



Mountain Home High School Career Academies

Senior Newsletter-December 2012



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EXTENDED COUNSELING HOURS: T UNTIL 5 p.m.
Website: <http://bombers.k12.ar.us/hs/counselors/index.html>

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Upcoming Deadlines

- **12/07/12 – Elks National Foundation Scholarship** deadline
- **12/17/12 – 2013 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award**
www.NFIB.com/YEA
- **12/31/12 - Templeton Press is sponsoring an essay contest** that is open to any high school senior who intends to enroll at an institution of higher learning by fall of 2013. The contest has no special requirements; it only asks each entrant to write a thoughtful essay about his or her life's purpose. Contestants will be judged solely on the quality of their ideas and their ability to express themselves. The contest carries prizes ranging from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 and it runs through December 31, 2012. Full entry information can be found at: <http://lawsoflifecontest.com/>
- **01/05/13 – 2013 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest** - 1st place \$10,000 -- half of the award will be in cash and half will be in a college savings plan; 2nd place \$1,000; and (5) finalists \$500. The winner will get an all-expense paid trip to Boston and be recognized by Caroline Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. The student **MUST** be nominated by a teacher – the nominating teacher of the first-place winner will receive a \$500 grant. Deadline: January 5, 2013. For complete information go to www.jfklibrary.org
- **01/10/13 – 1) 2013 GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**—This program annually awards roughly 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships up to \$40,000 total per recipient. For more information about eligibility and the online application go to www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships. You can also follow the organization on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships>; **2) Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholars Program** – High school seniors, Burger King employees, their dependent children, spouses, or domestic partners are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 in scholarship awards for the 2013-14 school year. Apply today at www.bkmlamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram -- The application period begins November 15, 2012, and ends on January 10, 2013.
- **01/15/13 – 1) Washington Crossing Foundation National Scholarship** information is available in the counselors' office. Any Student interested in a career in government services can apply, information, rules and requirements are also on line at www.gwcf.org; **2) Arkansas Tech Creative Writing Contest** for seniors. High school seniors who submit a poem or small group of poems, a short story, or a piece of dramatic writing before 01/15/13, are eligible to win one of six Tech scholarships. For more information, see your counselor.
- **01/16/13 – Thea Visual Arts** deadline
www.theafoundation.org/scholarships
- **01/30/13 – 1) Thea Creative Writing** deadline
www.theafoundation.org/scholarships **2) Thea Performing Arts** deadline
www.theafoundation.org/scholarships
- **02/01/13 – Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR** – priority deadline for scholarship applications is today – students must be admitted to the University and have a minimum ACT sub score of 19 in English, Math and Reading prior to consideration for scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded as funds are available.
- **02/27/13 – Thea Performance Poetry** deadline
www.theafoundation.org/scholarships
- **03/16/13 – Arkansas Public Health Association** deadline - Eligibility Criteria **Applicants:** must be an Arkansas resident, must be enrolled, or have plans to enroll in a field of public health, must be a high school senior or have a high school diploma or GED, must have at least 2.5 GPA (based on a 4 point system), must demonstrate financial need.
- **03/19/13 - Area Art Club Scholarship** – A \$1,000 scholarship will be offered to a senior from the area encompassing Mountain Home, Cotter, Flippin, Norfolk, and the Guy Berry College and Career Academy. Interested seniors should return an application (located in the counselors' office) by March 19, 2013. Arrangements for an interview will be made after the deadline.
- **06/01/13 – ASU-Beebe Institutional Scholarship** priority application deadline
- **06/14/13 - Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants** scholarship program – award up to \$1,000 to the winner(s). Application Process - Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site:
<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>
- **Register As Soon As Possible** – High School Senior Girls - www.DistinguishedYW.org **Distinguished Young Women** is a national scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. The program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 700,000 young women and more than \$93 million in cash scholarships has been awarded at the local, state and national levels combined. Distinguished Young Women strives to give

every young woman the opportunity to further her education and prepare for a successful future.



COLLEGE VISIT TO THE MHHS CAMPUS

On December 10, 2012 a representative from Williams Baptist College will be in the counselors' conference room from 11:00 to 12:00, if you are interested please stop by at this time.



Web Resources for Students with Disabilities –

- College Planning for Students with Learning Disabilities
<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content3/collegeplanning.LD.html>
- College Board Services for Students with Disabilities
<http://www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index/html>
- LD Online
http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/postsecondary/
- Think College (College Options for People with Intellectual Disabilities) <http://www.thinkcollege.net>
- Learning Disabilities Association of America
<http://www.ldanatl.org>
- College Opportunities for Students with Learning Disabilities
<http://www.collegeplanningsimplified.com/LearningDisabilities.html>
- Fast Web
<http://fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/101062?id=>
- ERIC Digests-Serving Students with Disabilities at the Community College
<http://www.ericdigests.org/s003-3/serving.htm>
- National Center on Secondary Education and Transition <http://www.ncset.org/default.asp>
- National Organization on Disability
<http://www.nod.org/>
- Bridges 4 Kids
<http://www.bridges4kids.org/College.html>
- National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities <http://nichcy.org>
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities
<http://www.aucd.org>
- National Council on Disability <http://www.ncd.gov>
- College-scholarships.com's list of colleges with programs for students with learning disabilities
http://www.college-scholarships.com/learning_disabilities.htm

IF YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR _____, YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS CAREER.

English –

- Freelance writer or editor
- English/journalism teacher
- Lawyer (English is a great foundation for pre-law studies)

Math –

- Business analyst
- Database administrator
- Computer animation/digital imaging

History –

- Researcher
- Archivist
- Business manager

Psychology

- Social Worker
- Human resource manager
- School counselor (with a graduate degree)

[Information provided by November/December 2012 *NextStepU.*]



SENIOR CONFERENCES

If you have not yet had a senior conference, please schedule a conference with your counselor before Christmas.



IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

Question - What if you don't know what you want to be "when you grow up?" Should you wait to go to college, or just wait to declare a major?

Answer – If you want to go to college, but aren't quite sure what career path you want to take, then hit the books, the internet and every available resource possible to find out what it is you might be interested in. Now is a good time to get you Arkansas Works Kuder Navigator account out and explore what it has to offer.

Talk to people in careers that you think you might like, ask to do an internship or a job shadow day. Starting your college career as an undecided major is widely acceptable, but keep in mind that, eventually, you will have to decide. Start exploring your options now! It's never too early to think about your future.

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HOT JOBS!

According to *Fortune* magazine the following jobs are “hot jobs” –

- ❖ Health Care Management and Support Staff
Average salary: \$34,790
- ❖ Engineers
Average salary: \$78,160
- ❖ Accounting and Finance
Average salary: \$61,690
- ❖ Discount Retail Management
Average salary: \$40,630

Highest Paying Jobs!

If you are still trying to decide on a major, consider one of these high-paying careers.

- ❖ Anesthesiologists - \$234,950
- ❖ Psychiatrists \$174,170
- ❖ Surgeons \$231,550
- ❖ Petroleum engineers \$138,980
- ❖ Orthodontists \$204,670
- ❖ Natural sciences managers \$128,230

According to www.bls.gov (Bureau of Labor Statistics)



ACT/SAT Prep

Any student interested in practicing for the ACT/ SAT is invited to the computer lab 7:55-8:55 a.m. on Wednesday or after school on Tuesday. Mrs. Traylor will meet you in the library to give you the website and help you with passwords.

The next ACT test will be given on February 9, 2013.

Regular registration for this test is January 11 with late registration January 12-18th.

Remember that students (grades 11/12) who are on the free/reduced lunch have the opportunity to get two test waivers during their high school years.



THE END OF THE QUARTER IS APPROACHING!

What to do.....

- Check edline or ask your teacher(s) what your grades are
- Attend tutoring sessions as needed
- Ask a friend to study with you

- Turn in any excused absences that you have not yet turned in
- Turn in any missing work that your teacher will allow
- Meet with your counselor if you have to make an alternative plan to gain credits
- Be present until finals are over
- If you fail a course, **immediately** make an appointment with your counselor. If a makeup course does not fit into your schedule, it is possible that Arkansas Virtual High School can be used. The registration for AVHS will end on December 21st.



MATH TUTORING IS AVAILABLE!

Tuesday & Thursday – 3:30-4:30 – Room 411



YOUiversal Website

Each student needs to create a Youniversal account. The YOUiversal Scholarship site is –

<http://www.adhe.edu/Pages/home.aspx>



The YOUiversal Scholarship application will be available for high school seniors to apply for the Academic Challenge Scholarship, Governor’s Scholarship and all other ADHE programs on **January 1, 2013.**

Students who attempt to apply prior to January will create an account, but will not create any applications. They must log into their ADHE account after January 1 and **click on the reapply link.**

The application deadlines are:

Governor’s Scholarship Program (Governor’s Scholars and Governor’s Distinguished Scholars) – February 1, 2013
All other ADHE programs – June 1, 2013

College Spotlight -

HELPFUL SITES –

- COUNSELORS' WEBSITE - http://bombers.k12.ar.us/hs/hs_counselors/index.html
- SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE MH WEBSITE - http://bombers.k12.ar.us/hs/hs_scholarships.htm
- COLLEGE PLANNING SERVICES FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS <http://www.fundmyfuture.info/Default.aspx>
- FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) www.fafsa.gov
- FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) PIN REGISTRATION www.pin.ed.gov
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS [FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN INDIAN REGISTRATION CARD] <http://www.bie.edu/Resources/HigherEd/index.htm>
- STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa>
- THE COLLEGE BOARD – http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp
- THE AMERICAN LEGION- Need A Lift? Get Money for College! For more information visit: www.legion.org/needalift



Is it legitimate?

Check the following sources to verify the legitimacy of any financial aid consultants or search services you may use or hire and for tips on avoiding scholarships scams:

- U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/scams>
- Federal Trade Commission: <http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams>
- Better Business Bureau: www.bbb.com



Aid from Private Sources

- Fast Web: www.fastweb.com
- Mexican American legal Defense and Education Fund: www.maldef.org
- Get Ready for College: <http://www.getreadyforcollege.org/gPg.cfm?pageID=1586>
- Latino College Dollars: www.latinocollegedollars.org
- Scholarships for Hispanics: www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org
- Genesco Migrant Center: www.migrant.net



University of Arkansas –

University of Arkansas Athletic Training Students – If you have an interest in a medical field and plan to attend the U of A in Fayetteville, you can apply to be an athletic trainer for the sports program for the 2013-14 academic school year. If you are interested in being involved in the program, you need to drop by and visit with your counselor and fill out the application.



South Arkansas University -

Hallman Scholars Award for Women in the College of Science and Technology -- Southern Arkansas University Foundation is pleased to provide information on the Hallman Scholars Award for women in the College of Science and Technology at SAU. A flyer with details of the scholarship is available at the following link: <http://www.saufoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/11/HallmanScholarship.pdf>.

Please note that this and other scholarships offered through SAU Foundation are separate from those available through the SAU Office of Financial Aid and require a separate application.

A listing of the scholarships available through SAU Foundation and the application form can be found at our website: www.saufoundation.org under SCHOLARSHIPS.

We welcome your questions or requests for additional information.

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Brown University

Brown University, Providence, RI, contact information: Office of Admission – (410)863-2378; email – admissions@brown.edu. Brown University is a highly competitive college. If you are interested in attending Brown, you need to contact them NOW and determine what you need to do to apply. It is not too late for Regular decision for seniors. It is too late for early decision. Juniors interested should contact the university soon to make sure they are doing what is necessary to apply. Remember DECISION means final. So if you sign on the dotted line, you are committing to Brown. The representative for Arkansas is Elisha Anderson.



The University of Tulsa

The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK – the travel schedule for the reps for Arkansas is as follows: Little Rock 11/29 – 12/2. If you are interested in meeting with the rep from the U of

Tulsa, contact Susie Diamond at 918-631-3235. Junior visit day is January 21, 2013. There will be a financial aid workshop on January 27, 2013. Tulsa Time Overnight Program will be held Feb 17-18, 2013. For more information go to admission@utulsa.edu. Phone (918) 631-2307; 1-800-331-3050.



FINE ARTS STUDENTS – THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE!

2013 Thea Scholarship Competitions: These scholarships are open to high school seniors who attend public, private, charter, and home schools or have completed their GED. GPAs, test scores, or intent to major in the arts are NOT required. Deadlines to enter are as follows: Visual Arts – January 16; Creative Writing -- January 30; Performing Arts -- January 30; Performance Poetry – February 20; Filmmaking – April 5. For more information on entry and guidelines go to www.theafoundation.org/scholarships.



SENIOR TO DO –

If you plan to attend college in the fall (2013), you need to make application to that college(s). Go to Counseling Services and request a transcript be sent to that college(s) and pay for that transcript **BEFORE** Christmas break.

What Is AmeriCorps?

<http://www.americorps.gov>

AmeriCorps is an opportunity to make a big difference in your life and in the lives of those around you. It's a chance to apply your skills and ideals toward helping others and meeting critical needs in the community.

Each year, AmeriCorps offers 75,000 opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. Whether your service makes a community safer, gives a child a second chance, or helps protect the environment, you'll be getting things done through AmeriCorps!

AmeriCorps members address critical needs in communities all across America. As an AmeriCorps member, you can:

- Tutor and mentor disadvantaged youth
- Fight illiteracy
- Improve health services
- Build affordable housing
- Teach computer skills
- Clean parks and streams
- Manage or operate after-school programs
- Help communities respond to disasters
- Build organizational capacity

Benefits of Service

As an AmeriCorps member, you'll gain new skills and experiences—and you'll also find the tremendous satisfaction that comes from helping others. In addition, full-time members who complete their service earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans; members who serve part-time receive a partial Award. Some AmeriCorps members may also receive a modest living allowance during their term of service.

