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Counselors' News

January 30 – February 3, 2012

Students are
Urged to Read

Soft Skill #7 of 10 – **Interest in Learning** – Do you learn from mistakes and accept criticism? Are you a know-it-all, or do you consider the ideas and experience of others? Do you seek opportunities for learning and enjoy the experience? ~ Source: Jobs.AOL.com and CareerBuilder.com

Seniors: It's FAFSA time!!!

1. Visit www.pin.ed.gov to get a PIN for the student and a parent to create an account.
2. Use ONLY the official FAFSA site – www.FAFSA.gov – which is totally free! There are sites that claim to “help” you prepare the forms. You should not need help, unless your financial situation is complicated. Financial aid counselors at colleges are usually more than willing to help. Consider College Goal Sunday (below) for assistance.
3. **Remember – the application for TOPS is the FAFSA.** As long as you send your report to one Louisiana college/university, it will be sent automatically to TOPS (LOSFA). If you have questions, you may call them at 800-259-5626 x1012. If you did not put your SSN on your registration for the ACT, even though you sent your scores to TOPS, they might not have your scores on record. Check the ACT score profile you received.
4. Keep in mind that different colleges have different financial aid deadlines AND that the TOPS deadline is July 1, 2012. These are not the same as priority deadlines for scholarship consideration. Details at <http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/topsposter.pdf>

College Goal Sunday, February 26 (2-4 pm) – For parents needing information or help filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Free on-site assistance from area college financial aid professionals will be provided. www.osfa.la.gov/CollegeGoalSunday.html

Louisiana Lions Camp: Counselors are being hired for summer – must be at least 16 years old www.lionscamp.org or 1-800-348-6567. Very rewarding, and it pays!

Recent Board of Regents' College Admissions Standards – You may ***not*** attend a 4-year university in Louisiana in Fall, 2014 if you need ***any*** developmental classes as indicated by an ACT subscore lower than 18 in English or 19 in Math. For Fall, 2013, only “Regional” universities will allow ***one*** developmental course. Without these subscores, you must begin at a community college. Details – <http://regents.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/Data/AdmStds200912.pdf>

Scholarship Opportunities (for seniors, if not stated otherwise):

LA Knights of Columbus CYLA for Catholic students – www.louisianakc.org – January 31
Best Buy Scholarship – Grades 9-12 – www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com – February 15
GE Reagan Foundation – www.ReaganFoundation.org – February 17
ArkLaTex AFCEA Scholarship – Feb. 24 – www.arklatex.afceachapter.org/index.html
Huggable Heroes - www.buildabear.com/huggableheroes - 10 \$10K awards – February 27
Black History Month Essay Contest – 25 \$5K! – www.regions.com/ridingforward - Feb. 29
Buick Achievers – Automotive industry interest – www.BuickAchievers.com – February 29
Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors for students planning to attend Nichols State University entering Surveying/Geomatics - \$1000 – March 1
LA Middle School Association - \$1000 – Education major – See Mrs. Brill – March 9
StarBase Louisiana – If you participated in 5th Grade, see Mrs. Brill for \$500! March 10
Caddo District PTA Scholarship - \$500 for a LA college – See Mrs. Brill – March 16
ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Math & Science Scholarships - \$5,000 – African-American or Hispanic – www.cgcs.org – April 2, 2012 deadline
Horatio Alger – Need, involved, 2.0, overcoming adversity – www.horatioalger.org – April 15
Pelican State Credit Union – Seniors with at least a 2.5 and less than \$100,000/year income Must belong to Pelican – participation will be low – See Mrs. Brill – April 16 deadline
Big Sun Athletic Scholarship – www.bigsunathletics.com – June 22 deadline
www.StudentScholarships.org – Info on majors, careers, salaries and scholarship offers
AES Engineers - \$500 – www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm - October 5

College Visits & More:

Texas A&M Texarkana – Natalie Woodward
Memphis College of Art – see Mrs. Alexander
Tulane Focus Louisiana for Juniors & Sophomores
College Goal Sunday – 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, February 2 (Cafeteria)
Thursday, Feb. 2 at 2:00
M/W/F, Feb. 13-17 in New Orleans
Sunday, February 26 (BPCC)