

## CHS College and Career Newsletter #3 (10/09/08)

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### Balfour Graduation Supplies - Order Information

On Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, all seniors received a Balfour Graduation Supplies Packet during their first or second period class. If any senior did not receive a packet of Balfour information, please stop by the Guidance Office – I have extra copies available. A Balfour Informational Parent Night will be held in the CHS Lunchroom on **Thursday, October 16th from 5:00-7:30 p.m.** Graduation supply orders may be placed by both parents and students during this meeting. Balfour representatives will also be in the **lunchroom on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** so seniors may place orders during their assigned lunch period. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Balfour at (205) 733-1060 or e-mail at balfourrdp@charter.net.



### Senior College Days and Trimester Exam Exemption

If a senior takes a college day and provides the proper documentation (the student provides a note *before* the day he or she is absent with parent's written permission and *then* provides us with proof of attendance to the college via written or typed note on letter head of the college the next school day that he or she is present), the legitimate college day will be counted as an excused absence. Although the college day does count as an absence (excused), it will **not** count negatively toward their eligibility for exam exemption. Seniors are allowed three college visits. The seniors are encouraged to visit colleges when we have breaks rather than on a school day; however, the CHS administration understands sometimes that is not possible.

Dear Seniors,

You have entered a very exciting, fast-paced and important time in your life. Not only will you be busy with many activities associated with school, but you also have many decisions to make about your future. I will do my best to keep you up-to-date on any information about scholarships, visitation days, etc. etc. etc!!! **Your CHS College and Career Handbook (located in your CHS Student Handbook and online at the CHS website) will be invaluable tool for you to use throughout your senior year.** Please **REMEMBER** that it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to complete college and scholarship applications and return them in a timely manner. I will use newsletters to let you know about any opportunities that come to my attention (be sure to listen for announcements on the announcement sheet, from your teachers, etc). YOU need to be searching for information on schools, scholarships, etc. on your own NOW. Don't wait until it's too late!

Here is the next edition of the CHS College and Career Newsletter, and I hope it is filled with information that will be helpful to you. Please plan to read each of the College and Career Center Newsletters carefully for important scholarship information and senior reminders. In addition to your personal newsletter e-mails from me, this information will be updated daily on the CHS website under the Guidance link (click on "Senior Newsletter").

Go Bearcats!

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New information is highlighted in yellow.

Important dates and deadlines are listed in **BOLD**.

Deadlines nearing expiration are in blue.

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.christianconnector.com](http://www.christianconnector.com) – provides a FREE Christian college information service as well as a \$2,500 Christian college scholarship drawing. This Free web resource allows students to search for the different types of scholarships that are of interest.

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.MyMajors.com](http://www.MyMajors.com) Have you decided that you want to go to college, but don't know what you want to major in? If you aren't sure, MyMajors.com can provide useful advice on college and university majors that a high school senior or first year college student with your interests and achievements might do well in. Here's how it works: Enter data about your experience with high school courses in a short interview; MyMajors.com analyzes this data and suggests six majors to think about because they match your interests and high school experience; MyMajors.com gives you more information about what those majors are, what type of courses you would take to get a degree, and what jobs are available to graduates with this major.

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.SchoolSoup.com](http://www.SchoolSoup.com) – The size of their database is \$32 Billion in awards. The website is new, but their experience in scholarship research is not. They have been collecting scholarship information since 1988 and leasing it to a limited number of Fortune 500 companies. SchoolSoup.com does not collect students' personal information for resale to third parties.

**CAREER FOCUS – Contains a great career interest inventory! FREE to all CHS students!!!**

**Career Cruising:** [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool you can use to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. **Career Cruising** can be accessed from school, home, or wherever you have Internet access. Features of the program include:

- Interest and Skills Assessment - a world-renowned career assessment tool to help people identify suitable career options based on their interests and skills
- Career Profiles - thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and college programs
- Multimedia Interviews - interviews with real people in each occupation, adds depth and realism to career profiles
- College and Financial Aid Information - comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a number of useful search tools to help students find the right college and the right scholarships
- Electronic Career Portfolio - available online, so students can develop their education and career plans from wherever they access Career Cruising
- Resume Builder - integrated with the portfolio to help students format and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

Login at: [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Enter your User ID: **chs**

Enter your school's password: **cullman**

Click on "Start Career Cruising"

Website Quicklist – Seniors, in addition to the many websites listed in the *Internet Resources* section of your 08-09 College and Career Handbook, the following online sites could prove to be useful to you when deciding on schools to apply to and education funding options. Check these out!

Alabama Student Loan Program  
Alabama College Loan Program

[www.alstudentaid.com](http://www.alstudentaid.com)  
[www.alstudentaid.com](http://www.alstudentaid.com)

The Student Loan People	<a href="http://www.studentloanpeople.com">www.studentloanpeople.com</a>
Alabama Mentor	<a href="http://www.alabamamentor.org">www.alabamamentor.org</a>
Alabama Commission on Higher Education	<a href="http://www.ache.state.al.us">www.ache.state.al.us</a>
The Alabama College System	<a href="http://www.acs.cc.al.us">www.acs.cc.al.us</a>
U.S. Department of Education	<a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>

Attention **Foster Youth** and **Former Foster Youth** who plan to attend an Alabama college, university, or vocational training institution: Students may receive up to \$5,000 a year for four years to pursue higher education. Eligibility Requirements: 1) The student must fall into at LEAST ONE of these categories: the student must have been in foster care on his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and aged out at that time; the student's foster care case will be closed between the ages of 18 and 21; the student must have been adopted from foster care with adoption finalization AFTER the student's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. 2) The student must be a U.S. Citizen or qualified non-citizen 3) The student's personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc) are not worth more than \$10,000 4) The student must be aged 18, 19, or 20 when he or she first applies to the ETV Program 5) The student must have been accepted into or be enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other accreditation program at a college, university, technical, or vocational school. The funds may be used for tuition, books, or qualified living expenses. Funds are available on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, please visit [www.statevoucher.org](http://www.statevoucher.org).

### **Information for Athletes**

If you are considering participating in Division I or II athletics as a college freshman, you must register with and be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. This requires that you take a certain number of core courses and maintain a certain grade point average depending on your ACT/SAT score. Please go to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) for information and to register. If you need further assistance with this process, please see Mr. Page (Assistant Principal) or Ms. Wren (Counselor).

### **Selective Service Registration**

Males who are 18 years of age must register with the Selective Service System. Register at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You must register to be eligible for financial aid at most colleges.

### **Admissions Application/Scholarship Application Deadline reminder:**

You need to be aware of the deadlines for early decision/priority admission/scholarship applications at any school in which you are interested. Be sure to check on these dates. You can find these dates on the school's website.

### **What is a transcript, and how do I request a transcript be sent to the college/university of my choice?**

In order to request a transcript, complete a [Transcript Request Form](#) in the Guidance Office. Return the form to the Registrar (Mrs. Parker) in the Guidance Office. NOTICE: Do not assume that your transcript has been sent. It will only be officially mailed to the college if you complete the form and submit the request to Mrs. Parker. A transcript is not "official" unless it is mailed directly from our high school to the college of your choice. The transcript will show your yearly grades for grades 9, 10, and 11 plus your standardized test scores (EXPLORE, PLAN, PSAT, ACT, SAT I, and SAT II) for those years.

### **Scholarships for a Specific College**

*Auburn University:* Resident Freshman Scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year include the following scholarship programs: Spirit of Auburn Scholarships, Presidential Scholarship, Founders Scholarship, University Scholarship, National Scholars Scholarships, Elite Scholarships, Auburn Spirit Foundation Scholarship, Advancement Scholarship, Achievement and Leadership Scholarships, and Auburn Sponsored Freshman Scholarships. **December 1, 2008 is the Freshman Scholarship priority deadline for application.** Many of these scholarships are renewable. For more information on any of these scholarships and departmental scholarship information, please visit: <http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship>, e-mail [scholar@auburn.edu](mailto:scholar@auburn.edu), or call 1-334-844-7570.

*Art Institute* – Best Teen Chef Competition – The Art Institute awards tuition scholarships to the top 9 competitors. All entries must be received by February 6, 2009. For official rules, go to [ArtInstitutes.edu/BTC](http://ArtInstitutes.edu/BTC).

*Art Institute - Passion for Fashion Competition* – The Passion for Fashion Competition awards scholarships to potential students enrolling in the Fashion Design or Fashion Marketing and Merchandising and Retail Management programs. **Deadline for entries is November 21, 2008.** Learn more at [artinstitutes.edu/passionforfashion](http://artinstitutes.edu/passionforfashion).

*University of Alabama in Birmingham:* UAB has announced an expanded scholarship program for new freshmen and transfer students for the fall 2009 term. Excellent scholarships for students with ACT scores of 24-33 or higher are available. **Don't forget to apply prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>!!!** Students must be admitted to UAB before December 1, 2008 to be considered for these scholarships. After this date, funds are awarded as they are available.

*Emory University* – If you are interested in applying to Emory and would like to be nominated for the Emory Scholars Program, please see Mrs. Bishop-Hollis ASAP! Deadline for nomination for the Emory Scholars Program is Nov. 1.

*Yale Information Session* – Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Alabama School of Fine Arts. For registration and directions, please visit <http://admissions.yale.edu/events>. Speaker will be Mark Dunn, Assistant Director of Admissions.

### **General Scholarship Information**

**Outstanding Students of America Scholarship program** – Available for high school seniors, payable to the college of the students' choice, **postmark deadline is October 10, 2008.** The focus of the scholarship committee will be the students who are participative in community/school involvement and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above. Go to [www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com](http://www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com) for an application.

**Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program** – Eligibility: Student who has demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross family income), a good academic record (minimum gpa of 2.0), commitment to pursue a college education, U.S. citizenship, and a desire to contribute to society. Apply online at [www.horatioalger.com/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships). **Deadline for application is October 30, 2008.**

**Coca-Cola Scholarship** – Eligibility: Student must exhibit leadership, commitment to community, academic achievement, and part-time employment. Seniors must have achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school in order to apply. Students must apply online at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). **Deadline for application is October 31, 2008. Apply TODAY!!!**

**Bennington Young Writer Awards** – Eligibility: Students in 10-12<sup>th</sup> grades may submit a poem, one-act play, short story, or essay (personal or academic). **Deadline is November 1, 2008.** First-place winners in each category are awarded a prize of \$500; second-place winners receive \$250. For more information, visit [http://www.bennington.edu/news\\_bennyoungwriter.asp](http://www.bennington.edu/news_bennyoungwriter.asp) or call 1-800-833-6845.

**Ron Brown Scholar Program** – Eligibility: Student must be African American and the application must include a resume, essay, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript with the application. Applications may be obtained from the Ron Brown Scholar Program website: [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org). **Deadline for application is November 1, 2008.**

**VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest – Deadline is November 1, 2008.** The theme is “*Service and Sacrifice by America’s Veterans Benefit Today’s Youth by ...*” Details can be found at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Click on *Programs* at the top of the homepage and scroll down to *VFW Scholarship Programs*.

**AXA Achievement Scholarship:** To qualify, a student must demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self/family/community, and the ability to succeed in college. Go to <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html> to download an application. **Deadline for application is December 15, 2008.**

**Intel Science Talent Search – Deadline for entry is Wednesday, November 15, 2008.** Visit [www.sciserv.org](http://www.sciserv.org) and click on the Science Education Programs link at the top of the homepage. Scroll down and click on Intel Science Talent Search.

**Society of Automotive Engineers – Scholarships are available for students interested in engineering and related sciences. Applications will be available between September 1, 2008 through the deadline of December, 15, 2008.** See <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm> for more information. Applications are available online.

**Elk’s “Most Valuable Student Scholarship”** –Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a US American college or university. Male and female students compete separately. Applicants will be judged on financial need, leadership and scholarship. Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. Applications are available online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). **Application deadline is January 9, 2009.**

**Elk’s Legacy Scholarship** - Any high school senior who is a child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2006, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2006, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2009. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. Applications are available online at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars>. **Completed applications must be postmarked by January 9, 2008.**

**Profile in Courage Essay Contest** - Invites high school students to consider the concept of political courage by writing an essay on a U.S. official who has chosen to do what is right, rather than what is expedient. A “*Profile in Courage*” essay is a carefully researched recounting of a story: the story of how an elected official risked his or her career to take a stand based on moral principles. Sponsored by the JFK Library. **Deadline for entry is January 10, 2009.** Go to <http://www.jfklibrary.org> for more details.

**Gates Millennium Scholarships for minority students-** [www.gmsp.org/](http://www.gmsp.org/) - Eligibility: Students must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; are a citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the United States; have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (un-weighted); will be entering a U.S. accredited college or university as a full time, degree-seeking freshman in the fall; have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in the community service, extracurricular or other activities; and meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. (Eligibility for Federal Pell Grant can only be determined through the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Programs). **Deadline for online and paper application is January 12, 2009.**

**The J. Craig and Page T. Smith Scholarship** – Eligibility: Must be an Alabama resident attending an Alabama school / Maintain a minimum of a “C” average / Documented community and civic-oriented activities / Special consideration given to students who would be the first in their family to attend college. Scholarship applications will be available at [www.jcraigsmithfoundation.org](http://www.jcraigsmithfoundation.org) (click on *Application* at the top of the homepage). **Applications will be accepted between September 15, 2008 and January 15, 2009.** All applications must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2009. Watch the website for updated application information.

**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/BKS.aspx> using the Access Key of BKS. **Deadline for application is February 2, 2009.**

**VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship - Deadline: Submit entry to local VFW Post: March 1, 2009.** The VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship program provides a \$5,000 award to an outstanding scout who is the recipient of a **Boy Scout Eagle Award**, a **Venture Scouting Silver Award** or a **Sea Scout Quartermaster Award**. Details can be found at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Click on *Programs* at the top of the homepage and scroll down to *VFW Scholarship Programs*.

**The American Fire Sprinkler Association** sponsors a scholarship program each year. Throughout the year, ten \$2,000 prizes will be awarded. Go on-line to [www.afsascholarship.org](http://www.afsascholarship.org) and follow the directions. **Deadline for application is April 1, 2009.**

**The Kids' Chance Scholarship**- provides scholarships for college and tech school to children who have had a parent killed or permanently and totally disabled in an on-the-job accident. **The deadline is May 1, 2009.** Download the application at [www.alfinc.org](http://www.alfinc.org) (click on *Kids' Chance* link on the left side of the homepage).

**SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes** - \$1,000 and a \$250 SunTrust Gift Card – One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October through May, free to enter and eligibility is not based on GPA or financial need. Apply online at [ww.offtocollege.info](http://ww.offtocollege.info) or get more information from [ww.suntrusteducation.com](http://ww.suntrusteducation.com)

**The United States Navy ROTC Scholarships** – Eligibility: Be a U.S. Citizen, be at least 17 years old, complete high school/equivalent certificate, take ACT (Math=21, English 22) or SAT (Math=520 and Verbal=530). No obligation for the first year of college. NROTC units are located at over 150 of the nation's leading colleges and universities. Selected applicants will receive full tuition and other financial benefits up to \$180,000. Apply now at <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>. For more information, please call Chief Petty Officer Jeffery T. Sampson at (770) 613-4360 ext. 2304 or 2309 or e-mail [Jeffery.T.Sampson@navy.mil](mailto:Jeffery.T.Sampson@navy.mil).

### **College Open Houses/Receptions**

These universities are holding events, either in our area or on their campus. Visit their websites or contact the universities via phone for more information.

- University of Alabama – University Days – (For High School Seniors Only) Oct. 24, Nov. 11, Nov. 21. For all prospective students - Feb. 6, Feb. 16, and March 27. To know more, e-mail [orientation@ua.edu](mailto:orientation@ua.edu) or visit their web site at [universitydays.ua.edu](http://universitydays.ua.edu).
- University of West Alabama Preview Day and Homecoming – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – If you would like to attend, call 1-888-636-8800 or (205) 652-3578 or go online to <http://admissions.uwa.edu/fallpreviewday.asp>.
- Wallace State Discovery Days, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-1pm call 256/352-8000 or go to [www.wallacestate.edu](http://www.wallacestate.edu) for more info.
- Maryville College, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 3 register online at [www.maryvillecollege.edu](http://www.maryvillecollege.edu) or call 865-981-8092
- Tuskegee University Fall Open House will be held on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Go to [www.tuskegee.edu/admissions](http://www.tuskegee.edu/admissions) or call 800-622-6531 for more information.

- University of North Alabama Preview Day at Robert Guillot University Center, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, No reservation required. Go to [www.una.edu](http://www.una.edu) or call 1-800-TALK-UNA for more information.
- Martin Methodist College Oct 4 and Nov 15<sup>th</sup> call to reserve your space, 800-467-1273 or [www.martinmethodist.edu](http://www.martinmethodist.edu)
- Mount Holyoke College – Focus Days – Oct. 16-17 (Athletics), Nov. 9-10 (Diversity), Oct. 20 and Dec. 1 (Shadow a student who shares your interests), and Nov. 6-7 (Riding). Go to [www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents) or e-mail with questions at [admission@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:admission@mtholyoke.edu).
- Wellesley College Fall overnight visits – to register call (781)283-2270 or see [www.wellesley.edu](http://www.wellesley.edu)
- William Carey University Tours – Nov. 14, Dec. 12, March 28, and July 10. To RSVP for any date, call 800-962-5991 ext. 103. Try-outs or auditions may be scheduled through the Office of Admissions for athletics, music, journalism, or speech and debate scholarships.
- University of South Alabama Visitation Day – Nov. 15, Jan. 31, or April 8 – (251)460-7093 or [www.southalabama.edu](http://www.southalabama.edu)
- Huntingdon College Host Days –Nov. 1, or March 7 – 800-763-0313 or [admiss@huntingdon.edu](mailto:admiss@huntingdon.edu).
- Middlebury College offers an overnight visit for outstanding seniors from “under-represented groups” specifically African American, Latino, Asian American and American Indian students. See Mrs. Bishop-Hollis for nomination.
- Spring Hill College Senior Select Visitation Days – Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Nov. 24, Dec. 5, Jan. 30, and Feb. 27. For more information, call 800-742-6704 or visit [www.shc.edu](http://www.shc.edu) or e-mail the admissions office at [admit@shc.edu](mailto:admit@shc.edu).
- Auburn E-day - Engineering Open House - Friday, Feb. 27, 2009 for 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders – go to [www.eng.auburn.edu/pfe](http://www.eng.auburn.edu/pfe) for more information.
- Covenant College Campus Preview Weekends - March 26-28, 2009- [www.covenant.edu/visit](http://www.covenant.edu/visit) or contact [admissions@covenant.edu](mailto:admissions@covenant.edu) .
- UAH Open House Dates for 2008-2009 are November 15, February 21, 2009 and April 18, 2009 - Call 256-824-2773 or <http://admissions.uah.edu> to register.
- The University of Mobile Friday Visit Days: October 24, and November 21 and Fall Preview Day is November 7 – For more information, call 800-946-7267 or (251) 442-2273 or visit [www.umobile.edu/visit](http://www.umobile.edu/visit).
- Alabama A&M High School Senior Day – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Register online at [www.aamu.edu](http://www.aamu.edu) or call (256) 372-5250 for more information.
- Colgate Saturday Open House this fall, Oct., 11, 18, 25 Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6. [www.colgate.edu/visit](http://www.colgate.edu/visit) or call 315-228-7401 Reservation required.
- Vanderbilt Roadshow in Huntsville - to register and additional info go to [www.vandebilt.edu/roadshow](http://www.vandebilt.edu/roadshow)

- Furman College - College Visit Days - Oct. 18. For more info, go to <http://www.engagefurman.com/event.asp?id=1028>
- Birmingham Southern Black & Gold Days - Nov 10 - [www.bsc.edu/admissions/black-gold.htm](http://www.bsc.edu/admissions/black-gold.htm)
- University of Pittsburgh Fall Visit Days - [www.pitt.edu](http://www.pitt.edu)
- University of Montevallo- Preview Day - Nov. 1 - Contact 800-292-4349 or visit [www.montevallo.edu/admissions](http://www.montevallo.edu/admissions)
- UAB- Preview Days; Nov. 1, at 8:00am in Bartow Arena - 800421-8742 or [undergradAdmit@uab.edu](mailto:undergradAdmit@uab.edu)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Oct. 20 at 7pm at Indian Springs School, Birmingham, AL. Contact [web.mit.edu/admission/falltravel](http://web.mit.edu/admission/falltravel)
- Berry College Reception, Oct. 16 at 6:30 pm at Davidson Center for Space Exploration; 1-800-237-7942; [www.berry.edu/admissions/preview](http://www.berry.edu/admissions/preview)
- Auburn University - War Eagle Day is Monday, November 3rd. If you need assistance or have questions regarding Fall 2008 War Eagle Days, please e-mail at [wedadms@auburn.edu](mailto:wedadms@auburn.edu). Register now to secure your place at one of these events at [www.auburn.edu/wareagle](http://www.auburn.edu/wareagle).
- Georgia Tech – Preview Day – Oct. 20. For more information, call 404-894-1966 or register online at <http://www.admission.gatech.edu/calendar/event.html?id=3285>. PREVIEW is a one day (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) open house type event offered to prospective students, parents, and school counselors in order to provide a more comprehensive look at the outstanding academic offerings, student services, activities and facilities at Georgia Tech.
- University of Montevallo will host Preview Day for juniors and seniors on Nov. 1st. Click on the link at the bottom of the webpage at <http://www.montevallo.edu/admissions/PreviewDay/default.shtm> to RSVP.
- Jacksonville State University – Fall Preview Day –Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a football game at 2:00 p.m. Contact Martha Mitchell at (800) 231-5291 or (256) 782-5260 for more information.
- Judson College (A Christian College for Women only) – Visit [www.judson.edu](http://www.judson.edu) to explore their academic programs, student life, and Christian values that make their small, personal campus unique. For more information, e-mail [admissions@judson.edu](mailto:admissions@judson.edu) or call 1-800-447-9472. Visitation / Scholarship Days are Nov. 8 and March 7. Call 800-447-9472 to reserve your place!
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) will hold information sessions on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, TN and on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Indian Springs School in Indian Springs, AL. For more information, please go to <http://web.mit.edu/admissions/falltravel/>
- Samford University – Preview Days are being held on Oct. 11 and Nov. 15. Call 1-800-888-7218 for more information or register online at [www.samford.edu/admission](http://www.samford.edu/admission). Campus tours are available twice daily on weekdays and at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. To schedule a reservation, call 1-800-888-7218 or visit [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu).
- Rhodes College- open house, Oct 13, Nov 15, math and sciences and pre-engineering open house is on Nov. 21. <http://connect.rhodes.edu/tour/more-stuff/programs/fall-semester>

- Samford University - University Fellows Preview Day - **November 10** - Join Samford for an inside look at their signature undergraduate academic program. University Fellows take a unique liberal arts curriculum, receive exclusive study-abroad opportunities, and engage in undergraduate research. For more info, contact 205.726.2841
- Troy University – Campus Visit Schedule – Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, and April 18. Fall Trojan Preview Day is Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Spring Trojan Preview Day is March 21<sup>th</sup>. Contact (800)-551-9716 or [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu) for more information.
- University of Alabama at Birmingham Day –Nov. 1. To register, call (205) 934-9098, 1-800-421-8743 or visit [www.uab.edu/uabday](http://www.uab.edu/uabday) by Oct. 24. **Please note:** Students may participate in Instant Admission Decision option. Students who submit a completed application, application fee, and a transcript in a sealed school envelope that contains their ACT and SAT scores will be able to find out their admissions decision at the conclusion of UAB Day. Students can apply online no later than 2 days before the event or submit a paper application. Paper applications will be available at UAB Day.
- Sewanee, University of the South- Fall Preview, Nov 15, <http://admission.sewanee.edu/events/fallpreview>
- University of Tennessee School of Music Auditions – Dec. 6, Dec. 12, Jan. 17, Jan. 24, and Feb 7. Sign up for an audition date online at [www.music.utk.edu/future/apply\\_undergrad.html](http://www.music.utk.edu/future/apply_undergrad.html) or call the UT School of Music at (865) 974-3241.
- Southeastern Bible College Preview Day on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> - Chapel featuring Daniel Bashta, sessions will be held on academic programs, student life, and financial aid, campus tour is provided, and free lunch and a t-shirt. To register, call 205-970-9211 or visit [sebc.edu](http://sebc.edu)

## **Announcements and Reminders**

A free Student-College Interview Session will be held at the Birmingham – Jefferson Convention Center will be held on **Thursday and Friday, October 16-17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This program is open to all seniors interested in post-secondary education regardless of test scores, grade point averages, and ethnic or economic backgrounds. Representatives will include Financial Aid, Admissions, College Search, Testing, State College/Universities, Ivy League, Community Colleges, Technical/Vocational Schools, and the Military. This program is sponsored by the National Scholarship Service. For more information, contact the NSS at (404) 522-7260 or e-mail Joseph Ector at [joseph.ector@twd-inc.net](mailto:joseph.ector@twd-inc.net).

The University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH) has a fantastic Cooperative Education program. Co-op (an academic program that allows students to work in paying jobs directly related to their fields of study) allows you to enhance your academic preparation, acquire valuable work experience, and explore career options. Most Co-op students alternated terms of full-time work with full-time school. At UAH, Co-op is open to all majors. To find out more about this exciting program, call (256) 824-6741, e-mail [coop@uah.edu](mailto:coop@uah.edu), or visit [www.uah.edu/coop/](http://www.uah.edu/coop/)

Reminders for students interested in the University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa: An admitted student typically has a ACT 20 or SAT 950 along with a 3.0 cumulative GPA / Required courses are the same / Scholarship eligibility for automatic offers will be based on a 3.7 cumulative GPA along with at least a 27 ACT or 1200 SAT / ACT writing component is recommended, not required

Mississippi State University in Starkville will waive out-of-state tuition for ACT 26 or higher. The application can be submitted on-line and the scholarship application has to be submitted on-line. They have generous scholarships for freshmen and full rides starting at 29 ACT. Check them out! Deadline for scholarship submission is **November 1, 2008**

Auburn University - Samuel Ginn College of Engineering – One of the largest engineering programs in the southeast! Aerospace, Biosystems, Chemical, Civil, Computer Science and Software, Electrical and Computer, Industrial and Systems, Materials, Mechanical, Polymer and Fiber, and Wireless (the nation’s only). For more information contact Bonnie Wilson at [engineering@auburn.edu](mailto:engineering@auburn.edu) or visit [www.eng.auburn.edu/undergraduate](http://www.eng.auburn.edu/undergraduate).

**Helpful Hints for Seniors:**

- \*Visit and make contacts at the schools you are considering.
- \*Apply early.
- \*Do not leave blanks on application forms.
- \*Complete applications in black ink or type them.
- \*Apply on-line if possible.
- \*Keep copies of EVERYTHING you send in.
- \*Use your full given name, not a nickname.
- \*Use a professional-sounding email address, not something like [gogirl@hotmail.com](mailto:gogirl@hotmail.com)
- \*Read carefully and follow directions.
- \*Respond quickly to all requests from admissions/financial aid/etc. offices.
- \*Take responsibility. Don’t expect your parents to do this for you!

**Testing Information - ACT Assessment and ACT Assessment plus Writing**

Students are able to choose either of two test options – the ACT Assessment or the ACT Assessment plus Writing, which includes at 30 minute Writing Test. Not all colleges and universities require a Writing Test (AUBURN does require the writing portion of the ACT). Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for a list of colleges that require or recommend the Writing Test. ACT registration packets are available in the Guidance Office or you may register on-line at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). **The CHS School Code (CEEB) is 010-795.** CHS is a registered ACT Test Center, and the CHS Test Center code is 164556.

<u>ACT Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Late Registration (Late fee required)</u>
October 25, 2008	September 19, 2008	September 20 – October 3, 2008
December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 8 – 20, 2008
February 7, 2009**	January 6, 2009	January 7 – 16, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28 - March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 9 – 22, 2009

\* The September 13, 2008, test date is available **only** in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and W. Virginia.

**SAT I ASSESSMENT AND SAT II SUBJECT AREA TESTS**

Unless otherwise noted, both the SAT I and the SAT II subject area tests are administered on the test dates listed below. Registration for the SAT I and SAT II subject area tests must be completed online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). **The CHS School Code (CEEB) is 010-795.**

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Late Registration (Late fee required)</u>
November 1, 2008	September 26, 2008	October 10, 2008
December 6, 2008	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008
January 24, 2009	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2009
March 14, 2009 (SAT I only)	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009