



FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

Announcements for the weeks of 11/28 – 12/3

SENIORS & PARENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011, 6:00PM TO 7:00PM IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Get all of your financial aid questions answered at this meeting!!!

SAT I & SAT Subject TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012

ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline(regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline Period
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 20, 2012
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.

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

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>Yale University</u>	Brandon Rapp, Student Ambassador	Wed January 4, 2012	9:50 AM

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

DEADLINE Each year, the **NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR FOUNDATION** recognizes young men and women who **APPROACHING** have started their own business, who have participated in Junior Achievement or have participated in other **FAST** entrepreneurship activities. If you are interested in being considered for one of 400 \$1000 scholarships, check out the website at www.nfib.com/yea. Students are encouraged to apply beginning October 1, 2011, and may apply until **December 15, 2011.**

DEADLINE **THE ROBERTSON SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** is one of the most generous and visionary **APPROACHING** scholarship programs in American higher education. This program transforms students through their immersion **FAST** in the intellectual and social life of two dynamic universities and their exposure to new and challenging environments. The experience of being a Robertson Scholar helps students become thoughtful, creative, lifelong contributors to society -- the kind of citizens and leaders prepared to meet the unprecedented challenges of our interdependent world. The Robertson Scholars Program:

- Builds a community of students at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill who will share important educational experiences and who as alumni will become community leaders
- Fosters collaboration between Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill
- Recruits motivated, inspiring undergraduates to Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill
- Further develops the educational opportunities at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill that link classroom learning with community service
- Prepares students to understand, contribute to, and benefit from our culturally, racially, and ethnically diverse and interdependent world. leadership development program. The Robertson Scholars Program is a comprehensive, long term investment in our Scholars' futures.

The deadline is **December 5, 2011.** Go to <http://my.robertsonscholars.org/application>

DEADLINE Apply now for **THE EUGENE McDERMOTT SCHOLARS PROGRAM** of the University of Texas at **APPROACHING** Dallas. This lucrative scholarship program covers the full cost of tuition, room, board, travel and much more. **FAST** Check out the website at <http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/>. **Deadline to apply December 1, 2011.**

DEADLINE **SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS** – SAE is sponsoring several scholarship opportunities for **APPROACHING** students who have an interest in pursuing an engineering degree. For further information and an application go

FAST to <http://www.sae.org/students/awards>. Scholarships range in value from \$1,000 -\$10,000! Deadline to apply is **December 1, 2011.**

DEADLINE APPROACHING FAST **THE ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded each year to students who have exhibited the highest ideals and achievement in the areas of academics, leadership, community service and writing (the essay). Seniors interested in applying for the Elks Scholarship should pick up an application soon. **The deadline for your application to be RECEIVED is December 2, 2011.**

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, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. Applications for the 2012 GE-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

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 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.**

BURGER KING® Scholars awards are at least \$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/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html. **Applications are available online November 15, 2011 – January 10, 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 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 or call 866-520-2976.

THE SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS sponsors several scholarships for talented artists. The competition opened online September 15 at www.artandwriting.org. There are 29 categories of competition. **The deadline for submission of work is January 1, 2012. Don't wait, submit now!!**

THE PROFILES IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST rewards the student who submits the best essay of 1000 words or less demonstrating an understanding of political courage as describes by John F. Kennedy in **Profile in Courage**. The contest registration

and submission **deadline is January 7, 2012**. For more information and to submit your entry, go to www.jfklibrary.org. This competition is open to U.S. high school students in grades nine through twelve.

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 2012;
- ★ 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, 2012 11:59 p.m. EST.**

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 for complete rules, information and an online application. **The application deadline is March 4, 2012.**

THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES U.S. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is open to high school seniors and offers scholarships to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic 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.

KFC COLONEL’S SCHOLARS is looking for high school seniors with financial need and an entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for the **KFC Colonel’s Scholar Program**. Awards are up to \$20,000 for tuition, fees, textbooks, 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. For questions, visit the website or call toll-free 1-866-KFC-7240.

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, 2012.**

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 - click on State to learn which scholarship 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.**

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.**

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, 2012**

THE HERBERT JACKSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, valued at \$1,000, is awarded to graduating high school student who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning. **The deadline to apply for the 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!**

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.