

# COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

**September 2009**

## **Important Announcements**

- **Return your transcript release form ASAP!**
- **Seniors – Many college and universities have Dec. 1 scholarship deadlines. In almost all cases, you must have applied and been accepted before the deadline to be eligible for these scholarships, so now is the time to start filling out those applications!**
- When you are applying to colleges, remember that a separate scholarship application may be required.
- If you are a male and approaching your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, you must register with the Selective Service. You have 30 days to register after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you do not register you are breaking the law! Register online at [www.sss.gov](http://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 playing college athletics must register with the NCAA clearinghouse at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org). The NCAA guide for college bound student athletes includes important information and requirements.

## **Important Testing Dates – DHCA Code # 010-861**

- ACT – Oct. 24 (Registration deadline is Sept 18), Dec. 12 – registration deadline is Nov. 6 (see Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))
- SAT – Oct 10 – Registration deadline Sept. 9, Nov. 7 (registration deadline Oct. 1) (see Mrs. Ross for a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))

## **ACT Test Prep**

- Appleton Learning – ACT Prep Class [www.AppletonLearning.com](http://www.AppletonLearning.com) 256-325-2616 (Located in Madison – offers individual tutoring or small group classes)
- Achievement Plus – ACT Prep 2346 Pansy Street, Huntsville, AL 256-539-8910
- Sylvan Learning Center (on Sandlin Rd) 355-7323
- New Horizon Family Center – Dr. Joseph Routh. Located in Cullman. 739-9876

## **College Fairs**

- National College Fair, Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 1-4 p.m. at Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center – North Exposition Hall. 2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard.

## **College Representative Visits**

- Representative's from the following colleges will be visiting DHCA:
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Union University
  - September 23<sup>rd</sup> - UNA

## College Open House Dates

Visit these colleges during their special preview days, or call to schedule a private tour. Preview days typically host informative sessions about admissions, majors, academic support, financial aid, on-campus living, etc and are open to both prospective students and parents.

- Calhoun Community College – Campus tours are available Monday – Thursday at 10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The last stop on the tour is the Advising Center where students can meet one-on-one with an academic advisor. Reservations for a tour must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Tours can be arranged by calling Ms. Terri Hildreth in Public Relations at 306.2560
- Jackson State University - Preview Day – Nov. 14 – Call 858-6533 for more info.
- University of Alabama – Schedule a tour of campus online [gobama.ua.edu/visits](http://gobama.ua.edu/visits). Info sessions (hosted by admission counselors) are held at 11:30 M-F. University Days are 10/23 and 11/11, 2/5 and 2/15 [universitydays.ua.edu](http://universitydays.ua.edu).
- Auburn University – Go to [www.auburn.edu/admissions/visit](http://www.auburn.edu/admissions/visit) to schedule a family tour.
- Union University – Schedule a private visit M, W, F 8-4:30 or T, TH 8-8, or 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month 9:30 – 12:30 (allow a one week notice) 1.800.33.UNION. Preview days 9/18, 10/23, 11/13, 1/18, 2/15, 3/12, 5/7 [www.uu.edu/campusvisits/previewdays](http://www.uu.edu/campusvisits/previewdays)
- University of Mobile – Preview days 9/25, 11/13, 1/29, 3/19 or schedule a private visit on most Fridays. [www.umobile.edu/admissions/default.asp](http://www.umobile.edu/admissions/default.asp)
- Mississippi State Univ. – Preview days 9/21 and 10/12 [www.admissions.msstate.edu/events](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events)
- Covenant College – Preview weekend Oct 1-3 [www.covenant.edu/visit/cpw](http://www.covenant.edu/visit/cpw)
- Bryan College – Highlight Days (one day event) 9/18, 10/30 or Illuminate (overnight) Sept. 17 or Oct 29. Go to [www.bryan.edu/visit.html](http://www.bryan.edu/visit.html).
- Samford – Preview days 9/19, 10/10, 11/21 or daily campus visits M-F 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 1:30, 3:00. Go to [www.samford.edu/admission](http://www.samford.edu/admission)
- UAB – Preview Days 9/26 or 11/14 register at [main.uab.edu/Sites/apply](http://main.uab.edu/Sites/apply). Daily tours M-F 11:00 & 2:00 [main.uab.edu/Sites/apply/visit/tours](http://main.uab.edu/Sites/apply/visit/tours)
- UNA – Preview Day is Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. Stay for a complimentary dinner and tickets to the UNA football game. [admissions@una.edu](mailto:admissions@una.edu)

## Community Service Opportunities

- 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**

- Better Business Bureau of North Alabama – For Juniors and Seniors! \$1,000 scholarship. Based on personal integrity, character, achievements, academics, and contributions to community and school. Deadline is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. See Mrs. Ross for an application.
- Kids Chance Scholarship – awarded by Alabama State Bar (workers' compensation section) in the amount of \$500 to \$1,500. Applications available at [www.alfinc.org](http://www.alfinc.org). Available to students whose parent(s) have died or became permanently disabled while at work
- Auburn University: Polymer and Fiber Engineering. Application available online at [www.eng.auburn.edu/pfe](http://www.eng.auburn.edu/pfe) to seniors. Contact Julia Freeman 334-844-5457 or [freemja@auburn.edu](mailto:freemja@auburn.edu).