

Counselors' Update



Logan Elm High School, October 2009

If you would like to go to college, but don't know where to begin, here are some suggestions:

- Keep your grades up! If yours have been less than outstanding, you still have time to improve them. Colleges have two basic types of admission policies:
 1. Selective – grant admission to an applicant who meets certain established criteria. The criteria may include academic achievement, recommendations, personal qualities, test scores, personal interviews, essays, etc.
 2. Open/Rolling – grant admission to an applicant who has graduated from high school. No requirements for grade point average, test scores, or class standing—students accepted until openings are filled.
 Know the admission policy of the school(s) you are interested in attending.
- Take challenging college-prep courses. Don't fall into the "senior slide." Colleges will be interested in the classes you are taking your senior year. A little extra effort in high school can really pay off when you hit college.
- Review college catalogs and videos and visit local college and career fairs. Most are free and provide good information.
- Set up visits with the colleges that most interest you and plan to spend the day--take a tour, sit in on a class, try out the cafeteria food! Stop at the college's financial aid office to learn about scholarships, grants, and work-study programs at that institution. (Juniors are allowed one excused absence for a college visit and seniors are allowed three—just be sure they are prearranged).
- Obtain admission applications and fill them out promptly. Colleges are serious about deadlines, and many come up as early as December. Remember to give the guidance office at least two weeks to finalize your application. Check for online applications. Some colleges waive application fees if you apply online.
- Take your ACT or SAT no later than June of your junior year. This gives you an opportunity to retake the test if needed. (see the September Counselors' Update for deadlines).
- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is an important part of the college application process. Students and parents can learn more about the FAFSA by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov. The federal government is strongly encouraging online completion, and we are no longer able to do bulk ordering of the paper FAFSA. The FAFSA is based on financial information from the previous year (tax year 2009 for students entering college in 2010). We will provide more information on the FAFSA later in the year.
- Ask teachers and others for letters of recommendation for admission and/or scholarship applications. Keep copies of recommendation letters, essays, and other related information to make filling out applications easier. Check with the guidance office, teachers, coaches, ministers, and community leaders for information on available scholarships.
- Stop in the guidance office or contact your college's admissions office if you have any questions.

College Visitation Days/Open House

College	Dates	Contact
Ashland University	Fall Open House – November 14, 2009	1-800-882-1548
Capital University	Fall Open House – November 7, 2009	614/236-6101
Case Western Reserve	Open House – November 14, 2009	http://admission.case.edu/
Baldwin-Wallace	Fall Open House – November 14, 2009	www.bw.edu/admission
Columbus College of Art & Design	CCAD College Day – December 6, 2009	614-222-3261
University of Dayton	October 18 and November 15, 2009 – Open House	1-800-837-7433
Mount Union College	Fall Visitation Day – November 14, 2009	1-800-334-6682
University of Rio Grande	Visit Days – October 17, November 14, 2009	800-282-7201

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Mount Carmel College of Nursing	Open House (begins at 3 p.m.) Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and December 16, 2009	800-556-6942
Muskingum College	Open House – October 31, November 21, 2009	www.muskingum.edu or 1-800-752-6082
Columbus State	Explore Columbus State – October 16, 2009	614-287-2446 or www.csc.edu/visitor
Denison University	Overnight Program, October 25-26, 2009	800-336-4766
Ohio Northern	Fall Open House – October 31, 2009	1-888-408-4668
Otterbein College	College Visitation Day - November 7, 2009	1-800-488-8144
Ohio University – Athens	OHIO Discovery Days – October 10, Nov. 7, 2009	www.ohio.edu/admissions/visit
Ohio Wesleyan University	Preview Days – October 14, 15, 16	www.admission.owu.edu/events.html or 1-800-922-8953
Lake Erie College	Campus Visit Day – November 14, 2009	www.lec.edu or 1-800-916-0904
ITT Technical Institute	Open House – October 17, 2009	www.itt-tech.edu
College of Mount St. Joseph	Get Acquainted Day – October 17, 2009	www.msj.edu
West Virginia University	Open House – October 31, 2009	304/293-2264
Bridgewater College (Virginia)	November 14, 2009	www.bridgewater.edu/admissions
Wright State	Wright from the Start – November 7, 2009	www.wright.edu/visit

Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Stipulations	Deadline
Berea College (Berea, KY)	Full tuition	All students accepted to Berea are eligible for consideration based on academic record, financial need.	Contact Berea at 1-800-326-5948
Berger King Scholars (log on to: www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp_application.html Access Key BKS)	\$1,000	2.5 GPA, work 10 hours/week, actively involved in community service, financial need, enroll in two- or four-year college APPLY ONLINE	February 1, 2010
John H. McConnell Scholarship	Not stated	Commitment to serve family, school, and community; leadership qualities and strong work ethic; passion for improving others' lives	March 2, 2009 Visit www.BlueJacketsFoundation.org for details
OSU Honors Online Scholarships (Presidential, Battelle, Glenna Joyce)	See individual scholarships	Superior academic potential, expected contribution to the university, high character, financial need	February 1, 2010 – See www.honors-scholars.osu.edu/hoa for more info.
Big 33 Scholarships	Varies	See specifics at www.big33.org	Scholarships <u>open</u> October 26
AXA Achievement Scholarship	\$10,000	See www.axa-achievement.com	December 15, 2009
Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship	\$1,000 at local level, \$60,000 at national level	Leadership, scholarship, financial need	November 2, 2009

Scholarships (continued)

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PPG Industries	Not stated	Based on PSAT in junior year	Juniors must take PSAT on Oct 14

FYI (For Your Information)

Bowling Green has a new **ACTION scholarship for students interested in teaching math or science**. Learn more at www.bgsu.edu/action.

Ohio Northern University's Pharmacy application deadline is November 1.

The **deadline for applications for a Congressional nomination to a U.S. Service Academy** is October 19. See guidance if you are interested.

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) will have an admission information session in Cincinnati on Saturday, October 17. Register to attend at www.scad.edu/yourarea.

MedCentral College of Nursing (Mansfield, OH) has direct admission into the nursing program and **no waiting list for clinicals**. Find out more at www.medcentral.edu.

The American Legion publishes a book of **scholarships** available for **veteran's dependents** called *Need a Lift?* A copy is available in the guidance office, or you can view it online at www.needalift.org.

AFS (American Field Service) and **ASSE** offer students an opportunity to **live with a family in another country** and to learn their language and customs first-hand. Information is available in the guidance office or at www.usa.afs.org/usa or www.asse.com.

Interested in engineering? Check out www.jets.org for resources and materials to explore, assess and experience engineering.

The **University of Findlay** offers a direct admit pharmacy program culminating with a **PharmD in just six years**.

Waynesburg University (PA) invites you to compete for the **Ohio Honors Scholarship—full tuition, room & board for four years**. Students must have a 3.0 GPA, live in Ohio and want to major in the sciences or math to be considered.

If you are interested in attending **Marshall University** and scored a **28 or above on the ACT**, be sure to apply for the **Yeager Scholars** program. Details are at www.marshall.edu/yeager. The deadline is December 1

Teens can obtain certain **free health services**, including HIV testing at the Pickaway County Health Department. These services are offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month between 3 and 5 p.m. The health department is located at 465 East Ohio Street in Circleville. The number is 477-9663. Appointments are made by birth date, not name. Parent notification is encouraged, but students 13 and older can be tested without parent consent.

Looking for a chance to **explore your creativity**? Check out the following: University of Saint Francis, School of Creative Arts (IN) at www.sf.edu/art, or Ringling College of Art + Design (FL) at www.ringling.edu.

Apprenticeship training can lead to high paying, rewarding careers. If you want to learn more, contact the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council, c/o ODJFS, P.O. Box 1618, Columbus, OH 43216-1618 (614.644-0370). Or go online at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/apprenticeship>.

Do you know someone who did not finish school? Tell them it's not too late. Pickaway County offers **GED classes** at several locations, including **Laurelville Elementary School**. Call 740/477-2927 for more information.

Eastern Michigan (Ypsilanti, MI) has a Presidential Scholarship competition worth up to a full-ride for all four years. Students must have at least a 3.7 GPA to participate. Applications materials must be received by EMU's Office of Admissions by November 21.

Students interested in the **Principal's Leadership Award** should stop by the guidance office for more information. The deadline for nominations is December 4.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) announces the second annual "**Freedom in Academia**" **high school essay contest**. This is a chance to win a **\$5,000 scholarship**. The deadline is November 6. Enter online at www.thefire.org/contests.

The deadline for the National Peace Essay Contest is February 1. The 2009-10 topic is "The Effectiveness of Nonviolent Civic Action." Details can be found at www.usip.org/.

US Bank offers a \$1,000 scholarship drawing for students who visit their web site. That site is www.usbank.com/studentbanking.

Miami University has adjusted the tuition to make **attending Miami more affordable** for Ohio students. Students with family incomes of less than \$35,000 can attend tuition-free. Go to www.muohio.edu for more information.

Students who think they may be interested in attending the **Air Force Academy** can find out more by logging onto www.academyadmissions.com.

Web sites

The following web sites provide good information at no cost.

Logan Elm's web site	www.loganelm.net
Free Application for Federal Student Aid	www.fafsa.ed.gov
College information & virtual tours	www.eCampusTours.com
	www.CampusTours.com
	www.theU.com
	www.collegiatechoice.com
ACT college entrance exam	www.actstudent.org
SAT college entrance exam	www.collegeboard.com
U.S. government resource guide	www.students.gov
NCAA site on athletics & academics	www.ncaa.org/eligibility
College search	www.act.org/college_search/fset_col_search.html
College search	www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool
Army-sponsored site for test preparation	www.march2success.com
Christian college information/scholarships	www.christianconnector.com
College and career planning	www.collegeandcareerready.org
To estimate financial aid eligibility	www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Upcoming dates

October 16	No School—COTA Day
October 21-23	No School for Students
October 26 - 30	OGT Tests for Upperclassmen
November 6	Grade Cards Out

College visits

October 9	Bowling Green, 9:30
October 12	Ohio Dominican, 11:00
October 13	Waynesburg University, 11:30



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