

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

March 2008

Important Announcements

- **Seniors – Turn in the Kiwanis Scholarship application to Mrs. Ross on Monday, March 10th. Remember one senior will receive the \$1,000 scholarship.**
- FAFSA forms can be obtained by calling USDA at 800-433-3243 or visit www.edpubs.org or www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov. You can complete the FASA on the web at www.fafsa.edu.gov.
- Free online college planning tools available at www.collegeboard.com/quick.
- Visit the Guidance Link at www.dhca.org to find Transcript Release forms, Request for Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation, and College Visit Permission forms.
- When you are applying to colleges, remember that a separate scholarship application may be required.
- If you are a male and approaching your 18th birthday, you must register with the Selective Service. You have 30 days to register after your 18th birthday. If you do not register you are breaking the law! Register online at www.sss.gov. If you are 17 years and 3 months you can go ahead and register and it will automatically update when you turn 18.
- All seniors interested in athletic scholarship must register with the NCAA clearinghouse at www.ncaa.org. The NCAA guide for college bound student athletes includes important information and requirements.

Important Testing Dates – DHCA Code # 010-861

- ACT –April 12 – registration deadline is Mar. 7, late registration is Mar. 21 (see Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet, or register online at www.actstudent.org). The last test date for this school year is June 14 (register by May 9, late registration by May 23).
- SAT –May 3 (registration deadline is April 1, late registration is April 10). The last test date for the year is June 7 (register by May 6, late registration by May 15). See Mrs. Ross for a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at www.collegeboard.com.

College Open House Dates

Visit these colleges during their special preview days, or call to schedule a private visit. Most preview days have activities for parents as well as students.

- William Carey University – Preview Day April 5 Call 1.800.962.5991 ext. 103 to register
- Calhoun Community College – Campus tours are available Mon. – Fri from 11-2. Call 306-2870
- University of South Alabama – USA Day –April 5-
www.southalabama.edu/admissions

- Jacksonville State Spring Preview Days – March 8 – www.jsu.edu or 800.231.5291
- UAHuntsville Open House March 8 and April 19 – email admitme@uah.edu or call 824-2773
- Murray State University Racer Days – March 29 – www.enroll.murraystate.edu/racerdays
- Judson College – March 8 – admissions@judson.edu
- Tuskegee University – March 29 – sponsored by the Huntsville/Decatur Tuskegee Alumni – Cost is \$15, with transportation and lunch provided. Register by March 14 – www.tuskegee.edu

Community Service Opportunities

- Habitat for Humanity – Contact Landis Wheat @ 308-1160. landis@morganhabitat.org or www.morganhabitat.org
- Call the ARC @355-6192
- Call the Volunteer Center @ 355-8628 (see Mrs. Ross for an application)
- Ask at your church if you can help in the nursery or around the church campus
- The Neighborhood Christian Center is looking for help to organize food pantry, clothes closet, sort donated items, and answering the telephone. Also, they will need tutors over the next few months. Call Tim or Pamela Bolding at 351-7633 if interested.

Scholarship Opportunities

- For seniors that have been accepted to a college and/or received scholarship/financial aid offers: The college may ask you to respond by a certain deadline. You have the right to request an extension of your decision until May 1, provided you make this request in writing. They must grant this extension, and your request for an extension may not jeopardize your status for admission and/or financial aid. (Please note: This right does not apply if you have been admitted under an early decision program.)
- Ask for scholarship information from each college you are considering! Most of the scholarships DHCA students have been awarded in the past come directly from the universities. Also, check with the department in which you plan to major for departmental scholarship opportunities.
- Ask your parents to check with their employers about possible scholarships made available by their company.
- Kohl's Cares for Kids – Scholarships and gift cards are awarded to students, ages 6-18 who have made a positive impact on others through volunteer work in the last 12 months. Visit www.kohlkidswhocare.com to nominate someone or get more information. Deadline March 15.
- Education Majors – ATRIP scholarship for high school senior who would like to be a teacher. For more info. Visit www.atrip.alabama.gov.
- Alabama Business College of Cosmetology Scholarship – Must have completed 10th grade. Write a 200 word essay on why you would like to become a cosmetologist. Deadline is April 1. Mail entry to Alabama Business College, 121 14th Street, Decatur, AL 35601. Call 355.5355 for more info.

- Several scholarships offered for ACT of 20+ at William Carey University. See Mrs. Ross for details.
- Susan G Komen for the Cure Scholarships – for students who have lost a parent to breast cancer. Applications available online at www.komen.org/grants and click on awards and scholarships.
- SAMMY 2008 – Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year – Application and rules can be found at www.sammy.bodybymilk.com. Deadline is March 7.
- Electric Cooperative Foundation, Inc. of Alabama See Mrs. Ross for an application. Must be a member of Joe Wheeler EMC. 3 winners will be chosen from our area. Up to a \$1,000 scholarship. Application due by March 14th.
- American Cancer Society Scholarships – applicants must have had cancer diagnosis before age 21 and a GPA minimum of 2.5. For application call 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.
- Numerous scholarship opportunities are listed at www.maldef.org
- National Smart Grants – For more information about these student aid grant programs, go to www.federalstudentaid.edu.gov
- SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes – One \$1,000 scholarship will be chosen every two weeks from Oct. 31 to May 15. See offtocollege.info or suntrusteducation.com for more info.
- Calhoun Technology Co-op Education opportunity with over 20+ local companies – get paid for on-the-job training. For info, contact Ann Coleman at 256-306-2938 or see www.calhoun.edu/techno/cooperation/index.html. Deadline is Apr 1.
- Y.O.U.T.H. Friendship Foundation \$3,000 scholarship – must be a US citizen and have financial need. Deadline is April 21 – for more info, see www.youth.ff.com.
- Culinary Institute of America \$3,000 Scholarship – Deadline is April 15. Contact admissions@culinary.edu for an application.
- NASA/MSFC McNair Scholars Program – designed for high ability minority males interested in a science or engineering career. Students will attend Morehouse College for 3 years, then attend Georgia Tech for 2 years. Students majoring in electrical engineering, aerospace engineering, physics, or mathematics will be considered. Call Willie Love at 544-0088 or willie.j.love@nasa.gov
- AES Engineer Scholarships – Deadline Sept. 15, 2008, go to www.aesengineers.com/scholarship.php
- Troy University offers many scholarships – See Mrs. Ross if you are interested.

Summer Programs

- Calhoun College Summer Camps – for students interested in process technology, 3-D modeling, 3-D animation, robotics, youth symphony music/technology, and more. Contact Ann Coleman at 256.306.2938 or apply at <http://www.Calhoun.edu/3d-robotics/index.html>
- Calhoun College SWEETY Camp for 9-10th grade girls interested in electrical and welding technology. Contact Ann Coleman at 256.306.2938.
- Clemson University – Science, Engineering, and Architecture Enrichment Program for high school students. Go to <http://www.clemson.edu/ugs/summerscience/> for more info.

- Vanderbilt Pre-College P.A.V.E. program – six week summer program for those planning to pursue a degree in an engineering, pre-medical, science, or technology program. Contact Prof. John Veillette at 615.322.7827, pave@vanderbilt.edu, or visit <https://pave.vanderbilt.edu>.
- MIT Summer Sessions – Minority Intro to Engineering and Science – Program is for juniors and is free. Go to www.mit.edu and click the link to MITES.
- University of Mississippi – Summer college for juniors and sophomores – earn college credit. See website for more info.
- Carnegie Mellow Summer of Exploration – June 28 – Aug. 8 – Pre-college programs in fine arts, architecture, art, design, drama, music, and game academy. For more info see <http://www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college/design.html>
- Washington University Architecture Discovery Program – Info at www.samfoxschool.wustl.edu. Or call 314.935.6200, application due April 1.
- University of Alabama 2008 Capstone Business Leadership Academy, June 14 – 23 or June 16-25 for rising juniors and seniors, cost is \$350 requires 3.4 GPA, 27 ACT or 1210 SAT. Must also be interested in a business career. Visit www.cba.ua.edu/summeracademy
- Auburn University Summer Experience, June-July, one week camps for rising 7-12 graders. Includes architecture, design, engineering, musical theater, and world affairs. Go to www.auburn.edu/outreach or 334.844.5100
- The Alabama Governor’s School at Samford University, June 15 – June 27, a residential honors program, application deadline is March 15th. Contact Dr. George Keller, 205.726.2033
- University of Alabama – Summer Engineering Program – <http://site.eng.ua.edu> - deadline to apply is May 1