

Counselors' Update



Logan Elm High School, October/November 2007

If you would like to go to college, but don't know where to begin, here are some suggestions:

- Keep your grades up! If yours have been less than outstanding, you still have time to improve them. Colleges have two basic types of admission policies:
 1. Selective – grant admission to an applicant who meets certain established criteria. The criteria may include academic achievement, recommendations, personal qualities, test scores, personal interviews, essays, etc.
 2. Open/Rolling – grant admission to an applicant who has graduated from high school. No requirements for grade point average, test scores, or class standing—students accepted until openings are filled.
 Know the admission policy of the school(s) you are interested in attending.
- Take challenging college-prep courses. Don't fall into the "senior slide." Colleges will be interested in the classes you are taking your senior year. A little extra effort in high school can really pay off when you hit college.
- Review college catalogs and videos and visit local college and career fairs. Most are free and provide good information.
- Set up visits with the colleges that most interest you and plan to spend the day--take a tour, sit in on a class, try out the cafeteria food! Stop at the college's financial aid office to learn about scholarships, grants, and work-study programs at that institution. (Juniors are allowed one excused absence for a college visit and seniors are allowed three—just be sure they are prearranged).
- Obtain admission applications and fill them out promptly. Colleges are serious about deadlines, and many come up as early as December. Remember to give the guidance office at least two weeks to finalize your application. Check for online applications. Some colleges waive application fees if you apply online.
- Take your ACT or SAT no later than June of your junior year. This gives you an opportunity to retake the test if needed. (see the September Counselors' Update for deadlines).
- Beginning in mid-November, paper copies of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can be ordered by calling 1-800-4-FED-AED or by visiting www.edpubs.org. Up to three copies of the paper application can be requested. We will no longer be able to do a bulk order for the paper FAFSA. The federal government is strongly encouraging online completion. **Completion of the FAFSA online is quicker and easier.** We will provide more information on the FAFSA later in the year.
- Ask teachers and others for letters of recommendation for admission and/or scholarship applications. Keep copies of recommendation letters, essays, and other related information to make filling out applications easier. Check with the guidance office, teachers, coaches, ministers, and community leaders for information on available scholarships.
- Stop in the guidance office or contact your college's admissions office if you have any questions.

College Visitation Days/Open House

College	Dates	Contact
Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware)	OWU Visit Days – November 12, December 3, or January 28 (optional overnight on the prior Sundays)	Admission.owu.edu/events.html or 1-877-273-3698
Gannon University (Erie, PA)	Fall Open House – November 4	1-800-GANNON-U or 1-814-871-7240
DeVry University	College Visit Days for High School Students - November 2, December 7 from 1 – 3 p.m.	888-837-7103
Kettering University (Flint, MI)	November 10 from 10 – 3	Admissions.kettering.edu
Defiance College	November 3, 2007 and March 29, 2008	www.defiance.edu/admissions_visit_RSVP.html

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Wright State University	November 3, 2007	1-800-247-2770 or www.wright.edu/wrightfromthestart
Shawnee State	November 3, 2007 and February 18, 2008	www.shawnee.edu
Denison University	November 5 – Day Program November 10-12 – Fall Overnight Program	1-800-DENISON or www.denison.edu/admissions/visit.html
Muskingum College	Open House – November 3, 2007 Friday Freshman Days – November 9 and 16	www.muskingum.edu
Waynesburg University (PA)	Visitation Days – November 10, April 5, April 19	1-800-225-7393 or www.waynesburg.edu
LaRoche College (PA)	Open Houses – November 4, April 13, July 13	1-800-838-4LRC or www.laroche.edu
University of Akron	Fall Visitation Day – Saturday, November 17	1-800-655-4884 or www.uakron.edu/visit

Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Stipulations	Deadline
National Co-Op Scholarship	Varies	3.5 GPA, attending one of several National Commission Partner Institutions, completed application, including essay	February 15, 2008
Berea College (Berea, KY)	Full tuition	All students accepted to Berea are eligible for consideration based on academic record, financial need.	Contact Berea at 1-800-326-5948
Berger King Scholars (log on to: www.bk.com/scholars)	\$1,000	2.5 GPA, work 15 hours/week, actively involved in community service, financial need, enroll in two- or four-year college	February 15, 2008
Glenna R. Joyce Scholarship (for The Ohio State University or Notre Dame only)	All standard expenses (tuition, fees, room & board, books, transportation)	Superior academic potential, expected contribution to the university, high character, financial need	OSU – see online @ www.honors-scholars.osu.edu ND – with application
Joseph Fichter Scholarship	\$1,000	Member of Ohio Farmers Union (or parent/grandparent), essay on “My Vision of New Opportunities in the Agricultural Industry”	December 31, 2007
Virgil Thompson Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Member of Ohio Farmers Union (or parent/grandparent), essay on “Developing New Opportunities for Farm Families & Rural Communities”	December 31, 2007
Big 33 Scholarship	Varies	See specifics at www.big33.org	February 1, 2008
AXA Achievement Scholarship	\$10,000	See www.axa-achievement.com	December 15, 2007
Young Buckeyes of Central Ohio	\$2,800	Educational record, goals, leadership, accomplishments	January 31, 2008

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Ohio Ready Mixed Concrete Association (ORMCA)	\$2,000	Prefer major directly related to concrete industry, essay (see www.ohioconcrete.org)	November 30, 2007
Sons of the American Revolution Essay Contest	\$100 - \$3,000	800-1,000 word essay with bibliography and one-page contestant biography. The topic shall deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, of the framing of the Constitution	Received by December 12, 2007

FYI (For Your Information)

The **University of Findlay** offers a direct admit pharmacy program culminating with a **PharmD in just six years**.

The Chillicothe Kiwanis Club will be hosting a **College Night from 6:30 – 8:00 on November 8 at the OU-C campus**. More than 75 colleges and universities have been invited. The event will be held at the Shoemaker Center (gym).

Ohio residents pay **in-state tuition at Eastern Michigan**. Find out more at www.emich.edu.

Teens can obtain certain **free health services**, including HIV testing at the Pickaway County Health Department. These services are offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month between 3 and 5 p.m. The health department is located at 465 East Ohio Street in Circleville. The number is 477-9663. Appointments are made by birth date, not name. Parent notification is encouraged, but students 13 and older can be tested without parent consent.

Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) offers Summer College programs for high achieving students wishing to experience college life at an Ivy League university. Sessions are from one to six weeks. College credits are available. Go to www.summercollege.cornell.edu for more information.

Looking for a chance to **explore your creativity**? Check out the following: University of Saint Francis, School of Creative Arts (IN) at www.sf.edu/art, or Ringling College of Art + Design (FL) at www.ringling.edu.

Apprenticeship training can lead to high paying, rewarding careers. If you want to learn more, contact the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council, Department of Industrial Relations, 2323 W. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215, or call them at 1-614-644-2242.

Do you know someone who did not finish school? Tell them it's not too late. Pickaway County offers **GED classes** at several locations, including **Laurelville Elementary School**. Call 740/477-2927 for more information.

Ohio Wesleyan devotes considerable resources to their **Honors Program**. Students who plan to attend Ohio Wesleyan, are in the top 10% of the graduating class, and who have a 1200 SAT or 27 ACT should contact the admissions office for more information.

Did you know that **Wilmington College partners with ABX/Air/DHL Express** so students can work part-time and during summers for a competitive hourly wage. Also, for every hour worked, students can earn a bonus in tuition scholarships.

Eastern Michigan (Ypsilanti, MI) has a Presidential Scholarship competition worth up to a full-ride for all four years. Students must have at least a 3.7 GPA to participate. Applications materials must be received by EMU's Office of Admissions by November 21.

November 1 is the **application deadline** for **Stanford**, The **University of Toledo** is December 1, **Youngstown State** is February 15. What's the deadline for your college?

Students interested in free **Christian college information** as well as a chance at a \$2,500 scholarship can log onto www.christianconnector.com.

The final deadline for applications to Harvard is January 1. Accepted **students with a family income of under \$60,000 are no longer expected to contribute to their children's Harvard College costs.**

US Bank offers a scholarship drawing for students who visit their web site. That site is www.usbank.com/studentbanking.

Students interested in attending **Marshall University (WV)** should learn more about the Yeager Scholars program. Visit www.marshall.edu/yeager for more information.

Do you have a **coach or mentor who has made a difference in your life?** Write an essay to say "thank you" and to win \$5,000 for Logan Elm! See www.halftimeheroes.com for complete information. Deadline for essay submission is November 15.

Find out what college life is really like. Follow Ball State (IN) students through their online, unedited blogs at www.bsu.edu/reallife.

Columbus State Community College is now offering classes at Teays Valley High School. Academic advising sessions are available on Saturday, November 10, at the Pickaway County library and December 8 at the Younkin Library in Ashville.

OU announces their **School of Theater Scholarship Day** will be in January. These awards are talent based, and therefore students will be auditioned or interviewed. Find out more at theater@ohio.edu.

Miami University has adjusted the tuition to make **attending Miami more affordable** for Ohio students. Students with family incomes of less than \$35,000 can attend tuition-free. Go to www.muohio.edu for more information.

Students who think they may be interested in attending the **Air Force Academy** can find out more by logging onto www.academyadmissions.com.

Ohio Northern is offering a \$1,000 tuition scholarship for the winner of their **High School Cuban Essay Contest**. The deadline is November 26.

Web sites

The following web sites provide good information at no cost.

Logan Elm's web site	www.loganelm.net
Free Application for Federal Student Aid	www.fafsa.ed.gov
College information & virtual tours	www.eCampusTours.com
ACT college entrance exam	www.ACT.org
SAT college entrance exam	www.collegeboard.com
U.S. government resource guide	www.students.gov
NCAA site on athletics & academics	www.ncaa.org
College search	www.act.org/college_search/fset_col_search.html
College search	www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool

Upcoming dates

November 2	Grade cards out
November 7	One-hour delayed start
November 20	Parent-teacher conferences 3 – 6 p.m.
November 21-26	No school for students – Thanksgiving break

College visits

November 5	Ohio University – Chillicothe, 8 a.m.
November 8	Urbana, 8:30 a.m.
November 15	Ohio University – Lancaster, 8:30 a.m.



Thanks for doing a great job at the Pumpkin Show, Jordyn and Darrian!