

Counselors' News

March 1-5, 2010

In essence, leaders are people who *walk ahead*, people genuinely committed to deep changes, in themselves and in their organizations. ~ Peter Senge, *The Dance of Change* (1999)

When will you know your financial aid package from a college???

Answer: When you file the FAFSA, you designate colleges to receive your data. You will receive a SAR (Student Aid Report) and the colleges will receive basically the same information. The colleges are currently compiling information and will send out letters within the coming weeks to those with completed applications and FAFSA reports. On another subject, TOPS letters will be sent out in the summer, as early as June, to graduates with complete reports.

On March 20th, students will have the opportunity to join their peers across the country in The **Princeton Review's National Testing Day** to take a FREE full-length ACT(r) or PSAT(r) under actual testing conditions. Students who complete the practice test will receive a personalized score report pinpointing their strengths and weaknesses. Those students who signed up with Mrs. Brill will receive a form to be signed by a parent and returned by Friday.

The second annual **Louisiana Regional College Career Fair** will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bossier Civic Center.

Scholarship Opportunities (for seniors, if not stated):

All Grades: You may register with the **Gates Millennium Scholars Program** for consideration and preparation for a great scholarship! Must be a minority student with a 3.3/4.0 overall GPA. Need based – must be Pell eligible. More info can be found at www.gmsp.org.

The FAFSA is THE application for TOPS. It must be filed between January 1 and July 1, 2010 without penalty. This applies to seniors only! All 2009 earnings (W-2 or 1099) must be received before filing this form. Even if you don't qualify for federal aid, most colleges require this before awarding you any type of scholarship. It is now time to go to www.PIN.ed.gov and get your two PIN's to sign your forms on www.FAFSA.ed.gov.

Young men must be registered for **Selective Service** – It takes 3 minutes at www.sss.gov
See the "Don't Blow Your TOPS" poster at www.caddomagnet.net.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship - \$1500/year – top seniors only – March 5

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship – all ages – www.kohlskids.com – March 15

Our Lady of the Lake (Health System) - \$500/semester – one nominee – March 15

Caddo District PTA Scholarship – well-rounded seniors – March 26 – see Mrs. Brill

Bossier Federal Credit Union – Brochures on black table in C-Wing – March 26

QuestBridge is offering 10 full scholarships to college summer programs of highly prestigious colleges. All (yes, all) expenses paid – need based / top students only – March 29

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity – Outstanding Minority Male – One nominee – April 1

National Right to Life Oratory Contest – Susan Flanagan @ 861-6879 – April 9

LMSA Scholarship for future teachers – www.lmsaonline.org – April 9

Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding for Vocational/Technical – April 16

2010 Student-View Scholarship – complete a survey – www.student-view.com – April 22

AES Engineers - \$500 based on character shown in an essay at
www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm – deadline October 8, 2010

2010 Horatio Alger State Scholarship – Louisiana college / critical financial need – April 15
www.horatioalger.org/scholarships

Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier – 3.5/4.0 – Mega Service! April 19

For Juniors – Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Award – www.hamiltonfriends.org

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants – www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm -
June 19, 2010

Phi Kappa Psi – Jared Rachal Memorial – LSU/Male/leader/service/3.25weighted – July 19

Not a Senior? To find scholarships for your age group, go to www.cappex.com or

www.schoolsoup.com or www.finaid.org or www.

College Visits in Library or Outside the Cafeteria / College Programs

Wednesday, March 3

Centenary

Mickey Quinlan

Wednesday, March 3

Grambling

Latari Fleming

Thursday, March 4

University of Arkansas

Amber Taggard

Saturday, March 6

NSU Senior Day

in Natchitoches

Saturday, March 20

Our Lady of the Lake College Open House in Baton Rouge

Wednesday, April 28

LA Tech Engineering Day

<http://esa.latech.edu/register.html>