



Counselor's Update

Logan Elm High School

January, 2008

Senior Countdown to Graduation!

- **Check your credits.** If you are deficient in any area, there is still time to schedule a class or request a correspondence course. Don't put it off!!
- **Send in college admissions applications.** Selective colleges have deadlines as early as December or January. Early applicants are more likely to be accepted to colleges with rolling admissions.
- **Apply for Financial Aid.** Students can receive financial aid from a variety of sources, but one of the first steps is to **fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as possible after January 1. This form is the basic document for applying for most financial assistance
 - The correct web site for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov. Don't be fooled by the site at www.fafsa.com. This is a profit-seeking company that we do **not** recommend!
 - Be sure your name is reported exactly as it appears on your Social Security card.
 - Keep a copy of all forms.

Dates to remember:

- January 25 – Grade cards out (end of 1st semester was Jan 18)
- ☐ February 9 – College Goal Saturday at Ohio Christian University – get free help completing your FAFSA from professionals
- February 21 –Parent-teacher conferences from 3 – 6 p.m.; meeting at 6 p.m. for students and parents to explain Post-Secondary Options program

Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Stipulations	Postmark Deadline
William D. Squires Scholarships	\$3,000 (renewable)	Financial need, clear career goal, high motivation, good character, 3.2 GPA	April 5, 2008
BX (Builders Exchange) Scholarship	Up to \$2,000	Need, academic achievement, community/school activities, quality of application, potential impact of student's field of study on construction industry, essay	March 7, 2008
American Cancer Society's Youth Survivor College Scholarship Opportunity	\$1,000	Must have been diagnosed with cancer before age 25, transcript, three letters of recommendation	February 20, 2008
Ohio War Orphans Scholarship	Instructional & general fees at public college rates	Full-time student (up to age 25) in an Ohio college or university, child of a deceased or severely disabled veteran or MIA/POW who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict	July 1, 2008
AAA School Safety Patrol Grant Award	\$1,000	Attend a college or university, apprenticeship program, trade school, or other post-secondary training, former safety patrol member, essay, transcript, reference	April 4, 2008
Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) Scholarship	\$1000 - \$2000	Individual with Down syndrome or sibling/close relative of a person with Down syndrome, specific intended majors preferred	March 31, 2008

Scholarships (continued)

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South Central Power Company (Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Scholarship for children of Consumers	Up to \$2,000 on the state level	3.6 GPA, ACT of 22+, parent/guardian must be member of South Central Power Company, interview	Must be received by South Central by March 7, 2008
Jarosi/Willis Memorial Cup Soccer Scholarships	\$1,000	Must have participated in soccer during junior or senior year, 3.0 GPA in a college-prep curriculum, planning to attend a four-year college	April 4, 2008
Matthew W. Acton Memorial Golf Scholarship	Tuition only (max. not stated)	Senior golf athlete, completed FAFSA, community and school involvement, work experience, personal statement, three letters of recommendation	April 15, 2008
Big Sun Scholarship	\$500	Student athletes see http://www.bigsunathletics.com to apply	June 20, 2008
Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award	\$7,500	Academic performance (35%), athletic excellence (35%), leadership (15%), community service (10%), milk experience (5%) Online applications only www.bodybymilk.com	March 7, 2008
Universal 1 Credit Union	\$1,000	Members of Universal 1 Credit Union (can open small account), essay on personal finance	March 15, 2008
First Congregational Church March Schumacher Awards	\$1,500	Must be female between 15 and 20 who shows Christian devotion to an immediate family member (third party recommendation)	March 10, 2008
Berger Hospital Gift Shop Scholarship	\$1,000	Pursue education in nursing field, essay, two letters of recommendation, transcripts, application, signed copy of Privacy Act form	April 14, 2008
Roundtown Players, Inc., Al Perdion Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Student must be pursuing a degree in the performing arts field, letters of recommendation	April 15, 2008
Alpha Delta Kappa, Beta Gamma Chapter Scholarship	\$750	3.0 GPA, female planning to enter the education profession, financial need	April 15, 2008
Ohio High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Scholarship	Not stated	Participation in varsity sports and scholastic achievement (students who receive athletic scholarship at NCAA Division I or II schools are not eligible)	April 7, 2008
Best Buy Scholarship	\$1,500 - \$10,000	Good grades, outstanding community service Apply at www.bestbuy.com/scholarships	February 15, 2008
Ohio Newspapers Foundation Minority Journalism Scholarship	\$1,500	Minority student (African American, Hispanic, Asian American or American Indian) intending to major in print journalism at an Ohio college or university. 2.5 GPA, recommendations	March 31, 2008
NFIB Young Entrepreneurs Award	\$1,000	Demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit or initiative www.NFIB.com	February 11, 2008
OSU GLBT Alumni Scholarship	\$1,500	Demonstrated involvement in the HIV/AIDS community	February 29, 2008

College Visits/Previews

<u>College</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Capital University	March 15 – Open House	1-866-544-6175
University of Saint Francis (IN)	Spring Campus Visit Day – April 5 Talent Day – March 7 (School of Creative Arts)	1-800-729-4732 1-260-434-7591
Kent State Chemistry Day	February 9 – open to juniors and seniors	www.kent.edu/chemistry

FYI (For Your Information)

Students **interested in studying engineering or computer science** can take the ASSESS at Wright State University on February 18 or June 27. This test provides an academic evaluation that allows you to gauge your abilities in various engineering careers. Download a registration form and return it with a \$10 fee at least a week prior to the test date. The web site is www.engineering.wright.edu/assess.

Students who plan to study medicine or related health care fields may be eligible for **student loans** through the Dr. R. M. and Lona G. Hughey Trust. No interest is charged or accrued during your time of study or during the one-year grace period. There is no dollar limit for any single loan. More information, including an application, can be obtained by writing to June and June, Attorneys at law, 213 N. Main Street, Washington Court House, OH 43160.

The **Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship and Training School**, 1226 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212, will be handing out applications for the 2008-09 school year on the following dates and times: February 4 – 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and February 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Applicants must be at least 18 by June 15, have a notarized letter stating they will graduate in June, and pay a \$40 application fee. Call 614/486-8980 for more information.

Have you always wanted to **design and play your own video games**? Shawnee State now has a major in game and simulation development. More information is available at www.shawnee.edu.

The School of Engineering at Wright State University offers a **Women in Engineering Summer Camp**. This year it will be held on July 13 – 18. Visit <http://engineering.udayton.edu/wie> for more information.

Ohio State Schools of Cosmetology, The Hair Experts Barber School, Nationwide Beauty Academy, and The Spa School have combined to form the Salon Schools Group. Students who are interested in a **career in barbering or cosmetology** should contact the Salon Schools Group at 1-800-276-3400.

OSU has a new program in **Professional Golf Management**. Candidates for admission should have an 18-hole USGA handicap of 10 or less, as well as meeting University admission requirements. For more information, call 1-866-367-5268 or visit <http://pgm.osu.edu>.

Seniors planning to attend **any** college should **watch deadline dates for scholarships and financial aid** eligibility. Check with the financial aid or admissions offices of your prospective college if you are not sure of the deadlines.

Do you have a **passionate interest in politics and current events**? Consider applying for Junior Statesmen summer programs. Information is available at www.jsa.org/summer08.

Ohio University-Lancaster celebrates **Women in Politics** this spring with special programs on March 7 at their Lancaster campus and March 14 at their Pickerington Center. See guidance for more information.

Wright State is hosting a **“Path to Health Professions” seminar** on Monday, February 18, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Register at www.wright.edu/cosm/premed/presday.html.

Juniors interested in the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) can apply to attend a Summer Leaders Seminar. Students must be in the top 20 percent of their class, pursuing a college-preparatory curriculum, have strong PSAT scores and demonstrated leadership potential. Application forms must be submitted online (<http://admissions.usma.edu>) prior to March 31.

Pratt Institute (Brooklyn, NY) announces their summer pre-college programs. Programs in art, design, architecture, creative writing, or critical and visual studies are available. Learn more at www.pratt.edu/ccps-precollege

Your essay could win you a Global Citizen award. Applicants must be high school sophomores or juniors. Winners will travel on a **10-day expenses-paid international educational tour**. They will also receive a 30 GB iPod. Go to www.eftours.com/globalcitizen or stop by the guidance office for more information.

Do you enjoy boating? Woodworking? The Great Lakes Boat Building School may be the place for you. Earn an associate degree in wooden boat building. Find out more at www.greatlakesboatbuilding.org

Carleton College (Minnesota) has a summer program available for college-bound students who have completed their sophomore year. All expenses are covered, including travel. Fifty students will be selected from a pool of candidates. More information is available in the guidance office.

Want to find out for yourself if it really ever rains in California? Spend your summer at USC in their Summer Seminars. More information is available at www.usc.edu/summer

Ohio Veterinary Medical Association will host a full-day event at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus on February 23. Registration information is available at www.mvcinfo.org

Clemson University (SC) offers a Summer Science, Engineering and Architecture Enrichment Program. One-week classes are \$700; two-week courses are \$1,400+. More information is available at www.clemson.edu/summerscience.

Several colleges have **early deadlines for filing the FAFSA** to be considered for financial aid. Be sure to check the college you plan to attend.

The **Cleveland Institute of Art** has a program for students who are strong academic achievers with a desire to be arts, even if they **do not have a completed portfolio**. A GPA of at least 3.6 and an ACT of 28 is required for consideration.

Financial Aid Information Resources

To give you a better understanding of terms, some of the types of aid are defined below:

- *Scholarships - do not require repayment--generally awarded for exceptional ability or talent.*
- *Grants - awarded from the federal or state government or the institution. Do not have to be repaid. Based on financial need.*
- *Student or parent loans - have to be paid back with interest. Lower interest rates are available to those who qualify. Payments **might** be deferred until student is out of school (depending on income).*
- *Work-study programs – colleges pay students a wage for part-time employment (generally on campus).*

Be sure to utilize the financial aid office of your college of choice. They can provide information on their institutional programs and deadlines.

The Student Guide: Financial Aid from the U.S. Department of Education (request booklet)
http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html or 1-800-4-FED-AID

*Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Complete online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Personal Identification Number (PIN) for FAFSA
www.pin.ed.gov

*Keep a completed copy of the FAFSA for your records (including your PIN number). You will need the following information to complete the FAFSA: social security number, 2007 W2 and/or tax return (student and parents), driver's license and current bank statements. In some circumstances, additional financial information may be required.

**REMEMBER TO ATTEND
 COLLEGE GOAL SATURDAY
 FEBRUARY 9 AT OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FROM 1-3 P.M.
 FOR FREE HELP WITH THE FAFSA**