

CHS College and Career Newsletter #7 (01/29/08)

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Attention Seniors and Senior Parents:

Mrs. Kristi Nyquist, the Director of **Wallace State Talent Search**, is available to assist **ALL** seniors and senior parents with financial aid questions and the FAFSA. She will be on campus on **Thursday, January 31st all day in the CHS Library.** Please see Mrs. Bishop-Hollis in order to make an appointment with her for Thursday. If you have questions for Mrs. Nyquist between her visits, please use the contact information listed below.

Contact information for Mrs. Kristi Nyquist –

E-mail address: Kristi.nyquist @wallacestate.edu Phone Number: (256) 352-8208

NOTE: February 1st (Friday) is the last day to order graduation supplies from Balfour. If you have questions or need an additional information packet, please see Mrs. Bishop-Hollis ASAP ☺

IMPORTANT Prom Information: Prom Tickets will be on sale at 7:15 a.m. in Ms. Perry's Room on February 5th, 6th, and 7th. Prom tickets are \$40 per person. **Only** seniors can buy prom tickets. The tickets will be on sale before school and at break for three days only. Tickets will not be on sale during class time. Please bring correct cash or check – no change will be available.

Scholarship Deadline Reminders

Scholarship Deadlines for Specific Colleges and Universities

Bethel College - Hendrix Scholarship Competition – February 16-17. Contact admissions@bethel-college.edu or (731) 352-4030 for more information.

Mississippi State University Scholarship Opportunities – All scholarships at MSU require the submission of a complete application and an online scholarship resume **by February 1, 2008.**

Non-Resident Freshman Scholarship - Starts at \$4,000 for four years plus the non-resident portion of the tuition. Student must have an ACT composite of 24 or higher and a core high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Engineering Excellence Scholarship – up to \$12,000 over four years for engineering and computer science majors with a minimum of 30 ACT and exceptional high school academic record.

Ramsay and Elaine O'Neal Scholarships – up to \$12,000 over four years for pre-med students with a minimum Act of 28 and an exceptional academic record.

For additional available MSU scholarships, please visit <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/scholarships/>

University of Alabama at Birmingham – Mildred, Mack, Blanche Stewart Teacher Education Scholarship – Must be admitted to UAB as an education major, must have a 3.0 GPA, at least a 22 ACT, demonstrate financial need, submit a 500 word essay on teaching, and submit two letters of recommendation. Applications will be available in the Guidance Office. Deadline for application is **February 1, 2008**.

University of Alabama School of Art – Eligibility: Must be a freshman planning to major in studio art or art history, must provide a portfolio or slides, GPA 3.0 or higher, and minimum ACT of 20. **Deadline for scholarship application is February 10, 2008.** For more information, please call (205) 348-5967, e-mail wdooley@art.as.ua.edu, or stop by the Guidance Office for more details.

University of Montevallo – Freshman Leadership Scholarship – valued at \$4,500 a year, must have an ACT composite of 27 and grade point average of 3.0. Deadline for admission to the University is **February 1, 2008**. *Academic Recognition Scholarship –* valued at \$3,500 a year, must have an ACT composite of 25 or higher and have a gpa of 3.0. Deadline for admission to the University is **February 1, 2008**.

*Jim Harrell Poetry Scholarship Awards –*Deadline for application is **February 1, 2008**. Contact Dr. Jim Murphy at murphyj@montevallo.edu for more info.

University of North Alabama – Leadership and Academic Scholarships – Seniors, you must be admitted for admission and submit your resume by **Feb. 1, 2008** in order to be considered for these awards.

University of North Alabama - University of North Alabama Scholarships: Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene majors, deadline is **Feb. 15, 2008**; UNA Excellence Scholarships, deadline is **Feb. 1, 2008**

Seniors: Are you planning to attend **Wallace State Community College** in the summer or fall of 2008? If Wallace is where you have decided to start your college education, please make plans to complete your admission application in the month of December or January. I have both admission applications and scholarship applications available in my office NOW. **All Wallace State admission and scholarship applications must be completed and mailed to WSCC prior to the February 15th scholarship deadline.**

Complete a transcript request form and give it to Mrs. Parker in order to have your grades and ACT scores sent to WSCC. Please see me (Mrs. Bishop-Hollis) if you have any questions or concerns about this process.

Wallace State Scholarship Deadline - February 15th - Wallace State Academic and Health Scholarships require an ACT Score. No ACT score required for technical, music or athletic scholarships. Admissions applications and scholarship forms are available in the Guidance Office or on the WSCC website <http://www.wallacestate.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.html>. Please read further for more detailed information on the scholarship opportunities at Wallace State.

- NOTICE:
1. A student may apply for as many WSCC scholarships as they desire.
 2. For each WSCC scholarship, all criteria must be met.
 3. A complete packet must be turned in for each WSCC scholarship applied for.
 4. Only one WSCC scholarship can be accepted.

Students must be an Alabama resident and U.S. citizen to qualify for any scholarships except athletic and private scholarships. Recipients of athletic scholarships are required to be U. S. citizens.

WSCC Presidential Scholarships are available to students majoring in an academic field of study at WSCC. Presidential Scholarships are based on a combination of the ACT composite score, the cumulative grade point average, and an essay. ACT plus grade point average must equal 30 (e.g., ACT 27 + GPA 3.0 = 30). The essay should be no more than 500 words and should be based on why you feel you are deserving of a scholarship and what you hope to accomplish as a result of receiving this scholarship.

WSSC Honors Scholarships are available to students who are seeking an intellectually challenging and creative college experience. Through prescribed activities, including educational experiences, service learning, interaction with faculty members, and attendance at culturally enriching events, students are allowed an opportunity for academic diversity. This scholarship includes tuition, fees, and a book stipend. For more information contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071 or LaDonna.Allen@wallacestate.edu.

WSSC Academic Excellence Scholarships are available to students majoring in an academic field of study at WSSC. Academic Excellence Scholarships are based on the ACT composite score, cumulative grade point average, an essay, and two letters of recommendation. ACT score plus grade point average must equal 27 (e.g., ACT 24 + GPA 3.0 = 27). The essay should be no more than 500 words and should be based on why you feel you are deserving of a scholarship and what you hope to accomplish as a result of receiving this scholarship.

WSSC Leadership Scholarships are available to students majoring in an academic field of study at WSSC. Leadership scholarships are based on a combination of cumulative ACT composite score, cumulative grade point average, an essay, two letters of recommendation, and documentation of outstanding leadership and community service. ACT score plus grade point average must equal 24 (e.g., ACT 21 + GPA 3.0 = 24). The essay should be no more than 500 words and should be based on why you feel you are deserving of a scholarship and what you hope to accomplish as a result of receiving this scholarship.

WSSC Performing Arts Scholarships are awarded through the audition process. Auditions are held during the spring semester. Contact the Music Department at 256/352-8277 for dates and application procedures.

WSSC Allied Health, Nursing, and Health Linkage Scholarships are available to students majoring in health care programs at WSSC. These scholarships are based on the ACT composite score, cumulative grade point average (3.0 or better), involvement in clubs and organizations, and/or volunteer experience in a health-care environment. If your chosen field requires a minimum ACT score, your ACT score must be equal to or exceed the required minimum score. Health Linkage Scholarships are designated for students who have begun their allied health care studies at one of the established linkage sites. All Allied Health, Nursing, and Linkage Scholarship recipients must meet all admissions criteria for the chosen field of study. Scholarships will be voided if the student is not formally accepted into the chosen field of study.

WSSC Career/Technical Scholarships are available to students majoring in a technical field of study at WSSC. Career/technical scholarships are based on technical achievement. If awarded a scholarship, you must take 75% of your classes in your major field of study. Additional academic classes may be taken toward an A.A.S. degree in the technical field.

General Scholarship Deadlines (listed in order by deadline dates)

National Eagle Scout Association - Offers academic scholarships for young men who have achieved Eagle Scout designation through their local Boy Scout Troop. For applications and other information visit <http://www.nesa.org/> and click on NESA Scholarships at the top of the webpage. **Deadline for submission of scholarship application is January 31, 2008.** For additional information, contact the National Office, Boy Scouts of America, PO Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079, 972/580-2000.

Science and Engineering Apprentice Program at Redstone Arsenal – possible placements include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering, and mathematics – **Deadline for application is Jan. 31, 2008.** Contact Julie Lumpkins at 256-313-4834 for more information.

American Cancer Society Scholarship - Eligibility: Must have had a diagnosis of cancer before age 21; legal resident of Alabama; grade point average of 2.5 or higher; accepted to a two-year or four-year university or

community college. Eligible students should contact the Mid-South division of the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345. **Applications must be received no later than February 1, 2008.**

ESA Foundation Scholarships – Eligibility: A senior must meet one of the following qualifications – 3.0 GPA, top 25 % or the high school class, or ACT of 22. Required – completed application, two letters of recommendation, a current transcript, and a \$5 processing fee. Applications are available on the web at http://esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship_application.html. **Deadline for application is February 1, 2008.**

(National Academy of American Scholars) NAAS National Competition Awards – Senior must be enrolled in a public school, must possess a cumulative GPA of “C” or higher, and must excel in the following: character, integrity, leadership, and demonstrate the ability to follow written instructions. Applications may be requested through the mail with a \$3 fee and a self addressed, stamped envelope mailed to NAAS-USA Fund, c/o NAAS-USA Awards, P.O. Box 337380, North Las Vegas, NV 89031-7380. **Deadline for application is February 1, 2008.**

Stephen Skinner/Specialty Pharmacy Scholarship – Eligibility: Must be a senior athlete at CHS that plays competitive sports such as volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, cheerleading, golf, tennis, track, or soccer. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college where the recipient will be enrolled. Applications are in the Guidance Office. Two letters of recommendation are required from your coach and Mr. Hill. **Deadline for application is February 1, 2008.**

Phi Delta Kappa Scholarship – Eligible applicants are high school seniors intending to major in education. Requirements: application, essay, letters of recommendation, school and community activities, and academic standing. Applications are available online http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros_ed.s.htm. **Deadline for application is February 1, 2008.**

2008 Young Entrepreneur Award - The NFIB (National Federation of Independent Businesses) Young Entrepreneur Foundation announces its fourth annual scholarship program for high school seniors. This scholarship program is designed to set teen small-business owners on the path to entrepreneurship. Five regional winners will receive \$5,000 each. Current seniors may apply online at <http://www.nfib.com/page/nfibYoungEntrepreneurAward.html>. **Deadline for application is February 11, 2008.**

Best Buy Scholarship - <https://bestbuy.scholarshipamerica.org/> Eligibility: Be a graduating high school senior living in the United States or Puerto Rico, live within 75 miles* of a U.S. Best Buy Store, have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or an equivalent), demonstrate commitment to and involvement in volunteer community service or work experience, plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico no later than fall 2008. Selection of recipients will be based on solid academic performance and exemplary community service. Consideration may also be given to participation and leadership in school activities and work experience. Financial need is not considered. **Applicants must apply online prior to the deadline of February 15, 2008.**

2008 Burger King Scholars Program –Requirements include at 2.5 GPA, must work an average of 15 hours per week for 40 weeks during the year, demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities, must demonstrate financial need, and plan to enroll in an accredited two/or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school by Fall of the application year. Students DO NOT have to be employed at a BURGER KING® restaurant to be eligible for a scholarship. However, BURGER KING® employees may be eligible. Apply online at <http://www.bk.com/companyinfo/community/scholarships.aspx> using the Access Key of BKS. **Deadline for application is February 15, 2008.**

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program –One hundred \$1,500 college scholarships are available in 2007 for farm youths pursuing careers in agriculture. Information and application are available at www.monsanto.com (Click on *Corporate Responsibility* at the top of the webpage and then scroll down to the *Youth and Education* link). **Deadline for application is February 15, 2008.**

National FFA Collegiate Scholarship Program - www.ffa.org/programs/scholarships/index.html This website contains a guide to scholarships available in the agricultural. Each scholarship has its requirements and deadline for application listed. Applications for the following specific scholarships are found on this webpage: FFA Scholarship, Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture Program, and the Cargill Scholarship for Rural America Program. **Each of these scholarships are centered around agricultural and have a deadline for application of February 15, 2008.** Please see Mrs. Bishop-Hollis if you need assistance with the website or scholarship applications.

KFC Scholars Program 2008 – Requirements: Applicant must be a senior, have a 2.75 grade point average, plan to attend a public, in-state college or university, and be a U.S citizen. Applications will be available online for a six-week period from January 1, 2007 to February 16, 2007. Online applications will be found at www.kfcscholars.org. **Deadline for application is February 15, 2008.**

National Co-op Scholarship Program – Sponsored by the National Commission for Co-op Education and the following schools: Antioch College, Drexel University, Johnson and Wales, Kettering University, EW Post Campus of Long Island University, Northeastern University, Pace University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo. Go to www.co-op.edu/scholarships.htm for details. **Deadline is Feb. 15, 2008.**

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship – Requirements: completed application, student biography, transcript, essay, three letters of recommendation, and parent financial information form. Applicants are chosen based on academics, school/community involvement, and financial need. Applications are available online only at www.jimmyranefoundation.org. **Deadline for application is February 15, 2008.**

MILITARY AID SOCIETY SITES:

Army Emergency Relief - <http://www.aerhq.org/>

Air Force Aid Society - <http://www.afas.org/>

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society - <http://www.nmcrs.org/>

Coast Guard Mutual Aid - <http://www.cgmahq.org/>

ROTC INFORMATION:

Army - <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/index.jsp>

Air Force - <http://www.afrotc.com/>

Navy / Marine Corps - <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>

MILITARY ACADEMIES:

Army - <http://www.usma.edu/>

Air Force - <http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

Navy - <http://www.nadn.navy.mil/>

Coast Guard - <http://www.cga.edu/>

Important Dates to Remember

February 1

LAST DAY to place an order for graduation supplies from Balfour.

- Feb 5, 6, and 7** Prom Tickets go on sale at 7:15 a.m. in Ms. Perry's Room. Prom tickets are \$40 per person. **Only** seniors can buy prom tickets. The tickets will be on sale before school and at break for three days only. Tickets will not be on sale during class time. Please bring correct cash or check – no change will be available.
- Feb 12** Senior Class Meeting in the CHS Auditorium at 8:45 a.m. with Mr. Hill
- March 21** **Good Friday** (no school)
- March 29** The 2008 CHS Prom will be held at Terri Pines Country Club from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.
- April 14-18** Spring Break
- May 13** 9th-12th grade Academic Awards and Senior Scholarship Recognition Program will be held in the CHS auditorium at **6:30 p.m.** More details to follow...
- May 18** Baccalaureate Ceremony will be at 3:00 p.m. in the CHS auditorium. Seniors must arrive by 2 p.m.
- May 22** Graduation practice will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Wallace State Coliseum. Participants must arrive by 12:45.
- May 23** Graduation will be at 7:00 p.m. at Wallace State Coliseum. Seniors must arrive by 6:00 p.m.