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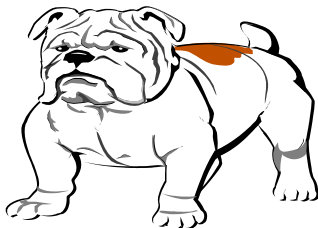
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Student Information

• The United States Military Academy will host two sessions of the 35th Annual Summer Leaders Seminar in 2010. The first session is scheduled for May 29-June 4th, and the second session will be June 5-11th. The Summer Leaders Seminar provides outstanding high school juniors the exciting opportunity to gain a better understanding of the academic, physical, military, and leadership development programs at a service academy that features small classes, a caring faculty, professional career preparation, and a foundation for future graduate study. Stop by the counseling office for more information.

• For the past 12 years, Leadership Institute has been helping students explore their future careers. The 2010 Institute will take place June 5-12 on the Dodge City Community College Campus. Students earn three to four hours of college credit, take part in team building and leadership activities, and learn about the college experience. Academies include Business, Fire/Rescue, Future Nursing, Future Teacher, Law Enforcement, Music and Write to Win. For more information, visit www.dc3.edu/li. Deadline to submit the application is **May 1, 2010**.

• SWE Weekend of Engineering at KU is a camp for high school girls that blends



fun educational activities and a glimpse of the KU college experience. The cost for the camp is \$95 and includes all costs. To participate, send in the registration form by **February 22nd**. Need more info? Contact Lindey McCaig by phone at (785) 864-2989 or by email at women-engineers@ku.edu.

• The Athletic Training program at Coffeyville Community College is currently looking for high school seniors who have an interest in sports and/or medicine, (or

who are looking at possible future in other health care fields such as nursing, pre-medicine, EMT, Physical Therapy, etc.). There are several scholarships also available to offer students books, tuition, room and board, etc. If you have any questions, please call 252-7116 and talk with Rick King.

• Pittsburg State University has announced scheduled visit days. Seniors can tour *Pitt State* on Saturday, March 6th (registration deadline is March 1st). *Junior Jungle Day* for high school juniors is set for March 27th (registration deadline is March 22nd). *Sophomore Success Day* is scheduled for April 6th (deadline to register is March 31st). To register for Tour Pitt State, Junior Jungle Day or Sophomore Success Day call the Office of Admissions at (800) 854-PITT after January 4th.

Financial Aid Forms

Virtually all seniors should apply for financial aid; most of them will be eligible to receive at least some funding.

Deadlines and priority dates

Many colleges have priority dates. Be sure to turn in all materials by the priority deadlines.

Here is a general timeline to keep in mind.

• **February:** Many colleges have priority deadlines now.

- **Late February and March:** Colleges may call you with questions about students in special circumstances.
- **End of March:** Admissions and financial aid notifications are mailed.
- **April:** Students weigh offers of admission and

compare aid awards.

FAFSA

Any student applying for federal aid (and in general, most students applying for aid) must complete the FAFSA. FAFSA has an easily navigated Web site (fafsa.ed.gov) where families can register for a PIN and find out everything they need to know about the form.

February 2010

Upcoming Events

Pre-Enrollment for Classes of 2011 & 2012 2/8

Pre-Enrollment for Classes of 2013 & 2014 2/10

No School 2/12

Baker University visit during advisory 2/16

Math State Assessments Begin 3/1

Regular registration deadline for 4/10 ACT 3/5

End of 3rd Quarter 3/11

No Time to Slump, Seniors!

Once you have a college offer in hand, you may get the urge to coast through the rest of the school year, or maybe you've already decided to slack off. It's your senior year and you deserve it, right?

Before you give in to senior slump, you should know that your college may be watching you.

Colleges, especially selective universities, have been known to withdraw offers of admission to students who slack off the second half of their senior year.

Taking an extended breather during your senior year can make your freshman year in college difficult. So have fun your senior year, but don't give up on your college preparation. Study hard!



Student Information Continued



- The Kansas Masonic Foundation loans money to Kansas students to continue their education at a Kansas post-secondary educational institution. Application Deadline is **April 15th**. For more information visit www.fmfonline.org or call (785) 357-7646.

- The March2Success program is a free online standardized test preparation course developed for the Army by e-learning industry leaders. The March2Success courseware includes ACT and SAT preparation materials. Visit www.march2success.com to learn more.

- Attention current sophomores: *The Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science* at Fort Hays State University is Kansas' premier early-entry-to-college program for high school juniors and seniors. High School juniors and seniors can earn 68 college credit hours, conduct hands-on research with Ph.D. fac-

ulty, live on campus with other KAMS students, develop leadership skills and get involved with the community all while enjoying the benefits of free tuition and books. Enrollment for the next class of high school juniors will begin in August 2010. The deadline to submit an application is **February 1, 2010**.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary have co-sponsored the Annual Cadet Law Enforcement Academy since 1969. The purpose is to help young men and women gain knowledge regarding the training and responsibilities of law enforcement officers. This program is for young men and women who are juniors in high school. The next academy is scheduled for June 13 – 18, 2010. Interested? Please stop by the counseling office for more information.

Writing contest

Ayn Rand Education awards more than \$81,000. Eighth through twelfth grade students are eligible to submit an essay. To read a complete list of rules and guidelines, and to find out how to submit essays, please visit www.aynrandeducation.com. Deadline is **March 2010**.



- *Have asthma and allergies? Need money for college?* Apply for the Berri Mitchell Memorial College Scholarship for high school seniors through the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. Deadline to apply is **March 1st**. For more information visit www.aafac.org.

- America's Milk Processors and USA Today are pleased to bring you the 13th annual "Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year" (SAMMY) 2010 Award Program. The SAMMY 2010 Award recognized outstanding scholar athletes in grade 12 from high schools throughout the contiguous United States. Applications will be accepted online at bodybymilk.com until **March 3, 2010**.

- *Montgomery County Farm Bureau Association* is offering five \$500 scholarships to high school seniors. The student, his/her parents, or guardians, must be a Montgomery County Farm Bureau paid member to qualify. Deadline to apply is **March 1st**.

- *Radiant Electric Cooperative* has once again initiated a scholarship program for eligible students residing in the home of Radiant's members. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 12th.

- *Kansas State University's Phi Kappa Theta* is offering the Man of Faith Scholarship for the fall 2010 semester. For more information visit www.ksu.edu/phikap/manoffaith.htm

- *The National Farmers Farm Kids for College Scholarship* is now available to high school seniors that are majoring in an agricultural field at any college. The deadline to apply is **February 15th**! Stop by the counseling office for an application.

- *The Kansas State Chapter of Aca-cia Fraternity* is announcing a scholarship opportunity for young men who display motivation for personal success, an interest in studying the principles of leadership, and who plan to attend Kansas State University in Manhattan. The deadline to apply is **February 1st**. Stop by the counseling office for an application.

- *The Epsilon Sigma Alpha International (ESA)* offers more than 160

scholarships a year for deserving students who meet the criteria of individual endowments. Additional information about the scholarships, requirements, and applications is available at www.esaintl.com/esaf. Click on Scholarship Application on the left sidebar. Students may apply for up to three scholarships. The completed application with all of the documentation must be submitted and postmarked no later than **February 1st**.

- *The Physics Department at Wichita State* offers several academic scholarships for full time and part time students enrolled as physics majors. Each award is made in the spring semester for the next academic year; applications are due by February 1st. Any questions should be directed to the physics department undergraduate advisor, Jason Ferguson at (316) 978-3190 or Jason.ferguson@wichita.edu.

- *Penwell-Gabel Funeral Homes, Crematories & Cemeteries* would like to help those interested in nursing through their Tradition of Caring nursing scholarship. The scholarship is open to all local students pursuing a degree in nursing. Deadline to apply is **January 31st**. For more information or an application visit www.PenwellGabel.com/scholarship.

The American Legion offers numerous scholarships.

If you, your father, or your grandfather are a member of the "Kansas Sons of the American Legion" please stop by the Counseling Office for information on the Jay B. Thielen and/or the U.S. "Udie" Grant Scholarship.

If you are a dependant of American Legion member(s) and/or children of American Legion Auxiliary, you can apply for the Rose-dale Post 346 Scholarship, the Hugh A. Smith Scholarship, the Albert M. Lappin Scholarship, the Charles W. & Annette Hill Scholarship, and the Ted and Nora Anderson Scholarship please stop by the Counseling Office for an application.

If you are an Eagle Scout, you can apply for the Eagle Scot of the Year, please stop by the Counseling Office for an application.

If you participated in any of the American Legion sponsored Shooting Sports programs, you can apply for the American Legion Department of Kansas Junior Shooting Sports Scholarship

please stop by the Counseling Office for an application.

The American Legion Music Committee Scholarship is available to all Kansas High School students who have distinguished themselves in the field of music and who will major in music at an approved Kansas Community College, College, or University.

The John and Geraldine Hobble Licensed Practical Nursing Scholarship is available to students interested in obtaining their LPN.

The Paul E. Flaherty scholarship is awarded to any boy or girl who has participated in high school athletics.

The Dr. Irvin L. "Click" Cowger Memorial Baseball Scholarship is available to a Kansas boy who has participated in American Legion Baseball.

- *KFC Colonel's Scholars* is looking for high school seniors with financial need and an entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for the KF Colonel's Scholars Program. Awards are up to \$20,000 for tuition, fees, textbooks, room and board. The online scholarship application will be available from December 1 to February 10, 2010 at www.kfcscholars.org.

- *USA Funds* will award \$1500 scholarships to students with economic need. Applications are accepted online at www.usafunds.org/scholarship until February 15th.

- *The Kansas Golf Foundation* will award five scholarship for 2010-11. This is an academic scholarship, but in order to be eligible, a student must have participated in junior gold activities, including high school golf. Scholarship details and a downloadable application are available at www.kansasgolf.org. Click on "Kansas Golf Foundation" and follow the links for "Scholarships." For more information, call (785) 842-4833 X 205 or phil@kansasgolf.org.

- Interested in attending *Colby Community College*? Stop by the counseling office for scholarship information.

- Dr. Seuss's *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* College Scholarship recognizes a high school senior who understands and values the limitless possibilities that education can offer with a \$5,000 scholarship award. Applications can be downloaded at www.ohtheplaces.org. Entries must be postmarked by **February 15, 2010**.



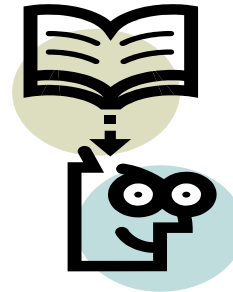
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Pre-Enrollment

This year, pre-enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year will take place during parent/teacher conferences. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 8th and 10th, 2010. Remember we are doing arena scheduling this year.



Five Reasons to Take Challenging Courses

As you register for your fall classes, here are five good reasons why you should take challenging courses:

- Colleges look at the high school courses you've taken and want to see that you weren't coasting through.
- Tough courses give you the knowledge and skills you need to do college work.
- Students who take challenging courses score higher on the ACT. (And a higher ACT score means a higher chance to succeed in college.)
- You'll be less likely to need remedial courses in college, and you may be able to finish college sooner.
- You will have more options for college and a career.

ACT's list of higher school course recommendations can serve as a guide for planning your choices (to find out more, visit www.actstudent.org/college/plancourses.html). Be sure to check with the colleges and universities you're interested in to compare the requirements.

Juniors—Jump-Start Your College Planning

The last half of your junior year is here and that means it's time to spring into action. Ideally, you've already been thinking about college and investigating your choices, but now is the time for action. Just ask any senior. Time goes by very quickly.

Here are some things to do:

- *Continue to take challenging courses. When registering for your senior year, don't just sign up for easy courses, because that will hurt your chances for college admission and you'll pay when you arrive at college and can't handle the coursework.*

- *Begin to make a preliminary list of colleges you would like to investigate further. Surf the Internet and use college resources in the counseling office or library.*
- *Fill out a college comparison worksheet. You can download one at www.actstudent.org/college/11.html.*
- *Make plans to visit colleges this spring when classes are in session.*
- *Start or update an academic resume.*