

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

September 2007

Important Announcements

- **Return your blue information forms and transcript release form ASAP!**
- **Seniors – Many college and universities have Nov. 1 or 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 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 – Oct. 27 (Registration deadline is Sept 21), Dec. 8 – registration deadline is Nov. 2 (see Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at www.actstudent.org)
- SAT – Oct 6 – Registration deadline Sept. 10, Nov. 3 (registration deadline Oct. 2) (see Mrs. Ross for a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at www.collegeboard.com)

College Representative Visits

Representative's from the following colleges will be visiting DHCA:

- Friday, Sept. 7 – University of Mobile
- Friday, Sept. 14 – Union
- Monday, Sept. 17 – UNA
- Monday, Oct. 29 - Samford

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.

- Jacksonville State University's Fall Preview Day – Sat. September 22 11 –1. Visit the campus and attend football game for free. Call 1.800.231.JAX1 or visit website at www.jsu.edu. This day is for 10th – 12th grade students.

- Samford University – Preview Days Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Nov. 10, and Dec. 1
Call 1-800-888-7218 for more info. Or register online at www.samford.edu/admission
- Tulane University – Sept. 15 Embassy Suites in Birmingham or Oct. 1 Embassy Suites in Nashville. See Tulane website for more info.
- Troy University – Fall Preview Day (in-depth program) Sept 29.
Fall Visits -Sept 29, Oct 20, Nov 20, Dec 8
Call 1-800-551-9716 or www.troy.edu to schedule visit.
- University of Arkansas – Ready Razorback Day, Oct. 20th – Call 800-377-8632 or go to www.visit.uark.edu
- Ole Miss Fall Visit Day – Oct. 6-8 register @ www.olemiss.edu/admissions/fallspringvisits.html
- University of Montevallo will host its first ever preview day for 11th – 12th grade students on Nov. 3. Call 800-292-4349 to RSVP.
- Calhoun Community College – Campus tours are available Mon. – Fri from 11-2. Call 306-2870
- University of Missouri – Sept. 22, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 3 – Call (573) 882-2456 or visit www.admissions.missouri.edu
- UAB School of Optometry – Sunday, Sept. 9, 1:30 – 5:00 pm, in the ground floor of the Clinic Atrium – Call (205) 975-0739 or email cam642@uab.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.

New Information in the Counseling Office

New information from the following schools has arrived:

- Univ of AL, Samford, Covenant

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.
- See Mrs. Ross if you are interested in attending Samford University for a possible nomination for the Beeson Scholarship
- Samford – Dec. 1 – Postmark application deadline for merit-based scholarship consideration.
- University of Alabama – Freshman scholarship deadline is Dec. 1. An online application must be completed, including a resume, before Dec. 1. A FAFSA form must be completed and submitted no later than March 1 to be considered for any scholarships or financial aid. Housing application is online and is due April 1, 2008.
- Wendy’s High School Heisman Award – honoring male and female students who excel in academics, athletics, and student leadership. See www.wendysheisman.com for an online application. You must have your application completed by Sept. 23 in order for Mrs. Ross to confirm the info. On your application prior to it being submitted online. See Mrs. Ross for more info.
- 7th Annual Ayn Rand Essay Contest – Deadline Sept 17th, top prize is \$10,000. See www.aynrand.org/contest.
- Prudential Spirit of Community Awards – If you have made a difference in your community by volunteering over the past year you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington DC. Go to www.prudential.com/spirit and click on the “Apply Now” link.
- National Smart Grants – For more information about these student aid grant programs, go to www.federalstudentaid.edu.gov
- **UAB** admission requirements have changed for 2007-2008. UAB priority deadline for scholarship consideration is now **NOV 1st**.
- Siemens Competition in math, science, and technology – visit www.siemans-foundation.org or www.collegeboard.com/siemans for more info. Deadline for submission is October 1.
- Ron Brown Scholar Program – visit www.ronbrown.org for more info. Deadlines are Nov. 1 and Jan 9.

Websites of the Month:

- www.alabamamentor.org
- www.campustours.com