

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

December 2009

Important Announcements

- **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 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 playing college athletics 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 – February 6 (register by Jan. 5, late registration Jan. 15). April 10 (register by Mar. 5, late registration Mar. 19). See Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at www.actstudent.org
- SAT – Jan 23 (register by Dec. 15). See Mrs. Ross for a registration packet or practice booklet or register online at www.collegeboard.com.

ACT Test Prep

- Appleton Learning – ACT Prep Class www.AppletonLearning.com 256-325-2616 (Located in Madison – offers individual tutoring or small group classes. The small group classes are 8-10 students and cost \$400 for 6 sessions – 30 hours of instruction. Individual tutoring is \$35 an hour – they will come to Decatur. Classes begin Jan 2 for the Feb. ACT).
- Achievement Plus – ACT Prep 2346 Pansy Street, Huntsville, AL 256-539-8910. Classes begin in February for the April ACT date from 3:30-5:30 (6 sessions, 2 hours each). Cost is \$150. Call for details and specific dates.
- Sylvan Learning Center (on Sandlin Rd) 355-7323
- New Horizon Family Center – Dr. Joseph Routh. Located in Cullman. 739-9876

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.

- GA Tech “Futures” program will be held Feb 8th for 10th and 11th grade females who want to explore majors/careers at GA Tech. “Girls Night Out” is an overnight visitation program for 11th grade female student – March 7-8, 2010. Registrations begin Nov. 15. Go to GA Tech website for more info.
- AUM (Auburn Univ. of Montgomery) Preview Day Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010. For info. or to sign up visit www.aum.edu/SuperSaturday
- University of South Alabama USA Day November 14, check-in 8 a.m. For more info. visit www.southalabama.edu/orientation/recruitment.html
- Jackson State University – Preview Day – Nov. 14 – Call 858-6533 for more info.
- Covenant College – Preview weekend April 5-17 with a cost of \$40 per student www.covenant.edu/visit/cpw
- Samford – daily campus visits M-F 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 1:30, 3:00. Got to www.samford.edu/admission.
- Belmont University Days – March 27 – see website for more info.
- 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
- University of Alabama – Schedule a tour of campus online gobama.ua.edu/visits. Info sessions (hosted by admission counselors) are held at 11:30 M-F. University Days are 2/5 and 2/15 universitydays.ua.edu.
- Auburn University – Go to 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 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month 9:30 – 12:30 (allow a one week notice) 1.800.33.UNION. Preview days 1/18, 2/15, 3/12, 5/7 www.uu.edu/campusvisits/previewdays
- University of Mobile – Preview days 1/29, 3/19 or schedule a private visit on most Fridays. www.umobile.edu/admissions/default.asp

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

- Are you a budding entrepreneur? Do you have dreams of owning your own business? Visit www.NFIB.com/ YEA to apply for the 2010 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award.
- Are you an Eagle Scout? Go to www.legion.org/scholarships to find out more info. about a scholarship for Eagle Scouts.
- American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship for children and grandchildren of veterans. See www.americanlegionalabama.org for more info. Deadline is Apr. 1
- Master Books (New Leaf Publishing Group) will award a \$3,000 scholarship to a junior or senior w/ a GPA of 3.0 or higher. An essay is required. Go to www.masterbooks.net to download the application and essay topic. Due Jan. 31.
- Troy University offers several academic and leadership scholarships beginning with a 22 ACT. See Mrs. Ross for a scholarship booklet or go to www.troy.edu for more info.
- UNA Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene Scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$2000 per year. Deadline of Feb. 15, 2010. Requirements include enrollment in at least one chemistry or industrial hygiene course for both fall and spring semesters; maintain 3.0 GPA. See Mrs. Ross for an application.
- University of North Alabama offers several Excellence Scholarships in varying amounts. See Mrs. Ross for more info. or www.una.edu.
- The American Legion offers several scholarships and financial aid information. You can download a booklet at www.legion.org/needalift.
- 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. 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. Contact Julia Freeman 334-844-5457 or freemja@auburn.edu.
- Berea College is offering the “Nominate a Student Program” with a 4 year tuition scholarship attached. Requirements include: Avg. family income of \$50,000 or less, rank in top 20% of their class, ACT 20-30 and demonstrate a commitment to service. See Mrs. Ross if you qualify.
- Sallie Mae's Scholarship Search Tool provides access to an award database that contains more than 3 million scholarships and is updated daily. Visit www.SallieMae.com/Scholarships to start your search.
- Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program awarded by Abbott and Fenner Business Solutions in the amount of \$1,000. The application is available at www.abottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm. The deadline is June 19, 2010. You must write an essay on the following topic • What do you see as the long term impact of our current recession on the average family? How might it affect their future decisions?
- Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant an official Pageant of the Miss America Scholarship Program with various scholarships. Application deadline is December 10, 2009. Applications available at www.outstandingteen.homestead.com.

- Pro-Air “Pro-Earth” Scholarship awarded by Pro-Air Services, Inc. in Decatur. Amount \$2,000. Must have a 24 ACT or above and write an essay explaining what being Pro-Earth means to them. Postmarked deadline for applicants will be December 7th. Go to <http://www.pro-air.net/default.aspx?id=141> to read a sample essay. Any length essay is acceptable.
- Gates Millennium Scholars – Deadline January 11th. Criteria – 3.3 GPA, leadership activities through community service or extracurricular activities, Federal Pell Grant eligible, are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American. See Mrs. Ross for the application.
- University of Alabama Department of Theatre and Dance – See Mrs. Ross for an application for departmental scholarships and audition forms.
- AXA Achievement Scholarship - \$10,000 - \$25,000 scholarships available. Download an application at www.axa-achievement.com. Apply by February 15th. Criteria – community involvement and overcoming personal challenges
- KFC Colonel’s Scholars - \$5,000 per year. Must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher and planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree. Go to www.kfcscholars.org. The online application will be available from December 1 to February 10.
- Cedarville University (in Cedarville, Ohio) is a 4 year Christian University. They have announced significant changes to their financial aid program. Visit www.cedarville.edu/finaid to learn more about their increased financial aid awards.
- BigSun Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Application available online at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> with a deadline of June 24, 2010.
- Defense Commissary Agency 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program with awards in the amount of at least \$1,500; application available at www.militaryscholar.org. Deadline is Feb. 17th. Requirements: Children of active duty, reserve/guard and retired military personnel, or survivors of service members who died on active duty or while receiving retired pay from the military.
- Martin Methodist College is offering the Michael W. and Barbara B. Barton Scholars Award which is 2 full scholarships with a deadline of Feb. 12. Contact Lisa Smith, Director of Admissions at lsmith2@martinmethodist.edu. Requirements include GPA of 3.5 and an ACT of 24.
- FOR JUNIORS – Joe Wheeler Youth Tour and Scholarship – you could be chosen for a 3 day all expense paid trip to Montgomery as well as receive a \$500 scholarship. Four of the students will be chosen to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour. See Mrs. Ross for an application.