

Senior "Stuff" Newsletter

September 17th, 2009

I will be out of the office the week of September 28th - October 3rd. Please see me next week about anything in this newsletter.

Remember our goal is to be early on all deadlines. All applications to any four year school should be done by **Halloween**. (Except UNA which should be done before Christmas holiday)

Friday, September 18th is the deadline to register for the October **ACT**. This is the last chance to improve your ACT before scholarship deadlines. Reminder - both Auburn and Alabama are requiring the ACT + Writing

Birmingham National College Fair - Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 - 4:00pm at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex; North Exposition Hall. www.nationalcollegefairs.org

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program

Our school can nominate one senior for this \$1,000 scholarship. The nominated student must have at least a 2.8 and should have displayed leadership abilities in school activities. Interested students should turn a resume in to Mrs. Allman with a note indicating they want to be considered for this scholarship by October 1st. (Just because you are nominated does not mean you will get this scholarship.)

Rhodes College in Memphis will visit Muscle Shoals High School on September 25th from 2:00 - 2:30. Please stop by the library conference room to visit if you are interested.

The **UNA Admissions Office** will visit MSHS on Wednesday, September 30th. They will have a table set up outside the lunchroom from 11:30 - 12:45. Be sure and stop by and pick up information and meet the admission counselor.

The University of Alabama College of Engineering / E-day

The College of Engineering's annual open house - Thursday, October 1st from 7:30 am to 1:00pm. This will include departmental tours, hands-on projects, lots of student information and lunch. www.eng.ua.edu
Stop by for more information if you are interested in attending.

Better Business Bureau of North Alabama - 2009 Torch Awards

Scholarship - \$1,000 - requirements: a short essay on the importance of ethics in business, government and the community . The criteria for the awards includes Leadership 20%, Community Service 20%, Academic 10%, Essay 50%. See me by Friday, September 25th if you plan to apply.

Birmingham Southern College is scheduled to visit MSHS on Tuesday, October 13th. Please make sure you see them if you are at all interested in BSC.

Monday, October 19th - No school today

This is a great day to schedule a college visit. Let me know if I can help.

Huntingdon College is scheduled to visit MSHS on Tuesday, October 20th. Please make sure you see them if you think you might be interested in Huntingdon.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

If you are a motivated, dedicated, involved high school senior you should apply for the 250 scholarships this organization will fund. The deadline to apply is October 31st, but don't wait until the last minute because this will Take a little bit of thought and time. For more information or to apply go to www.coca-colascholars.org

UNA Preview Day 2009 - An afternoon of information, tours, dinner and a football game all free! Saturday, November 7th. (A full tuition one-year scholarship will be given away at half time.)

Most colleges and universities host **Fall visits** day as a recruiting tool designed to show students the best they have to offer. Look at the website of the school you are interested or come by the guidance office for more information.

Samford University

MHS can nominate one senior for the Beeson Exceptional Scholarship, a competitive merit scholarship program for high-achieving students in Alabama. (minimum 28 ACT) Please let Mrs. Allman know by October 15th if you are interested in Samford University and interested in being nominated for this scholarship competition.

Elks National Foundation - Most Valuable Student Scholarship

The Shoals Elks Lodge will be at our school on Friday, October 30th to pick up completed applications. Applications will be judged on Scholarship, Leadership, and Financial Need. Applications are available in the guidance office. Visit www.elks.org/enf/scholar for complete contest details.

Davidson College in North Carolina

John Montgomery Belk Scholarship - Our school can nominate one senior for this prestigious award. Approximately 15 students will be chosen as finalist and invited to campus. Last year 5 students were selected as Belk Scholars. You must talk to me by October 15th if you are interested in this.

The Bryan Scholars and Davidson Scholars Program - this is a scholar athlete nomination program. If you have excelled in academics and sports and are interested in Davidson College I would like to nominate you.

See me immediately because nomination forms are due September 25th and they do require some work. We need to start today if you are interested.

Get to know MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

An information session will be held at the Greater Atlanta Christian School in Norcross, Georgia on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00pm. To see a list of all of their fall meetings please visit <http://web.mit.edu/admissions/falltravel/>

Miss Teen USA

I have more information on this pageant which will be held on Saturday, October 31st in Birmingham. Deadline to enter: September 30th

www.missalabamateenusa.com

The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)

We have received information about the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. Come by and take a look or go to www.honors.olemiss.edu if you are interested.

Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund - This is a scholarship fund set up for children who have had a parent killed or permanently and totally disabled in an on the job accident. The deadline for submitting is May 1st. the application can be found at www.alfinc.org . Let me know if you think you may qualify. I will be glad to help.

2009 National Christian College fairs - check out www.nccf.us for more info

If you are interested in **Boston University** you may be interested in getting more information on the Boston University Trustee Scholarship.

Are you interested in attending **Washington University in St. Louis**? I have a nomination form for their Scholars Program. Please see me no later than Monday, October 5th if you want to pursue this.

Emory University in Atlanta - Our school can nominate up to 4 outstanding students to the **Emory Scholars Program** which is a prestigious merit-based scholarship. They are looking for students with outstanding records of academic achievement, who possess extraordinary personal qualities and who have made significant contributions to their class, school and community. Please see me no later than Friday, October 9th if you want to pursue this.

2010 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Win Scholarship Money - First place winner receives \$10,000

2nd place winner receives \$1,000 - Up to 5 finalist receive \$500 each

Write an essay of less than 1,000 words that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by JFK in Profiles of Courage. Come By and get more details if you are interested. All essays must be submitted by January 9, 2010. www.jfklibrary.org

If you are applying to several out of state schools you might be interested in **The Common Application**. This is one college application that many schools will accept. Go to www.commonapp.org or come by the guidance office for a list of participating schools and more information.

Friday, May 28th 2010 - MSHS Graduation

Girls - Dress/ black shoes **Guys** - Dark pants, Dark Shoes, White Shirt, Dark Tie

*Please see Sonya Allman in the guidance office for more information on items listed in this newsletter.

