



# Counselors' Update



Logan Elm High School

February – March, 2008

When your credentials are up for review, it's more than your academic strength that is being examined. Other assets critical to your success, whether you're looking for a scholarship or a new job, include leadership skills, teamwork capabilities, and community involvement. Future employers or scholarship committees will want to know about the following:

- clubs, sports, or other organizations in which you have participated
- volunteer work (at school, church, or in the community) that you've done
- part-time jobs you've held (including babysitting or family responsibilities).

If your resume is weak in these areas, take time now to correct it. Volunteer for a class or school project, take part in a charity event (walk for March of Dimes, etc.), donate blood, volunteer to teach a Sunday school class, or help with Vacation Bible School. You can gain leadership experience, become involved, and feel better about yourself. The benefits will reach beyond your resume.

## WATCH YOUR DEADLINES FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & FINANCIAL AID

### Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Stipulations	Deadline
AMVETS Honor Guard Bobby L. Bobbitt Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Essay, two letters of recommendation, transcript, signed copy of Privacy Act Form, picture, acceptance from accredited institution	April 1, 2008
Fairfield County Farm Bureau	\$500 (3)	You or your family must be a farm bureau member, essay questions	April 15, 2008
Marine Corps League's Joe C. Deardurff Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Scholastic achievements, essay, extracurricular and community activities, financial need	April 1, 2008
AMVETS William J. Barthelmas, Jr. Post 2256 Scholarship	\$1,000	200 word essay, completed application two letters of recommendation, transcripts, signed copy of Privacy Act form	April 1, 2008
The Memorial Tournament/Wolfe Associates Junior Golf Scholarship	\$3,000	Outstanding academic record, excellent golf skills, demonstrated involvement in extracurricular and community activities	April 1, 2008
Time Warner Cable College Scholarships	\$2,000	Customers of Time Warner Cable Mid-Ohio Division, 3.5 GPA, community activities, financial need	March 31, 2008
Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship	\$1,200	Student of Italian descent, transcripts, personal essay, activities	April 4, 2008
Knoop Scholarship	Not stated	Science major, essay, references	April 25, 2008

**Scholarships (continued)**

Scholarship	Amount	Stipulations	Deadline
Mike Vallery Automotive Scholarship	Not stated, \$1,000 last year)	Pursuing a career in the automotive industry, transcripts, activities, brief statement	April 3, 2008
Circleville Noon Rotary's J. B. Stout Trust Fund Scholarship	\$2,000 (\$1,000 for two years)	Enroll in a postsecondary trade school or technical institution, personal statement, transcript, proof of acceptance	March 15, 2008
The Marvin Brown Scholarship (through the Advertising Federation of Columbus)	Not stated	Majoring in marketing or communications, 2.9 GPA, financial need, academics, goals, leadership, activities	March 15, 2008
Judy & Dean Reinhard Fund Scholarship	\$5,000 (two separate scholarships available)	1) Major in law enforcement or criminology; 2) major in human resources, nursing, or education; 3.0 GPA, financial need, character, academic potential, community service	June 1, 2008
Thorndike Barnhart Memorial Scholarship	Not stated	Must have agriculture background or be a member of FFA, 4-H or similar program; criteria based on character (50%), community service (30%), and financial need (20%)	April 1, 2008

**FYI**

A reminder: the U.S. Department of Education is encouraging students to **use the Internet when filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The correct web site is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Both student and parent will need a personal identification number (PIN) assigned by the U. S. Department of Education. You can apply for a PIN at <http://pin.ed.gov>. Call 1-800-4-FED-AID if you have further questions.

Be sure to **list your potential colleges when you register for the ACT or SAT** so the colleges will receive your official scores. Several schools are requiring official scores directly from ACT or SAT in addition to the scores on your transcript.

**Chamberlain College of Nursing (Columbus, OH)**, has both associate degree and bachelor degree programs in nursing. Their Columbus campus is located at 1350 Alum Creek Drive. Their website is [www.chamberlain.edu](http://www.chamberlain.edu).

Applications for **staff positions at Tar Hollow 4-H camp** are available in the guidance office. You must be 17 to apply.

Students interested in a nursing career should be aware of the **Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP)**. This program provides financial help to students enrolled in approved nursing education programs in Ohio. Borrowers may be eligible for debt cancellation at 20%/year for up to 100% of the loan if employed full-time in the clinical practice of nursing in Ohio.

The **University of Toledo** offers a **Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences**. This is one of fewer than twenty degree programs like this offered across the country. They also have a summer camp for prospective pharmacy students! Visit [www.utpharmacy.org](http://www.utpharmacy.org) for more information.

**You can earn a scholarship from Kohl's for your volunteer work.** For more information, visit [www.kohlscorporation.com](http://www.kohlscorporation.com). The deadline for nomination is March 15.

Students interested in a career as a **court reporter, private investigator, or security specialist** should investigate the Academy of Court Reporting in Columbus. Their website is [www.acr.edu](http://www.acr.edu).

## **FYI (Continued)**

**Bowling Green State University** will hold a program for high school juniors and seniors on Thursday, April 10, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. Students should register at [www.choose.bgsu.edu/reserve/Columbus](http://www.choose.bgsu.edu/reserve/Columbus).

The **University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne, IN)** will have a **Talent Day for their School of Creative Arts** on March 7, 2008. For further information, call 260-399-7700, ext 8001.

**Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre** invites you to their annual Open House on Saturday April 19. RSVP at [www.meredithmanor.edu](http://www.meredithmanor.edu).

**Owens Community College** would like students who plan to take classes in the fall to attend their Registration Rocks any day March 17 – 20 or March 24 – 27. Take placement tests, get free lunch and prizes, and leave with a class schedule.

**Wittenberg University** is hosting a reception for accepted and prospective students at COSI on March 6, 2008. Call 877/206-0332, ext. 6320 or contact [abixel@wittenberg.edu](mailto:abixel@wittenberg.edu) for more information or to register.

**The University of Northwestern Ohio (Lima)** announces the Junior Scholarship Testing & Open House on Friday & Saturday, April 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. More information is available at [www.unoh.edu](http://www.unoh.edu).

**Ohio University** announces a new **Construction Engineering and Management Program**. Find out more at [www.ohio.edu/civil/cem](http://www.ohio.edu/civil/cem).

**DeVry University** offers several scholarships programs. Scholarship inquiry forms are available in the guidance office. Students can work with DeVry's Department of Enrollment Management to apply.

## **Summer Programs**

**Denison University** will hold the **Jonathan R. Reynolds Young Writers Workshop** at Denison University from June 15 – 22. Current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors may apply. The deadline is April 7. Call Dr. Dennis Read at 740/587-6565 or e-mail him at [read@denison.edu](mailto:read@denison.edu) for more details or an application.

The **Council for Attracting Prospective Educators (CAPE)** Teacher Academy will be held June 23 – 27, 2008 on the campus of the University of Dayton. Students entering their junior or senior years of high school and who are interested in a career in teaching should apply. See guidance for more information.

**Miami University** announces its **Multicultural Leadership Program Summer Leadership Institute**. Programs are available for students interested in engineering, education, business, pre-law, pre-medicine, or fine arts. The application deadline is March 28. More information is available at [www.muohio.edu/mlpsli](http://www.muohio.edu/mlpsli).

**Cornell University (Ithaca, NY)** offers a **Summer College Program** for High School Students. Learn more at [www.summercollege.cornell.edu](http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu).

High school freshmen and sophomores who have been identified as gifted and talented are eligible to attend **Ashland University Intensives 2008**. More information is available at [www.ashland.edu/~jpiirto](http://www.ashland.edu/~jpiirto). The cost is \$345 for room and board. The application deadline is April 11, 2008.

**Oxford Advanced Studies Program** (Oxford, England) summer course will be held July 1 – 25, 2008. This is a program for outstanding high school sophomores and juniors. More information is available at [www.oasp.ac.uk](http://www.oasp.ac.uk).

The **University of Dayton's School of Engineering** will offer a **Summer Honors Institute** from July 20 – 25, 2008. The cost for the six day program, including room and meals, is \$250. Students must be freshmen or sophomores and identified as gifted to qualify. The application deadline is April 11, 2008.

**Information on federal programs designed to help students afford college** can be found on the official U. S. Government website [www.GovBenefits.gov](http://www.GovBenefits.gov). You can find information on Federal Pell Grants, PLUS Parent Loans, TRIO Student Support Services, Advanced Placement Test Fee Program, Federal Work-Study, and the Freida J. Riley Teacher Award, and others.

**Still confused by financial aid?** You can watch a video by visiting [www.fastweb.com/sp/fafsavideo](http://www.fastweb.com/sp/fafsavideo). It is free, but your information may be shared with others.

### Dates to Remember

March 7	Deadline for the April 12 ACT test
March 10 – 14	Two-hour delay for OGT testing. All sophomores must report to school at the regular time.
March 20	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks
March 21 – 24	Easter break
March 28	Grade cards go home
March 29	Saturday school make-up day
April 1	Deadline for the May 3 SAT test
May 6	Deadline for the June 7 SAT
May 7	AP Calculus exam in the morning
May 8	AP English Literature exam in the morning
May 9	AP U.S. History exam in the morning
May 9	Deadline for the June 14 ACT
May 13	AP Chemistry exam in the morning

### Seniors

- Remember to turn in college acceptance letters and scholarship awards so we can recognize you at Senior Awards.
- If you have not yet applied to your college of choice or for financial aid, you need to do so ASAP!
- Complete any outstanding work in VLA or any correspondence courses.
- Continue applying for scholarships. You can't win if you don't apply.

### ACT's Tips for taking the ACT Writing Test

Some colleges are now requiring or recommending the writing portion of the ACT test. To find out which colleges are requiring the test, visit [www.actstudent.org/writing/index.html](http://www.actstudent.org/writing/index.html). The test is a 30-minute essay that measures your writing skill for entry-level college composition classes. This is what an ACT newsletter had to say about the test:

You will be given one prompt that defines an issue and describes two points of view on that issue. You will be asked to respond to a question about your position on that issue. You can use one of the two positions provided or use your own point of view. Your essay will be scored on your ability to:

- Express judgments by taking a position on an issue
- Maintain a focus throughout the essay
- Develop a position
- Organize ideas logically
- Use language clearly and effectively, using the rules of standard written English

Your score will not be affected by the point of view you take on the issue.

*“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”*  
*William James*