

Guidance Office's Monthly Items of Interest

February 2012

Please make note of the below listed dates and deadlines. See Ms. Rueger for further information or any questions you may have.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

College Goal Sunday will be held Sunday, January 29th at 2pm at Thomas More College. At this time, a gathering of financial aid specialists will be available to assist parents and students to complete the 2011 FAFSA. If you have any questions or are having any difficulty, these are the people to ask! No RSVP is required; just show up at NKU with estimated income for 2011 in hand. Remember that you can begin to submit the FAFSA beginning January 1, 2012. Visit www.kasfaa.com for more information

STANDARDIZED TEST PREPARATION

I regularly get information regarding options for ACT and SAT test prep. An updated list gets posted on my website as it comes in. Students interested in taking any Prep courses should check it out for opportunities in the area this winter.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(1) **AnyCollege.Com Scholarship:** Given randomly to college bound seniors regardless of GPA or test scores. Go to: www.anycollege.com and click on the "Win a Scholarship" button that is located on the home page to enter. After filling out a short application form, students can click on the "Submit Form" button and they are automatically registered.

AMOUNT: \$1,000 Quarterly

DEADLINE: None

(2) **Discover Private Colleges Scholarship:** Awarded to students who register on website to receive information on enrolling at private colleges or universities. Go to www.discovercolleges.com to register and be automatically entered in the scholarship drawing.

AMOUNT: \$2,500

DEADLINE: None

(3) **Christian Connector Scholarship:** Awarded to students who register on website to receive information on enrolling at a Christian College. Go to: www.christianconnector.com to register and be entered in drawing.

AMOUNT: \$2,500

DEADLINE: None

(4) **KFC Colonel's Scholars Program:** For graduating seniors with financial need who enroll in a public institution in their legal state of residence. Student must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher and compose a few short answer responses to various questions. Go to www.kfcscholars.org for application information.

AMOUNT: \$5,000

DEADLINE: 2/8/12

(5) **AXA Achievement Community Scholarship:** For graduating seniors who display ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community and the ability to succeed in college. Visit www.axa-achievement.com to download the application.

AMOUNT: \$2,000

DEADLINE: 2/11/12

(6) **National Co-op Scholarship Program:** For those students who have applied or will be applying to a participating institution (including the University of Cincinnati) and are planning a co-op as part of their major (for example, engineering). There will be 170 scholarships awarded between the 7 member institutions. Student must have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA and complete the application and essay. Go to www.co-op.edu for the application and more information.

AMOUNT: \$6,000

DEADLINE: 2/15/12

(7) **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program:** This program gives about 20 awards out to college-bound students who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship. Visit www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships for more eligibility requirements and online application.

AMOUNT: \$10,000

DEADLINE: 2/17/12

(8) **Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation Scholarships:** These scholarships are available to

students who are the children of a Kentucky Farm Bureau member. Students must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA or minimum ACT score of 23. See Ms. Rueger for more information and the paper application or visit www.kyfb.com and click on "Federation" then go to "Scholarships" found under the "Program Links" to access the online application.

AMOUNT: Varies

DEADLINE: 2/28/12

(9) Buick Achievers Scholarship Program: This scholarship is open to seniors who are planning to attend a four year college/university and choose an area of study within Engineering/Technologies or one of select areas within Business or Design. Awards will be given to students with high academic achievement, financial need and leadership in school activities and community service, among other criteria. Please visit www.buickachievers.com for more information and to apply.

AMOUNT: from \$2,000-\$25,000

DEADLINE: 2/29/12

(10) KYACAC 'Achieve Your Dreams' Scholarship: The Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling is offering their yearly scholarship to students living in the *following counties: Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Campbell, Carter, Elliot, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Greenup, Harrison, Johnson, Kenton, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson, Rowan.* Applications are available from Ms. Rueger.

AMOUNT: 3 awards valued at \$200-\$500 DEADLINE: 3/1/12

(11) Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship Program: For students interested in pursuing the student of engineering at an ABET-EAC accredited college. Student must currently have, and maintain in college, a 3.0 GPA. Applications can be downloaded from <http://kspenky.org> or you can see Ms. Rueger for an application. (Go to www.abet.org to see if your program is accredited)

AMOUNT: \$1,000 a year/4 years

DEADLINE: 3/18/12

(12) James F. Bertsch Memorial Scholarship: For a graduating senior enrolling at Thomas More College. See Ms. Rueger for more information and for an application.

DEADLINE: \$2,500

DEADLINE: 3/19/12

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 9-12

Best Buy Scholarship Program: This scholarship is open to students in **grades 9-12**. Students need solid grades plus community service or work experience. Please visit www.at15.com for more information and to apply online.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

DEADLINE: 2/15/12

SPECIAL NOTES:

(1) Summer opportunities have been coming in! Please keep an eye on my website sites.covingtonlatin.org/guidance for the most up to date listings.

(2) ACT/SAT registration materials are available in the College Center. Both testing organizations are strongly encouraging that all registrations be completed online.

ACT: Register by March 4 for the April 9 test date (online @ www.actstudent.org)

SAT: Register by February 11 for the March 12 test date (online @ www.collegeboard.com)

REMINDER TO JUNIORS: We strongly recommend that you plan to take BOTH the SAT and ACT with Writing by June 2012. BUT, as part of the District Choice State Testing, you will be required to take the ACT (without Writing) on March 20 at school.

Also, start looking to see if any schools you have interest in will require SAT II Subject Test scores so you can plan your testing schedule ahead of time.

(3) JUNIORS: I am currently working through the junior class during your study halls. During these meetings I am reviewing the college application process, what you should be doing the remainder of this year to stay on top of things and giving information about standardized testing. If you want to meet sooner, rather than later, please see me so I can schedule you.