

# COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

**December 2010**

## **Important Announcements**

- **It is almost time to fill out the FAFSA!!!** Beginning January 1, 2011 you can begin filling out the FAFSA (Federal Student Aid). You need to apply early. Parents – you will need to either file your taxes early this year, or use last year's tax return, and then update your information after you complete this year's tax return. Please see the attached sheets for more information.
- If you are a male and approaching your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, you must register with the Selective Service. You have 30 days to register after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you do not register you are breaking the law! Register online at [www.sss.gov](http://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](http://www.ncaa.org). The NCAA guide for college bound student athletes includes important information and requirements.

## **Important Testing Dates – DHCA Code # 010-861**

- ACT – Next date is Feb. 12 (regular deadline is Jan. 7, late registration is Jan. 21) (see Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet. Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)). The next test date is April 9 – reg. deadline is Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- SAT –for test dates and registration info go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## **ACT Test Prep**

- Appleton Learning – ACT Prep Class [www.AppletonLearning.com](http://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 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 25<sup>th</sup>. More detailed info. to come.
- GA Tech is offering preview dates for their program “Women in Engineering.” Visit [http://www.admission.gatech.edu/campus\\_visits/preview/](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
- Auburn University – Go to [www.auburn.edu/admissions/visit](http://www.auburn.edu/admissions/visit) to schedule a family tour.
  - Union University – Register online for a private campus tour at [www.uu.edu](http://www.uu.edu).
  - University of Mobile – To schedule a private campus visit call 800.WIN.RAMS or visit [www.umobile.edu](http://www.umobile.edu)
  - Covenant College – [www.covenant.edu](http://www.covenant.edu) to schedule a private visit online
  - Samford – Go to [www.samford.edu/admission](http://www.samford.edu/admission).
  - UNA –. [admissions@una.edu](mailto:admissions@una.edu) To schedule a campus tour call 1.800.TALKUNA
  - Mississippi College – Call 601.925.3800 or email [visit@mc.edu](mailto: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**

- A new NASA website aims to engage and educate advanced high school students. Anyone can visit this website: [www.nasa.gov/education/mathandscience](http://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.
- JUNIORS ONLY – Joe Wheeler EMC Youth Tour Scholarship Program. The Youth Tour is a 3-day all expenses paid trip to Montgomery. If you are selected to participate you will receive a \$500 scholarship. Five of the students who attend the Montgomery Youth tour will be selected to attend the Washington DC trip that summer. The dates for the Montgomery trip are March 29-31. See Mrs. Ross for application. Due date is Jan 14<sup>th</sup>!

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

- Young Entrepreneur Foundation is offering the Young Entrepreneur Award. Application available at [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA) with a deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Applicants must be running their own small business in order to be considered for an award.
- Smith Scholarship – up to 10 scholarships awarded in amounts up to \$15,000 a year for 4 years. Applications available at [www.smithscholarships.com](http://www.smithscholarships.com) with a deadline of Jan 15. Requirements: graduating Alabama HS senior, min. C+ GPA, planning to attend 4 year college in Alabama; significant contribution to family or community. Looking for deserving students who have struggled against the odds.

- The focus is on service and commitment of the student to better themselves and their families instead of grades or test scores.
- Abbot and Fenner Scholarship Program offering a scholarship for \$1,000. Applications available online at [www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm) with a deadline of June 18, 2011.
  - Dr. Suess's "Oh the Places You'll Go!" 2011 College Scholarship Program – Awarded by the Random House Children's Books in the amount of \$10,000. Applications available at [www.seussville.com/OTPSscholarship](http://www.seussville.com/OTPSscholarship) with a deadline of Jan. 15.
  - Burger King Scholars Program - \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$25,000 scholarships are available. 2.5 minimum GPA. They are looking at school and community involvement. [www.haveyourwayfoundation.org](http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org). Deadline is Jan. 10, 2011.
  - University of Alabama Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship. Deadline of Feb. 1, 2011. Contact Dianne Teague (205) 348-9162 for more info. Requirements: Alabama resident, college freshman fall of 2010. Students who will be first generation (first generation defined as students whose parents are not attending nor holding a degree from a two-year or four-year institution).
  - UA Huntsville offers many different scholarships at [finaid.uah.edu/scholarships](http://finaid.uah.edu/scholarships)
  - Jimmy Rane Foundation scholarship for an annually renewable award of \$5,000 per year. Applications available Dec. 1 at [jimmyranefoundation.org](http://jimmyranefoundation.org) with a deadline of Feb. 18, 2011. Requirements: Full time high school senior or full time college freshman or sophomore, minimum GPA of 3.0.
  - Big Sun Scholarship for \$500. Applications available at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>. Requirements: high school senior that is involved in some sport at your school
  - Mississippi University for Women Scholars Day for various scholarships on March 4, 2011. Minimum ACT score of 24, minimum 3.0 GPA.
  - University of Alabama Army ROTC – contact Major John Dollar, Recruiting Operations Officer (205) 348-1056 or [jrdollar@bama.ua.edu](mailto:jrdollar@bama.ua.edu). For more info visit [www.bama.ua.edu/~armyrotc/](http://www.bama.ua.edu/~armyrotc/)
  - University of Montevallo Jim Harrell Poetry Scholarship 1<sup>st</sup> place \$2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$1,000. Applications available in the scholarship file with a deadline of Feb. 1, 2011. For more info contact Dr. Jim Murphy at [murpyj@montevallo.edu](mailto:murpyj@montevallo.edu). Requirements – for any high school senior in Alabama who plans to enroll at the University of Montevallo.
  - Mississippi State offers a variety of scholarships. Those interested in Mississippi State should contact the Office of Admissions and Scholarships at [www.misstate.edu](http://www.misstate.edu) for more info. These scholarships have varying deadlines and requirements.
  - UNA – Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene is offering scholarships to their majors. Awards total \$35,000. Applications can be found online at [www.una.edu/chem-ih/](http://www.una.edu/chem-ih/) For more info. contact the Dept of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene at 256.765.4622
  - Auburn University Polymer and Fiber Engineering Departmental Scholarship application available in the scholarship file with a deadline of Jan. 15. For more info [www.eng.auburn.edu/programs/pfen/prospective/](http://www.eng.auburn.edu/programs/pfen/prospective/)

- UNA Army ROTC – full tuition and fees and textbooks plus expense stipend. Applications available at [www.goarmy.com/rotc/hs\\_four\\_year\\_scholarship.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/hs_four_year_scholarship.jsp). Deadline of Jan 10
- Pro-Air Pro-Earth Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Applications available by contacting Jason Putman at [jasonp@pro-air.net](mailto:jasonp@pro-air.net) or call 256.353.4446. Requirements include plans to attend a 2 or 4-year college, a GPA of 3.0 and 24 ACT. An essay will be required and the topic is “Define a Pro-Earth person.”
- Washington Crossing Foundation – offering national scholarships available to seniors in the amounts of \$1,000-\$5,000. Are you a history buff? Enjoy politics? Government? Visit [gwcf.org](http://gwcf.org). Deadline is Jan. 15
- APT Young Heroes. Nominations taken from Sept 15 – Dec 17. Scholarship is \$2,500 plus a laptop computer. Five scholarships available. Contact Alabama Public Television at [www.aptv.org/stars/heroes.asp](http://www.aptv.org/stars/heroes.asp) for more information. Requirements include community service/must have excelled despite some extreme adversity.
- Horatio Alger Alabama Scholarship of \$5,000. Application available at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program\\_alabama.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_alabama.cfm). Requirements include involvement in co-curricular and community activities, min GPA 2.0; exhibit integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity.
- Gates Millennium Scholars Program is offering 1,000 scholarships. Application available at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) with a deadline of Jan. 10. Requirements: need-based, minority, 3.3 GPA.
- ACT High School Poster Contest – up to a \$5,000 scholarship. Must be postmarked between Oct. 18 and Jan 31. Visit [www.actstudent.org/postercontest](http://www.actstudent.org/postercontest).
- Auburn Chemical Engineering Freshman Merit Scholarship – 25 total in the amount of \$1,000. Call 334.844.4827 for more info. Must major in Pre-chemical engineering.
- University of South Alabama – College of computer and info sciences offering the Outstanding Student Scholarship Program in amounts ranging from \$2,500-\$5,000 each. Application available from Melissa Smith at [mesmith@usouthal.edu](mailto:mesmith@usouthal.edu). Requirements include a 29 ACT.
- Huntingdon College is offering a variety of scholarships, grants, and financial aid. Contact the office of admissions for more info at <http://www.huntingdon.edu>
- Southwest Baptist University offers a number of scholarship awards, which vary in requirements and value. Visit [www.SBUniv.edu](http://www.SBUniv.edu) for more info.
- 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](http://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](http://www.studentscholarships.org/helpjohnny.php)