

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

September 2010

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. 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.
- JUNIORS – You will be taking the PSAT on October 13th. This is the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Important Testing Dates – DHCA Code # 010-861

- ACT – October 23rd – registration deadline is Sept. 17. Next date is Dec. 11 (regular deadline is Nov. 5, late registration is Nov. 19) (see Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet. Register online at www.actstudent.org)
- SAT –for test dates and registration info go to 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)
- Achievement Plus – ACT Prep 2346 Pansy Street, Huntsville, AL 256-539-8910
- Sylvan Learning Center (on Sandlin Rd) 355-7323
- New Horizon Family Center – Dr. Joseph Routh. Located in Cullman. 739-9876

College Representative Visits

- Representative's from the following colleges will be visiting DHCA:
- Transylvania (Kentucky) – September 21
 - Covenant College – September 24
 - Samford – October 25
 - Mississippi College – TBA
 - Auburn – TBA
 - Union – TBA

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.

- Save the date for Samuel Ginn College of Engineering annual E-Day at Auburn on February 25th. More detailed info. to come.
- Auburn University Dept. of Poultry Science is sponsoring a cookout prior to the Louisiana Monroe football game on Oct. 2 for student interested in their field. RSVP by Sept. 17 to Ashley Pangle by calling 334.844.4133 or emailing ajs0022@auburn.edu. The cost is \$40 per football ticket.
- University of Alabama College of Engineering Open House on Oct. 7 from 8 am to 1 pm and includes a free BBQ lunch. Contact Lynsey Dill at 205.348.2547 or ldil@eng.ua.edu to register.
- Auburn AG Exploration Day is Thursday, Sept. 16, 9-12:30 at the Tennessee Valley Research and Extension Center in Belle Mina. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 13 to Megan Ross at 334.844.3201 or mhr0001@auburn.edu.
- GA Tech is offering preview dates for their program “Women in Engineering.” Visit http://www.admission.gatech.edu/campus_visits/preview/
- 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 – University Days (fall dates are for seniors only) Oct. 22 and Nov. 11. Register for a campus tour at gobama.ua.edu/visits
- Auburn University – Go to www.auburn.edu/admissions/visit to schedule a family tour.
- Union University – Register online for a private campus tour at www.uu.edu. Fall preview days are scheduled for Sept. 17, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12.
- University of Mobile – UMobile Visit Days (Sept. 20, Oct. 29, and Nov. 12). Earn a \$2,000 scholarship (spread over 4 years) just for attending a visit day. To schedule a private campus visit call 800.WIN.RAMS or visit www.umobile.edu
- Covenant College – Preview weekend Sept. 30 –Oct. 2 www.covenant.edu or schedule a private visit online
- Samford –Preview days are Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Nov. 20. Go to www.samford.edu/admission to register. Many private tours are also offered.
- UNA – Preview Day is Nov. 7th at 12:00. Stay for a complimentary dinner and tickets to the UNA football game. admissions@una.edu To schedule a campus tour call 1.800.TALKUNA
- Mississippi College – Call 601.925.3800 or email visit@mc.edu to schedule a campus visit

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.

Student Programs

- Students Against Tobacco program is part of the Alabama Sports Festival's efforts to help Alabama youth excel in fitness, academics, and good citizenship. They are looking for students to speak out against the use of tobacco products. Duties of a student ambassador include recording public service announcements, endorsing letters to the editor of local newspapers, attending advocacy training and speaking against tobacco use at various functions. The deadline to apply is October 1st. Submit an application online at www.alagames.com (click on tobacco awareness). This is for 10th-12th grade students.
- Georgia Tech Engineering and Computing Career Conference on Oct. 7-8. To register visit www.coe.gatech.edu/content/engineering-and-computing-career-conference-ecc
- Cassini Scientist for a Day Contest – Study Saturn! Examine three possible observations from Cassini and choose the one you think will yield the best results – write an essay. Application deadline Oct. 27. Applications available from <http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/scientistforaday/>. Winners will participate in a teleconference with Cassini scientists.
- A new NASA website aims to engage and educate advanced high school students. Anyone can visit this website: www.nasa.gov/education/mathandscience to participate in NASA's Math and Science @ Work project which engages students by providing real-world applications to promote critical thinking and problem-solving while exposing students to careers in space exploration.

Scholarship Opportunities

- Nestle Very Best in Youth Award awarded by Nestle USA & Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership. Award includes prizes, a trip to Los Angeles and \$1000 to charity of choice. Applications available at <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com> with a deadline of Nov. 1. Requirements: student must be passionate about giving back to your community and doing well academically and show potential to lead others.
- LSU Scholarship Programs for nonresident students offered in various amounts. Applications available at www.lsu.edu with a deadline of Nov. 15.
- Prudential Spirit of Community Award – This is for students who have distinguished themselves through volunteer work during the past year. Students in 5th – 12th grade may apply. Award amount is \$1,000 and top 10 students receive \$5,000. Applications available at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.principals.org/spirit. Deadline is Nov. 1.

- Troy University – scholarships and financial aid information can be found at <http://admissions.troy.edu/undergrad>
- Ron Brown Scholar Program – Applications available at www.ronbrown.org. For more information call 434.964.1588
- Help Johnny Scholarship is a website that matches scholarships to your interests and abilities. Go to www.studentscholarships.org/helpjohnny.php
- Better Business Bureau of North Alabama – For Juniors and Seniors! \$1,000 scholarship. Based on personal integrity, character, achievements, academics, and contributions to community and school. Deadline is Friday, October 1st. See Mrs. Ross for an application.