



FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

Announcements for the weeks of 10/24 – 10/28

SAT I & SAT Subject TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late
November 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011

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

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.

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

Even a chance you will apply to LSU??? Then NOW is the time to apply for admissions so once admitted, you can apply for housing. Applications are available online through your PAWS account. 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, 2012. 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 (as of 09/16/2011)

College	Representative	Date	Time
University of Pennsylvania	Alexandra Feinson	Fri October 21, 2011	9:00 AM
AIR FORCE ROTC	Lt. Robert Metcalf	Fri October 21, 2011	10:00 AM
Boston University	Zoe Winkler	Mon October 24, 2011	8:15 AM
University of Notre Dame	LeShane Saddler	Mon October 24, 2011	1:30 PM
Bowdoin College	Mr. Zak Harris	Tue October 25, 2011	8:20 AM
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Mr. Van Erikson	Tue October 25, 2011	1:00 PM
St. Edwards University	Drew Nichols	Fri October 28, 2011	8:20 AM

Rice University	Elsiecheyenne Mate	Fri October 28, 2011	9:30 AM
Wesleyan University	LaShawn Springer	Thu November 3, 2011	9:30 AM
The University of Alabama	Julien Katz	Thu November 3, 2011	8:30 AM
Sewanee: The University of the South	Amy Hill	Mon November 14, 2011	11:45 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 **BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS FOR THE DAY!!!**

CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE?

Starting October 15, 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/>.

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.

****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. ****

DEADLINE **The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)** announces their fourth **APPROACHING** annual Freedom in Academia essay contest. **Deadline to enter** the competition is **November 5, 2011**. **FAST** FIRE will award \$12,500 in college scholarship including a \$5,000 scholarship to the winning essayist. Go to www.thefire.org/contests.

DEADLINE Seniors interested in the **LA-STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)** **APPROACHING** **Research Scholars Program at LSU** are encouraged to apply for this lucrative scholarship program at **FAST** LSU. The program is designed to increase the number of under-represented minorities choosing these fields of study. See Ms. Flair to be nominated and for an application. **The Deadline to for nomination is November 15.**

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.

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.**

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DEADLINE Each year, **the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** works on behalf and at the direction of the entire **APPROACHING** Coca-Cola system to provide scholarship programs and enrichment opportunities in support of exceptional **FAST** 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.**

The 17th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes the importance of youth volunteerism in school and community. All students who have participated in community service are encouraged to complete the online application at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. Once the form has been completed, it must be submitted by the Principal, so make sure Ms. Flair or Ms. Degazio knows you are applying. See Ms. Flair for details

DEADLINE **GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Atlanta, GA – The President's Scholarship Program**
APPROACHING is available for exceptional students in the field of mathematics and science and provides full tuition for
FAST four years of study. For more information go to <http://www.finaid.gatech.edu/scholarships/>. **Deadline to apply: October 31, 2011.**

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 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.**

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, 2011. **Deadline to apply November 1, 2011**

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 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, 2012 11:59 p.m. EST.**

The Milk Mustache Campaign brings you the **SAMMY 2010 "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.

Each year, the **NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR FOUNDATION** recognizes young men and women who have started their own business, who have participated in Junior Achievement or have participated in other 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.**

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!**

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, 2011.**

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.

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, 2011.**

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.

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

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

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 on the second floor just outside of our office, 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 learned about the 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. **Read it NOW (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.