

# COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

**February 2012**

## **Important Announcements**

- **It is time to fill out the FAFSA!!!** Beginning January 1, 2012 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 – 2 dates left this year – April 14<sup>th</sup> (deadline is March 9<sup>th</sup>) and June 9<sup>th</sup> (deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup>). See Mrs. Ross if you need a registration packet or practice booklet. Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- SAT –for test dates and registration info go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## **ACT Test Prep**

- ACT Test Prep at DHCA – 5 week test prep course will be offered on campus. See the front office for a registration application. The cost is \$299.00. The instructor is Randy Beck, J.D., Cumberland School of Law and National Merit Scholar
- 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
- New Horizon Family Center – Dr. Joseph Routh. Located in Cullman. 739-9876

## **College Open House Dates**

Visit a college 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. See each individual college website to find out dates and more information.

## Student Programs

- Science and Engineering Apprentice Program for High School Students – This program places academically talented high school students with interest in science and math in Dept. of Defense laboratories on Redstone Arsenal for an eight-week period during the summer. The students are assigned to a laboratory and participate with a scientist or engineer who serves as a mentor. Students receive a \$2,000 stipend for participation. If interested, please visit [www.usaeop.com](http://www.usaeop.com) to apply online.
- The commercial and industrial construction industry is on track to be facing a labor shortage. Students looking for a career in skilled trades should check out <http://www.gobuildalabama.com> for more information about these jobs and training for each one.
- Auburn University's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering will host its annual E-Day for students interested in studying Engineering on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 -12. Click on <http://www.eng.auburn.edu> for more information.
- Vanderbilt Pre-College PAVE Program – 6 week summer program designed to strengthen the academic skills of students planning to enter a college engineering, pre-med, science or technology program. Program dates June 25 – August 3. <https://pave.vanderbilt.edu/apprequest.php>
- SCAD Rising Star Program – summer 2012 [www.scad.edu/summer](http://www.scad.edu/summer)

## Scholarship Opportunities

- Click on link to find out more information. If a link is not listed, see Mrs. Ross for the application. The deadline is listed first.
- 2/8/12 KFC Colonel's Scholars Scholarship [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org)
  - Pro-Air "Pro-Earth Scholarship [www.pro-air.net](http://www.pro-air.net)
  - 2/15/12 Wallace State Scholarship deadline
  - 2/15/12 Chemistry and/or Industrial Hygiene Scholarship to UNA
  - 2/15/12 Best Buy Scholarship Program [www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com](http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com) or [www.at15.com](http://www.at15.com)
  - 2/17/12 Auburn Pulp and Paper Foundation Engineering Scholarship
  - 2/28/12 Lowe's Scholarship Program [www.lowes.com/scholarships](http://www.lowes.com/scholarships)
  - 2/28/12 CARCAM Scholarship for Automotive Manufacturing Tech., Ind. Maintenance Tech, Machine Tool Tech., Welding Tech., and Electrical Tech. majors at Calhoun, Wallace St., or other community colleges in Alabama. [www.carcam.org](http://www.carcam.org)
  - 2/29/12 Buick Achievers Scholarship – [www.buickachievers.com](http://www.buickachievers.com)
  - 3/1/12 Calhoun Community College TEAMS (Tech, Eng, AeroSpace, Math, and Science) \*\*\*Lots of \$ left to award. [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu)
  - 3/1/12 Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout>
  - 3/1/12 Calhoun Community College and Jacksonville State Scholarship deadline
  - 3/1/12 Playing with Purpose Award Scholarship for Christian student athletes [www.playingwithpurpose.org](http://www.playingwithpurpose.org)
  - 3/2/12 Redstone Federal Credit Union Scholarship [www.redfcu.org/about/scholarships](http://www.redfcu.org/about/scholarships)

- 3/16/12 Joe Wheeler Electric Coop Foundation Scholarship
- Tall Clubs Int. and Rocket City Tall Club Scholarships for women at least 5'10" and men at least 6'2" [www.rocketcitytallclub.org](http://www.rocketcitytallclub.org)
- 3/29/12 Regions Bank Riding Forward Scholarship  
[www.regions.com/ridingforward](http://www.regions.com/ridingforward)
- 3/30/12 Joe Wheeler J.R. Knouff Scholarship
- 5/1/12 Kids' Chance Scholarship <http://www.alfinc.org/for> students who have had a parent killed or permanently and totally disabled in an on-the-job accident.
- 5/31/12 Wise Choice "Find the Right College" Scholarship  
[www.wisechoice.com/scholarship/sid+gcfx](http://www.wisechoice.com/scholarship/sid+gcfx)
- 6/22/12 Big Sun Scholarship for student athletes [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)

**To find other merit based scholarships, visit [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com).  
Scholarship Engines - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.scholships.com](http://www.scholships.com),  
[www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)**