

Guidance Office's Monthly Items of Interest

January 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 30th at 2pm at Northern Kentucky University. At this time, a gathering of financial aid specialists will be available to assist parents and students to complete the 2010 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 2010 in hand. Remember that you can begin to submit the FAFSA beginning January 1, 2011.

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) **Burger King BK Scholars:** Students who apply are eligible to win a \$1,000 to \$50,000 scholarship. Open to high school seniors. Go to http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html for more information and application instructions.

AMOUNT: \$1,000-\$50,000

DEADLINE: 1/10/12

(5) **Brown Fellows Program:** This scholarship is available for top students considering attending either Centre College or the University of Louisville. Eligibility and selection criteria include high scholastic achievements (ACT 31+, high GPA), perseverance, well-rounded leadership and the willingness to serve as an ambassador for Kentucky. Visit http://www.centre.edu/financial_aid/brown_fellows.html for application information for Centre College and <http://louisville.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships/jgb> for information for the University of Louisville

AMOUNT: Full tuition, room & board, etc

DEADLINE: 1/15/12

(6) **Mensa Jerold Hehn Memorial Scholarship:** Students must write an essay of 550 words or less that clearly state the applicant's career, vocational and academic goals. Essays must be typed and double spaced. Application form can be found at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships>

AMOUNT: \$300-\$2,500

DEADLINE: 1/15/12

(7) **Olive Garden Pasta Tales Writing Scholarship:** Open to students from all grades. Students must write a 50-250 word essay on the prompt, "If you were given \$5,000 to support education in your local community, how would you use it and why?" Submit online via www.olivegarden.com. From the main page, click 'About Us' then 'Community', then 'Pasta Tales'.

AMOUNT: \$500-\$2500 in savings bonds **DEADLINE: 1/29/12**

(8) 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

(9) 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

(10) 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

(11) 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

(12) 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

SPECIAL NOTES:

(1) I have a website!!! Go to sites.covingtonlatin.org/guidance for printable documents, up to the minute announcements and more! This site contains information for seniors and their parents during the college application process. It also contains general information relevant to the entire student body. It is updated daily as new information that I want to pass along arrives to me, so please check it out regularly!

(2) Summer opportunities are coming in now, so they are also being posted on my website for students of all grade levels!

(3) ACT/SAT registration materials are available in the College Center. Both testing organizations are strongly encouraging that all registrations be completed online. Practice booklets, registration handouts and paper registration forms are available in the outer office of the Guidance Office.

ACT: Register by January 13 for the February 11 test date (online @ www.actstudent.org)

SAT: Register by December 30 for the January 28 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.

(4) AS OF 12/19/11: 93 applications to 34 Institutions for 24 out of 26 Seniors... This number will be going up with the rush before break. Check your deadlines! PLEASE give application requests to me by Wednesday! I will not be able to do them over break if there is a deadline!