

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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Important Announcements

- 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 –Feb. 9 – registration deadline is Jan 4, late registration is Jan 18 (see Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at www.actstudent.org). The next test date is Feb. 9, registration deadline is Jan. 4.
- SAT –Jan. 26 (registration deadline is Dec. 26, late registration is Jan. 4) (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.

- Troy University – Fall Visits - Dec 8
Call 1-800-551-9716 or www.troy.edu to schedule visit.
- Calhoun Community College – Campus tours are available Mon. – Fri from 11-2.
Call 306-2870
- Engineering Day – Auburn University – Feb. 29, 8:00am-noon-
www.eng.auburn.edu
- University of South Alabama – USA Days –Feb 16, and April 5-
www.southalabama.edu/admissions
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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.
- Science and Engineering Apprentice Program at Redstone Arsenal-possible placements include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering, and mathematics – Deadline for application is Jan 31. Contact Julie Lumpkins at 313-4834 for more info.
- UNA – Scholarships for Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene majors – Deadline is Feb 15. Visit www2.una.edu/chemdept.
- UNA Excellence Scholarship 2008 – Deadline is Feb. 1 – See UNA website for more info.
- 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.
- Elks National Foundation 2008 Most Valuable Student Scholarship- Deadline is January 11. Essay required. Over \$2 million to be awarded. Download application at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm.
- Numerous scholarship opportunities are listed at www.maldef.org
- Burger King Scholars Program – several \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for students who have a 2.5 or higher, work an average of 15 hours a week, actively involved in community service, and demonstrate a financial need. Log on at www.bk.com/scholars to apply by Feb. 15
- National Smart Grants – For more information about these student aid grant programs, go to www.federalstudentaid.edu.gov

- Ron Brown Scholar Program – visit www.ronbrown.org for more info. Deadlines are Nov. 1 and Jan 9.
- 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.