

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

November 2007

Important Announcements

- Visit the new Guidance Link at www.dhca.org to find Transcript Release forms, Request for Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation, and College Visit Permission forms.
- **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 –Dec. 8 – registration deadline is Nov. 2, late registration is Nov. 15 (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 –Dec. 1 (registration deadline is Oct. 30, late registration is Nov. 8) (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.

- Auburn University Minority Visitation Day – Friday, Nov. 16. Register online at www.auburn.edu/cosam/diversity by Nov. 2
- Belmont University – Fall Preview Day Nov 17 register at www.belmont.edu/previewday
- Samford University – Preview Days Nov. 10, and Dec. 1. Call 1-800-888-7218 for more info. Or register online at www.samford.edu/admission
- Troy University – Fall Visits - Nov 20, Dec 8
Call 1-800-551-9716 or www.troy.edu to schedule visit.

- 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 – Nov. 3 – Call (573) 882-2456 or visit www.admissions.missouri.edu
- Tuskegee University Fall Open House – Nov. 10 – www.tuskegee.edu/admissions
- UNA Preview Day – Nov 10 – complimentary dinner and football tickets. See www.una.edu or call 1-800-talkuna. Free one year tuition scholarship to be given away at halftime of the football game.
- Engineering Day – Auburn University – Feb. 29, 8:00am-noon- www.eng.auburn.edu
- University of South Alabama – USA Days – Nov 3, Feb 16, and April 5- www.southalabama.edu/admissions
- Birmingham Southern College – Bland and Gold Day, Nov. 12, Fall Preview Day Oct, 13
- Sewanee, University of the South – Fall Preview, Nov 10, http://admission.sewanee.edu/events/sewanee_fall_preview
- Rhodes College – open house, Nov 17, www.rhodes.edu/admissions/9290.asp
- Vanderbilt University – PreVU, Nov 5, www.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/visitPrograms.php
- Wake Forest University – open house Nov 12, www.wfu.edu/admissions/openhouse07/

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.
 - 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
 - Patricia Grodd Poetry Prize for Young Writers – for 10th and 11th grade, to enter visit www.Kenyonreview.org between Nov. 1 – Nov. 30th. One entry per student.
 - 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.
 - 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
 - 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**.
 - 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.