

CHS College and Career Newsletter #5 (12/05/08)

Cullman City Schools makes every effort to ensure that published information is accurate and current. However, CCS makes no claims, promises, or guarantees about the absolute accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the contents of this web site and expressly disclaims liability for errors and omissions in the contents of this web site. Any person or entity that relies on any information obtained from this system does so at his or her own risk.

Seniors: Are you planning to attend **Wallace State Community College** in the summer or fall of 2009? If Wallace is where you have decided to start your college education, please make plans to complete your admission application in the month of 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 - Admissions applications and scholarship forms are available in the Guidance Office or online at <http://www.wallacestate.edu/mainmenu/future-students.html>. **Plan to apply to Wallace State after the Christmas holidays and prior to the February 15th deadline.** 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 Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. Carefully read the requirements for the scholarship for which you are applying. Only completed scholarship applications with the required attached information will be considered. **A WSCC application for admission, official transcripts, and a scholarship application must be on file at the college before a scholarship can be awarded.**

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.

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.

Academic Excellence Scholarships are available to students majoring in an academic field of study at WSCC. 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.

Leadership Scholarships are available to students majoring in an academic field of study at WSCC. 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.

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.

Allied Health, Nursing, and Health Linkage Scholarships are available to students majoring in health care programs at WSCC. 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.

Career/Technical Scholarships are available to students majoring in a technical field of study at WSCC. 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.

Application deadline is February 15. The completed scholarship application should be mailed to the following address:

**Wallace State Community College
Financial Aid Office
P.O. Box 2000
Hanceville, AL 35077-2000**



IMPORTANT DATE

Friday, December 19th National Honor Society Induction and Academic Awards Ceremony. Students have been notified if they are being recognized that day. Program begins at 9:00 a.m. in the CHS Auditorium.

Qualifications for Academic Awards recognition:

- *All A's and one B for the previous school year (all three trimesters)
- *All A's for the previous school year (all three trimesters)
- *All A's for the previous school year for the 2nd or 3rd consecutive school year

Please see Mrs. Bishop-Hollis ASAP if you think you should be recognized during this program and you DID NOT receive a written notification. She will be glad to check your transcript.

Thursday, February 1, 2009 Last day to place an order for graduation supplies from Balfour.

New information is highlighted in yellow.
Important dates and deadlines are listed in BOLD.
Deadlines nearing expiration are in blue.

General Scholarship Information

My Future in Cotton Scholarship from Deltapine Cotton, \$1,000 scholarship requires a 500 word essay on “My Future in Cotton” **Deadline for application is Dec. 7, 2008.** Go to myfutureincotton.com for more information

2008 Young Entrepreneur Award - The NFIB (National Federation of Independent Businesses) Young Entrepreneur Foundation announces its fifth annual scholarship program for high school seniors. High school students can now apply for a chance to receive \$1,000 - \$10,000 in tuition assistance through the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award program. Apply for a scholarship online or download the application to send by mail. Students applying online must use the access key "NFIB." Current seniors may apply online at <http://www.nfib.com/page/nfibYoungEntrepreneurAward.html>. **Deadline for application is December 15, 2008.**

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.**

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.

Books-a-Million Creative Writing Scholarship - \$5000- **Deadline December 31, 2008.** For more info go to www.booksamillion.com/scholarship.

All-Ink.com College Scholarship All-Ink.com is committed to helping students pursue their goal of a higher education. All-Ink.com is offering up to \$5,000 in scholarships to qualified students who are enrolled or planning to participate in an accredited college or university program during the Spring 2009 or Fall 2009 term or full-year 2009-2010 school year. Students who apply must be a United States citizen or permanent resident with a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average. In addition, students applying are required to complete a 50 to 200 word essay about who has had the greatest impact on your life, and a 50 to 200 word essay on what you hope to achieve in your personal and professional life after completing college. You can complete your application on-line at <http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx>. **Deadline for application is December 31, 2008.**

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. For additional information, contact the National Office, Boy Scouts of America, PO Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079, 972/580-2000.

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. **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/ - 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.**

Mensa Education Foundation Scholarship Essay Contest - For an entry form and essay rules, visit <http://www.us.mensa.org/am/uploads/scholarshipForms/350.pdf>. **Postmark deadline for essay applications is January 15, 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 (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.

Sam Walton Community Scholarship - A \$3,000 college scholarship available to graduating seniors with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and a demonstrated financial need.

Wal-Mart Associate Scholarship - A \$3,000 college scholarship available to Wal-Mart associates or dependents of associates who are graduating seniors with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and a demonstrated financial need.

Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarship - The Walton Family Foundation Scholarship is a \$13,000 scholarship paid out over 4 years. Applicants must be dependents of Wal-Mart associates, have at least a 22 ACT or 1030 SAT (Critical Reading + Math) and prove financial need.

Applications for all Wal-Mart scholarships are available from November 1st through January 31st online at <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8736.aspx?p=236>.

McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship – Eligibility: Be a graduating senior of a U.S. high school or home-school program, attend an accredited four-year college or university within the 50 United States, own and operate a business for at least one year (non-profits are OK), have at least one paid employee (not including yourself or partner), have sales revenue (unless non-profit), submit a completed online application, provide documentation of the above when requested, agree to participate in a telephone interview, if selected as a finalist, winners must attend the summer e-Venture program (2009 in St. Louis, MO). Applications are available online at

<http://www.mckelveyfoundation.org/entrepreneurial/>. **Deadline for application is January 25, 2009.**

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 Mrs. Phillips. **Deadline for application is February 1, 2009.**

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, 2009.**

(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 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, 2009.**

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.**

KFC Scholars Program 2008 – The KFC Colonel's Scholars Program® is looking for high school seniors with entrepreneurial drive, strong perseverance, demonstrated financial need, and who want to pursue a college education at an accredited public institution in the state they reside. Applications will be available online for a six-week period from December 1, 2008 to February 10, 2009. Online applications can be found online at www.kfcscholars.org. **Deadline for application is February 10, 2009.**

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 <http://www.jimmyranefoundation.org/scholarships.html>. Applications will be available online after December 1, 2008. **Deadline for online application is 1 p.m. on February 18, 2009.**

National Co-op Scholarship Program – Sponsored by the National Commission for Co-op Education. **Qualifications:** To qualify for this scholarship, students must: Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Complete all the required admissions applications material and be accepted for the 2009-2010 academic year at one of the National Commission Partner Institutions listed on the webpage below. Please Complete the National Co-op Scholarship Program Application including a typed one-page essay (500 words or less) describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program and mail it to: National Commission for Cooperative Education, 350 Huntington Avenue, 384 CP, Boston, MA 02115-5096. Go to <http://www.co-op.edu/scholarships.htm> for more details. **Deadline is Feb. 15, 2009.**

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program –Information and application will be available at <http://www.monsanto.com/responsibility/youth/scholarship.asp> Open to high school seniors across the U.S, the scholarship program awards one-time gifts of \$1500 to 100 students annually. To qualify, a high school senior

from a farm family must have an above-average academic record and plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agriculture-related academic major at an accredited school. Applicants are evaluated on their high school records, standardized test results, extracurricular activities and personal application essays. **Applications become available online November 15, 2008.**

McDonald's National Employee Scholarship Program - Recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding students in the course of their employment at McDonald's. Eligibility requirements: Must be currently employed at a U.S. McDonald's restaurant and have at least four months continuous employment at the time of application, must work a minimum of 15 hours per week, must be a high school senior planning to attend an accredited institution offering post-secondary education and/or career training and instruction or a current or returning student at such an institution, and must be employed by McDonald's or a U.S. McDonald's owner/operator at the time the scholarship awards are announced. Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of their documented academic achievement, community involvement, and job performance. Applications will be available on January 1, 2009 online at <http://www.mcdonalds.com/usa/good/people/scholarship.html>.

Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship – Requirements: completed application, resume, transcript, three letters of recommendation, and a 500 word essay. Senior must be planning to pursue an education major while in college. **Deadline for application is March 1, 2009.** Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

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 found at www.vfw.org. Click *Programs* at the top of the homepage - scroll down to *VFW Scholarship Programs*.

2009 SAMMY Awards - The SAMMY award and scholarship program is sponsored by the “Body by Milk” Milk Mustache campaign and *USA Today*. SAMMY is given each year to 25 high school senior student athletes in recognition of outstanding academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership skills and community service. Applications are available online at <http://www.sammy.bodybymilk.com>. If you are a strong academic student who participates in more than one sport, please apply SOON! **Deadline for application is March 6, 2009.**

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship – Eligibility: high school senior, Alabama resident, child or grandchild of a veteran of WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam Conflict, Beirut/Granada Emergency, Panama Emergency, and Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Applicant must send a self addressed stamped envelope: Dept. Headquarters, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alabama, 120 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. **Deadline for application is April 1, 2009.** If you have questions, please call 334-262-1176.

The American Fire Sprinkler Association. Go on-line to www.afsascholarship.org and follow the directions. **Deadline for application is April 1, 2009.**

21st Annual Essay Contest on Ayn Rand’s novel The Fountainhead – For more information, visit the website www.aynrand.org. Directions: Click on the Educational Programs tab at the top of the page. Click on the Essay Contests tab on the left of the page. Follow the instructions for the essay contest found in the center of the page. Essay must be no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length, and must be typewritten and double-spaced. One entry per student, please. Essay must be solely the work of the entrant. Essay must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **April 25, 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.

American Legion Scholarship – Eligibility: high school senior, Alabama resident, child or grandchild of a veteran of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, or Desert Storm. Applicant must send a self addressed stamped envelope size 4”x 9 ½ to: Department Adjutant, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1069, Montgomery, AL 36101-1069. **Deadline for application is May 1, 2009.** If you have questions, please call 334-262-6638

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship, <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships>. Sponsored by A&F Business Consultants. Application Procedure for 2009: To apply for this scholarship, you will need to write an essay on one of the two topics below. Your submissions must be sent by email to scholarships@abbottandfenner.com.

- *If you could have lunch with any famous person, either living or dead, whom would you choose and why? Describe your conversation at lunch.*
- *When you look back on your life in thirty years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful?*

Big Sun Student Athlete Scholarship - Proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. **How to Apply:** Please send us a short essay answering the following questions: Have you ever struggled for something and succeeded? What made you feel that you were successful? Have you ever struggled for something and failed? How did you react to this? **Deadline: June 25, 2009.** Who is eligible? All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute. All essay submissions should be sent to: athleticawards@bigsunathletics.com. Go to <http://www.bigsunathletics.com/> for more information.

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 www.offtocollege.info or get more information from www.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.

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) Nov. 11, Nov. 21. For all prospective students - Feb. 6, Feb. 16, and March 27. To know more, e-mail orientation@ua.edu or visit their web site at universitydays.ua.edu.
- Wallace State Discovery Days, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-1pm call 256/352-8000 or go to www.wallacestate.edu for more info.
- Maryville College, Nov. 8th and Jan. 3 register online at www.maryvillecollege.edu or call 865-981-8092
- Martin Methodist College Nov 15th call to reserve your space, 800-467-1273 or www.martinmethodist.edu
- Mount Holyoke College – Focus Days – Nov. 9-10 (Diversity), Dec. 1 (Shadow a student who shares your interests), and Nov. 6-7 (Riding). Go to www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents or e-mail with questions at admission@mtholyoke.edu.

- Wellesley College Fall overnight visits – to register call (781)283-2270 or see 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
- 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 – Nov. 7, Nov. 24, Dec. 5, Jan. 30, and Feb. 27. For more information, call 800-742-6704 or visit www.shc.edu or e-mail the admissions office at admit@shc.edu.
- Auburn E-day - Engineering Open House - Friday, Feb. 27, 2009 for 10-12th graders – go to www.eng.auburn.edu/pfe for more information.
- Covenant College Campus Preview Weekends - March 26-28, 2009- www.covenant.edu/visit or contact 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: 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.
- Alabama A&M High School Senior Day – Nov. 8th – Register online at www.aamu.edu or call (256) 372-5250 for more information.
- Colgate Saturday Open House this fall, Nov. 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6. 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
- Birmingham Southern Black & Gold Days - Nov 10 - www.bsc.edu/admissions/black-gold.htm
- University of Pittsburgh Fall Visit Days - www.pitt.edu
- Judson College (A Christian College for Women only) – Visit 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 or call 1-800-447-9472. Visitation / Scholarship Days are Nov. 8 and March 7. Call 800-447-9472 to reserve your place!
- Samford University – Preview Day is being held Nov. 15. Call 1-800-888-7218 for more information or register online at 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.

- Rhodes College- open house, 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 – Nov. 22, Dec. 6, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, and April 18. Spring Trojan Preview Day is March 21th. Contact (800)-551-9716 or www.troy.edu for more information.
- 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 or call the UT School of Music at (865) 974-3241.

NEW WEBSITE!!! eCampusTours.com (Making College A Virtual Reality) Features over 1,200 featured campuses / financial aid, college and career planning / Online registration for campus visits / 10,000 independent scholarship programs / \$40 million in scholarship nationwide / 1.5 million scholarships available

NEW WEBSITE!!! Scholarship Search: www.Scholarships.com – In addition to the free scholarship search, this website provides a wealth of financial aid information, a college research database, an online FAFSA guide, and details on federal and private education loans.

NEW WEBSITE – www.nextSTEPmag.com/Scholarships This website is an online magazine that is written to help students plan for life after high school. Their scholarship search is extremely comprehensive. The articles are informative and entertaining for both students and parents.

NEW WEBSITE -- www.collegeplanning.nelnet.net Enter for a weekly drawing of \$1,000 from December to the end of March. The Nelnet College Planning Center can answer your questions about planning, applying for, and paying for college. Still looking for a school to attend? Use our powerful school search tools to find the right college to fit your needs. Need to pass your entrance exams? Let our practice tests help you study and get the best score you possibly can. Looking for some free money? Use our extensive scholarship search tool to help you find money to pay for school.

NEW WEBSITE – www.SuperCollege.com This website provides Information on scholarships, college admissions and financial aid. Also features tips for school admission essays and interviews. The SuperCollege.com College Scholarship is open to any high school student who is a legal resident or U.S. citizen. Submit an application through SuperCollege.com by July 31, 2006. Winners are chosen based on a submitted essay, extracurricular activities, and academic achievements.

NEW WEBSITE – www.careersandcolleges.com Use this website to search for the right college and get advice about college admissions, financial aid, college sports, student life, entrance exams, and college applications.

NEW WEBSITE – www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com/ WeeklyScholarshipAlert.com is the free service that delivers a manageable one to five college scholarship announcements to your inbox each week. Will you qualify for all of them? Probably not. But you will get the scholarships in easy to handle bits, so you don't get overwhelmed. There is no charge and they do not gather personal information beyond name and email address.

WEBSITE: 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.

WEBSITE: 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.

WEBSITE: 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 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

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

www.alstudentaid.com

Alabama College Loan Program

www.alstudentaid.com

The Student Loan People

www.studentloanpeople.com

Alabama Mentor

www.alabamamentor.org

Alabama Commission on Higher Education

www.ache.state.al.us

The Alabama College System

www.acs.cc.al.us

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 18th 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 16th 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.

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 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. 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

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.

- **Auburn University Courtland Mill Pulp and Paper Foundation Engineering Scholarship** – for those majoring in engineering and specializing in pulp, paper, or bio-resource options. ACT of 27 required. **Deadline Feb. 16, 2009.** Contact Becky.Littrell@ipaper.com or see Mrs. Bishop-Hollis for more info.
- **Auburn University Chemical Engineering Scholarship** – Application deadline is Jan. 1, 2009. See Mrs. Bishop-Hollis for more details.
- **UNA Army ROTC Scholarships**, apply online at www.goarmy.com/rotc/high_school_students.jsp by **Jan. 10, 2009.** You can also go to www2.una.edu/rotc/links.htm.
- **Shorter College** – Co-Ed Competitive Cheerleading Scholarships available – www.shorter.edu or Rachel Magness at rmagness@shorter.edu or (706) 409-7469.

- **Troy University** Academic and Leadership scholarship programs with awards ranging from partial scholarship to full tuition, room and board. **Deadline is January 15, 2009.** GPA from 3.0 and 3.7. Visit www.troy.edu for more info.
- **Bristow Academy** in FL, CA, and LA offers a Professional Helicopter Pilot Training Program and financial aid is available for those who qualify. For more information call 887-366-8909.
- **Carnegie Mellon** all admitted students receive scholarship consideration; however students must apply for financial aid to be considered.
- **Pomona College** – Beginning this fall, Pomona had eliminated loans from financial aid packages, replacing them with further institutional scholarship. www.pomona.edu/FinancialAid/
- **Harvard** Financial Aid is available for parents earning less than \$60,000 tuition is free, financial aid is available to parents earning between \$60,000 and \$180,000 go to www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/application-instructions.htm
- **Mississippi State University Scholarships** Freshman Academic Scholarship **deadline Feb. 1** go to admit@msstate.edu
- **Ohio Wesleyan University** – Phillip and Nancy Meek Community Service and Leadership Scholarship - \$3,000-\$10,000 – For more info, call the Admissions Office at 1-800-922-8953, ext. 3020.

Announcements and Reminders

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, or visit 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

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 or visit 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
- *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 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. **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>
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. **The CHS School Code (CEEB) is 010-795.**

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Late Registration (Late fee required)</u>
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