serve.org)

Center for Language Studies at Beloit College – Summer Intensive Programs in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian; June 11 – August 5, 2012; apply online at [www.beloit.edu/cls](http://www.beloit.edu/cls) Scholarships are available for needy students.

**University of Alabama 2011 Capstone Business Leadership Academy** – approximate dates, June 13 – 22, July 11 – 20, 2012 [www.cba.ua.edu/summeracademy](http://www.cba.ua.edu/summeracademy)

**The Louisiana Scholastic Journalism Institute** (June 5-10, 2012) provides high school students with the opportunity to visit the LSU campus and student media in a one-week course that includes workshops, presentations from experts and faculty and the opportunity to work in professional-level labs and production facilities. Registration deadline is April 29, 2011 and scholarships are available to Louisiana residents who show financial need. Go to their website for more information:

<http://uiswcmweb.prod.lsu.edu/manship/MassComm/ProspectiveStudents/Manship%20School%20Experience/item19978.html>

**The Catholic University of America (DC) "Engineering New Frontiers"** July 17 – 22, 2012. Go to <http://engineering.cua.edu/ENF.cfm>.

**Washington University (MO) –** <http://summerscholars.wustl.edu>

**Choate Rosemary Hall Summer Programs –** [www.choate.edu/summerprograms](http://www.choate.edu/summerprograms).

**Tulane University's 3 week Summer High School Program in Architecture** – for more information, call Wendy Sack – 865-5389.

**University of Notre Dame (IN) Summer Scholars** - June 19 – July 2, 2012, for rising juniors and seniors (Tuition based \* limited scholarship assistance is available). 11 tracks of academic study offered. Application deadline: March 15, 2012. Additional programs include Global Issues Seminar, Latino Community Leadership Seminar, and Seminar for African American Scholars.

**Discover the world's Greatest Classrooms, Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Montpellier and Barcelona** – summers abroad – [www.oxbridgeprograms.com](http://www.oxbridgeprograms.com).

**Ringling College of Art & Design (FL) Pre-College Perspective** – June 26 – July 23, 2012  
[www.ringling.edu/precollege](http://www.ringling.edu/precollege).

**Wesleyan University (CT) Center for Creative Youth Summer Arts Residency** – June 26 -2 July 30, 2012 – [www.crec.org/ccy](http://www.crec.org/ccy).

**Harvard College Prep (MA)** – June 25 – August 12, 2012 – [www.ssp.harvard.edu](http://www.ssp.harvard.edu). Harvard Summer School Program for Secondary Students.

**Columbia University (NY) Summer High School Programs** in New York City, Barcelona and the Middle East – [www.ce.columbia.edu/hs](http://www.ce.columbia.edu/hs).

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