

SENIOR SPECIFICS

January 25, 2012

SCHOOL CODE: 373-150 will be needed for ACT

Senior Specifics is a monthly newsletter compiled by the counselors with the most recent information concerning colleges/universities/tech centers/armed services/employment. It will be distributed through the Senior English classes and by email, if requested. If you don't plan to read it, please take it home to one of your parents/guardians.

Please do **not** take the last copy of a scholarship in the black 3-ring binder. But make as many copies as you need.

ACT INFO

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

Students who qualify for **Free/Reduced Lunch with a completed Lunch Form** can get an ACT Fee Waiver from the counselors.

Fees for ACT: Basic ACT (no writing).....\$34, ACT (plus writing) \$49.50, Late registration....Basic Fee plus \$21. Score reports are normally mailed within 3-7 WEEKS after the test date. REGISTER ON-LINE at www.actstudent.org.

An **on-line test preparation**, self-paced course, can **improve** your performance on standardized tests by improving your math, science, and English skills; SAT and ACT. Visit www.march2success.com.

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Policy: Beginning November 1, 2011, students may ONLY take the ACT Residual test **ONCE** during the year in which the respective ACT Residual examination is valid (November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2012) The test date shall NOT coincide with a National ACT test date. Scores will be cancelled and NO refunds will be provided for violations of this policy

Carl Albert State College, Poteau: www.carlalbert.edu. COMPASS PLACEMENT TEST CASC Sallisaw Campus is for students scoring below 19 on ACT in sub-area; for more info call 775-6977. Because of the increase in numbers of students taking the ACT Residual at the Poteau campus, they are asking that students pre-register for the test by putting your name on a list for the test date they prefer. Students who are not pre-registered will be allowed to test if there is enough space, but if overcrowding occurs, students who have been put on the list will be given priority. **This applies ONLY to POTEAU campus.**

ACT Residual Testing for those planning to attend **University of Arkansas Fort Smith**; Call Testing UAFS Testing Center to reserve a seat at 479-788-7682; Pay the Cashier \$29 ACT fee; Bring fee receipt, a photo ID, sharpened #2 Pencils and an ACT-approved calculator; refer to www.actstudent.org/faq/answers/calculator.html for list of prohibited calculators. Report to Math/Science Building, **Room 101**; testing begins at 1 PM.

Career/Technical Information

www.bls.gov/oco -Occupational outlook for hundreds of careers.

Visit www.GetInMedia.com to get insider interviews, career profiles, and articles exploring the many facts of creative industries. For example: animator, screenwriter, any fields in media.

Check out this website for important, up-to-date career information. Get the facts about work, education and training, financial aid, and more! www.okcis.intocareers.org Login Information: User name: **icsallisaw**; Password: **okcis237**. In upper right "Create Portfolio", complete all fields.

<http://showmethefuture.org> – This site allows users to play a "life simulator" that includes making choices for education levels, employment, marital status, etc.

Tulsa Firefighters Career Academy application is available in the 3-ring binder.

Tulsa Pipe Trades Training School: Plumbing, pipefitting, welding, & HVAC/REF Apprenticeship Opportunities; qualifications: 18 years of age at the time of interview, HS graduate, HS transcript, completed application. Call 918-622-4060 or email mike@tulsapipetrades.com .

Military Information

www.afrotc.com

www.goarmy.com

www.usmilitary.about.com

2011-12 Army College Fund/Montgomery GI Bill: 2-year enlistment: \$44,028.00 (Monthly payment of \$1,223.00), 3-year enlistment: \$63,756.00 (monthly payment of \$1,771.00), 4-year enlistment: \$70,956.00 (Monthly payment of \$1,971.00), 5-year enlistment: \$78,156.00 (Monthly payment of \$2,171.00), and 6-year enlistment: \$81,756.00 (Monthly payment of \$2,271.00). In addition to the increase of college money, while on Active Duty, every Soldier is given a total of \$4,500 per fiscal year for tuition (and in some cases books/lab fees). This means that while serving on Active Duty and going to school part time, the Soldier will be able complete a large portion of their class requirements and either use the Army College Fund/GI Bill to supplement any additional costs while taking college classes during their Active Duty time and/or they can save the Army College Fund/GI Bill to continue their education after serving in the Army. There is a common misconception that the MGIB only covers a bachelor's degree. Veterans can use their Montgomery GI/Army Bill College Fund to defray the cost of a graduate, doctorate or professional degree. They have **ten** years from the date of their last discharge from the Army to use their benefits. **For more information, contact:**

Staff Sergeant Brian Ramirez

US Army Recruiter

2215 Fayetteville Rd

Suite 8

Van Buren, AR 72956

Cell: 877-468-0938; Office: 479-471-8143 email: Brian.Ramirez@usarec.army.mil .

www.military.com

Looking for **money and a guaranteed job?** If you want both a career in the military and a four-year degree, consider ROTC. **NAVY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS-NROTC** (Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps) offers a four-year scholarship worth up to \$180,000 covering full tuition, books, fees, uniforms and a monthly stipend of \$250. Upon graduation, students enter the Navy as commissioned officers in occupations such as Engineering, Pilot, Naval Flight Officer, and Surface Warfare Officer. Now is the time to start applying for seniors. The selection boards begin in late summer and continue until March 2012. Requirements: ACT 26 Math with Math + English = 54
SAT: 600 Math with Math + Verbal = 1230
Top 20% of high school graduating class
Never Used Illegal drugs
No convictions involving alcohol

For more information contact NROTC Scholarship Coordinator: ADC Israel Moya at 972-837-0888 or email Israel.moya@navy.mil Applications are available online- www.nrotc.navy.mil

NSU Army ROTC – www.armyrotc.com

The University of Oklahoma is offering four year High School Scholarships through the **Army ROTC**. Join one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations on the University of Oklahoma Campus-the Sooner Battalion. OU has over 3,000 alumni who include famous Oklahomans like Steve Owens (Heisman Trophy Winner) and Carl Albert (Speaker of the House). ROTC scholarship pays: Tuition and fees, \$1,200/yr in books, and gives you a monthly living allowance between \$350-\$500/month. You will be allowed to earn your college degree at the University of Oklahoma while simultaneously earning your commission as an officer in the United States Army. To apply: Visit www.armyrotc.com , click on scholarships (on left), click on high school students, scroll down to "Take the next step"- begin application. If you have any questions contact Captain Brian Lusty at 405-325-0309 ext 3012 or Brianlusty@ou.edu.

College information

Choosing a Major/Career

www.monstercollege.com

www.stats.bls.gov

www.bls.gov/oco

Visit www.collegeclicktv.com for virtual tours of over 500 schools' campuses.

Don't know the answer to the question, "**What's your major?**" No worries—you don't have to know quite yet. Most colleges allow you to remain undecided until you enroll for the Spring Semester of your COLLEGE sophomore year.

College of Santa Fe, NM: Learn more about Digital & Graphic Design major at www.csf.edu.

College Preparation Checklist – www.studentaid.ed.gov/collprep

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award- Are you a budding entrepreneur? Do you know a young entrepreneur? Do you have dreams of owning your own business? If you answered yes to any of these questions, visit

www.NFIB.com/YEA

www.college.gov – inspiration for students to achieve their college dreams.

Facebook – www.facebook.com/college.gov

The number of college admissions/scholarship officials using Facebook to learn more about an applicant has quadrupled in the past year. Be careful what you post.

Indian Capital Technology Center offers college credit from **Connors State College and OSU-IT, Okmulgee**, speak to Mrs. Lattimore at the Technology Center 918-775-9119.

March 2 Success-Is an online, self-paced resource (sponsored by US Army) designed to improve your performance on standardized tests while enhancing your math, science, and English skills. March 2 Success is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, so you can log on anytime. There is NO obligation. There are SEVEN full-length PRACTICE TESTS FOR THE ACT with detailed answer explanations and performance feedback. You may enroll at www.march2success.com by clicking on the registration button.

Midway College- is an exciting place for women wishing to earn a college degree. Located in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky, just outside Lexington, the campus sits on 200 acres surrounded by some of the most beautiful Thoroughbred horse farms in the world. They are Kentucky's only remaining Women's college. Midway College is known for strong academics in the areas of business, equine studies, nursing/health sciences and teacher education. For more information call 1-888-75-MIDWAY.

www.Okcollegestart.org now gives current scholarship information listed by date the scholarship is due. See your counselor for more information . . . also for **updated** admission standards and tuition rates. **FACT:** Oklahoma **ranks second nationally** in affordability for a public four-year college

education. For more information on college costs visit **OK College Start. [These programs can also be found at OkCollegeStart.org:](#)**

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG): OK State Regents for High Education provides this to qualifying students who submit the FAFSA. Criteria: financial need.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG): OTEG is a need-based program for Oklahoma residents who are full-time undergraduates attending eligible Oklahoma not-for-profit, private or independent institutions of higher education. Family income must be under \$50,000.

Academic Scholars Program (maximum award: \$5,500)

Future Teachers Scholarship (maximum award: \$1,500)

George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship (maximum award: \$3,000)

Read more about these and other grant and scholarship opportunities at www.oqslp.org or contact the student hotline at 1-800-858-1840.

Guide to Oklahoma's Colleges and Universities is now available online at www.okhighered.org/student-center/publications/.

Oklahoma State University School of Electrical and Computer Engineering would like to provide you with information on the innovative programs offered by the school. Students who have shown an interest in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, or related technical disciplines would benefit, greatly. Students demonstrate technical competence, teamwork, communication skills, and individual responsibility-valuable skills that are highly sought after by employers. OSU ECEN invites you to contact the College for additional information and to arrange a visit and tour. Contact Keith Teague, PhD @ <http://students.ceat.okstate.edu> or 405-744-5276.

Scholarship/Grant/Loan Information/Opportunities

If a website asks for money to make application for the FAFSA (FREE Financial Aid application), it is the WRONG website. Check with your counselor BEFORE you send check, credit card number, or money order.

Avoiding Scholarship SCAMS! Financial Aid should never cost you!!!! Don't be fooled by an "official sounding" name. Just because a company uses words like "National," "Federal," "Foundation," or "Administration" in its title doesn't mean it is a legitimate operation.

Some college/universities will waive their admission fee if you qualify for free/reduced lunches. Contact school for more information.

Oklahoma Money Matters: www.OklahomaMoneyMatters.org

Do You Need Money for College? Federal Student Aid at a Glance –

www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs. *Funding Education Beyond High School* should be accessed online at www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide.

If you have questions about the federal student aid programs or need assistance with the application process, call 800-4-FED-AID.

Scholarship search web-sites:

www.schoolsoup.com, www.finaid.org, www.scholarship-monkey.com, www.scholarshipexperts.com,

www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships4school.com

http://studentaid2.ed.gov/career/career_finder/

<https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/>

<https://www.scholarships.com>

<http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise>

<http://www.aises.org>

<http://www.okrehab.org/>

<http://www.ihs.gov>

Sources of Aid

www.cityyear.org

www.profileonline.collegeboard.com

One of the easiest-to-use and comprehensive Scholarship Matching tools is a free service at www.cappex.com/scholarships.

Need answers to questions about COLLEGE? Go to www.CollegeAnswer.com. You will find information regarding: Steps to choosing a college, College admission timeline, Tips for attending college fairs, free scholarship searches and Parents' corner. By registering at College Answer, you qualify for the scholarship drawing worth \$1,000.

Students who qualify for **Free/Reduced Lunch with a completed Lunch Form** can get an Application Fee Waiver from the counselors.

Apply NOW for a pin, which is needed to file your FAFSA **NOW**. Parents will, also, need a pin. Visit www.pin.ed.gov Start **ASAP**.

NEW!!! FAFSA4CASTER- FAFSA4CASTER is a financial aid estimator that you can use BEFORE officially applying for financial aid using the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. FAFSA4CASTER will provide you with an ESTIMATE of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is an index that colleges use to determine what types of student aid you may receive. Using your EFC, FAFSA4CASTER will then determine what types of federal grants, loans, and work-study you may qualify for and will provide you an estimated award amount for each.

Steps Helping Students Pay for College – To receive federal student aid, students must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as possible after **January 1st**.

There are 3 ways to complete the FAFSA:

1. Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

2. Download and complete a PDF version of the FAFSA at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov.

OR 3. Request a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800-4FED-AID.

Learn more about planning, preparing and paying for college at www.UCanGo2.org.

MONEY FOR COLLEGE: KNOW YOUR TERMINOLOGY

Scholarships- awards given for a variety of reasons, such as good grades, special talents or career plans.

Grants- aid that's based on financial need and that doesn't have to be repaid.

Work-study (student employment)- money you earn for college by working part time at the college or university you are attending or at an approved off-campus worksite in the community.

Loans- borrowed money that you MUST repay over time, with interest.

The American Legion . . . Money for College . . . The kind you don't pay back; see CD in Media Center.

American Indian Scholarships/Grants: www.cherokee.org, www.miami.edu/financial-assistance/scholarship/amerind.html, www.collegefund.org, cnc@cherokee.org and highereducation@cherokee.org

Arkansas Tech at Ozark: <http://atuoc.atu.edu>

Arkansas Tech at Russellville: <http://www.stud.edu>

Athlete with Asthma? Call 800-558-7305 for more info.

Bacone College, Muskogee Scholarship Opportunities: must meet two of three criteria – 2.0 GPA or 18 ACT or top 50% ranking; call 888-682-5514, ext 7340 for more info.

Academic Program Scholarship: 100% tuition for Art, Education, Criminal Justice (automatic for children of law enforcement officers; also cross-deputized by BIA), Journalism, Principal's Award, and Tribal Leader's Award.

Athletic Scholarships: 37% tuition or tuition, room and board; offered for all sports and available for students interested in Strength and Conditioning Training, Athletic Training, or Sports Information.

Bacone Scholars Society: 100% tuition for four years; merit based.

Christian Ministry Scholarships: 35% tuition, room and board participating in Praise Team, Gospel Choir, Christian Ministry Club and Worship Arts.

Opportunity Scholarships: 25% tuition includes room and board for residential students.

Presidential Scholarships: 75% tuition for four years; merit based.

Boy Scout? www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/Scholarships.aspx or www.nesa.org/scholarships.html.

Cameron University will be offering **Cameron Gold Scholarship**. Cameron Gold works in conjunction with Oklahoma's Promise as well as other forms of financial aid to provide funding for qualifying Oklahoma's Promise freshmen entering Cameron in the Fall 2012 semester. Cameron's tuition rate is the second lowest among regional universities in the state, and still approximately 72 percent of their students receive some type of financial assistance compared to 50 percent statewide. For more information contact Jamie Glover at 580-581-2987 or jglover@cameron.edu.

Carl Albert, Poteau: www.carlalbert.edu

CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND offers undergraduate educational support for students who have survived cancer during their childhood. The number of scholarships will depend on the amount of funding available, and the number of applications received. Funds are made available by the High Plains Division through contributions to ACS Relay For Life events and other ACS fund raising opportunities. **Eligibility requirements:** Must be a resident of Hawaii, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, OKLAHOMA, or Texas; Must have received cancer diagnosis before age 21; Must be under age 25 at time of application; Must be accepted to and or attend an accredited college or university for undergraduate education, trade or vocational school. **Application Procedure:** A completed application form (Contact 1-800-ACS-2345 for application form); Proof of residency such as copy of driver's license or utility bill; An official copy of applicant's high school diploma, GED certificate or a current copy of applicant's high school transcript; A copy of acceptance letter from an accredited college, or university for undergraduate education, trade or vocational school; A ONE to THREE page personal essay detailing the applicant's academic and/or career goals and describing the applicant's cancer experience; TWO **reference letters**. One letter **MUST** be on letterhead from a physician or treatment facility. It should confirm the cancer type and date of diagnosis. One letter from an adult (over 21) who is not a relative must accompany application. Letters will be sent to recipients notifying them of their award. All monies for tuition will be paid directly to the school.

Christian Connector provides a **FREE Christian college information** service as well as a \$2,500 Christian college scholarship drawing. To enter, log on www.christianconnector.com.

Connors State College, Warner: www.connorsstate.edu

CollegeSteps Program Scholarship - \$1000 award;
www.wellsfargo.com/student/planning/scholarships/

Dartmouth College Fly-In – All expense paid visit to campus; Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian HS Seniors; 800-860-1294

www.discovercolleges.com provides a FREE, PRIVATE college information service as well as a \$2,500 private college scholarship drawing.

Harvard University – Honor students from families making less than \$60,000 a year can attend tuition-free; www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/ or call 617-495-1581.

Haskell Indian Nation University, Lawrence, Kansas – Tuition, books, fees, housing, and meals; Cherokee with CDIB and membership card; must complete the CNHE application at www.cherokee.org; for more info see www.haskell.edu.

High School Innovator of the Year and Lead With Your Heart Scholarships: Worth \$5,000-The scholarships will recognize students who have put significant work into their passions and have made strides in advancing the greater good. Apply at www.cappex.com/scholarships.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund – Check www.hsf.net.

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships – Up to \$10,000 award; www.horatioalger.org.

Independent Living Act – Tuition is free for those who have been/are in **foster care**; www.okhighered.org/student-center/financial-aid/dhs.shtml.

Indian Capital Technology Center (ICTC) –SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is a \$525 tuition waiver that is open to any recent high school graduate within the ICTC district.

Matches students with merit-based scholarships that reflect their accomplishments and interests: www.meritaid.com

Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO: Sequoyah County residents qualify for In-State Tuition if: top 25% of graduating class OR 21 ACT OR Admissions Index of 75 (see your counselor).

Native American Seniors, please be aware that the JOM representative is Ms. Sarah Poindexter. Be sure to get to know her; she will have resources only available to you.

NSU, Tahlequah: www.nsuok.edu

OK DEPT of Rehabilitation Services – Ongoing; varies per priority and state funding; if you have a physical OR learning disability, you may be eligible for financial assistance; www.okrehab.org; Tammy Hall, Voc-Rehab Specialist @ 800-487-4042 or thall@drs.state.ok.us.

OK Engineering Foundation - \$500-\$1000; must enroll in OK engineering university; see <http://ospe.org/> for details.

Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program: www.ogslp.org. Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program's (OSGLP) **name has changed** to the Oklahoma College Assistance Program (OCAP); for more information see www.ocap.org.

OKMM (Oklahoma Money Matters) – Students and parents, OKMM can provide information about preparing financially for college and the student financial aid process; find educational resources to strengthen family budgeting skills; share techniques for teaching children and teens about personal finance. Visit www.oklahomamoneymatters.org

Oklahoma State University has implemented a new scholarship program, **OSU Medical Cowboys Scholarship**. It will be a \$2,500 freshman scholarship for those interested in a healthcare profession (physicians, veterinarians, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists) after attending OSU. Criteria: 27 ACT, 3.75 on 4.0 scale, leadership & community involvement. For a complete listing of OSU scholarship opportunities, visit <http://www.okstate.edu/finaid/>

OSU Institute of Technology, Okmulgee: <http://osuit.edu>

Regional University Baccalaureate - \$3000 + and tuition waiver; 30 ACT; see www.okhighered.org/student-center/financial-aid/grants/shtml.

Rogers State University, Claremore, OK – Contact 918-343-7548.

Ronald McDonald House – Varies; <http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/>

U.S. Government: www.GovBenefits.gov

The University of Arkansas is awarding Non-Resident Tuition Awards (which would save them and their families \$7,000-\$9,000 this year) to Oklahoma residents who meet the revised criteria of a **3.25 cumulative GPA AND a 24 ACT composite**. Also, the **Native American Non-Resident Tuition Award** will be awarded if the student is a member of a tribe that formerly lived in Arkansas before relocation (Caddo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Delaware, Kickapoo, Osage, Peoria, Quapaw, Shawnee, or Tunica-Biloxi Tribes). They must provide proof of tribal membership to receive the award. **The Alumni Legacy Scholarship** allows students who have a grandparent, parent, aunt, uncle or sibling who has graduated from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville campus, and who meet or exceed automatic admissions criteria (3.0 GGPA and ACT composite of 20) to be billed as an in-state student. The application can be found at <http://www.arkansasalumni.org/scholarships/alumnilegacy.php>.

University of Arkansas-FT Smith – Varies; www.uafortsmith.edu.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock- The Department of Art offers several scholarship opportunities to incoming freshman. Visit www.uair.edu/art for more info and to download application forms.

University of Central Arkansas (Conway, Arkansas) offers campus tours Monday-Friday at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. UCA was recognized by Newsweek magazine as one of the most desirable rural schools. They were, also, recognized at a desirable large school. UCA is home to Arkansas' oldest Honors College. Small student to faculty ratio (19:1); for more information visit www.uca.edu

University of Central OK, Edmond: Visit www.ucok.edu/campustours to schedule a tour on-line or call 405-974-2727.

University of Oklahoma, Norman: Apply online at www.go2ou.edu

University of OK CLUB OF TULSA NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP – The OU Club of Tulsa annually awards five scholarships to incoming freshman. Four of the awards total \$2,000 each (\$1,000 in cash and \$1,000 in tuition waiver). The top award, the Joe Lawnick Memorial Scholarship, is \$3,000 (\$2,000 in cash and \$1,000 in tuition fee waiver). Please note that tuition waiver and total award amount is subject to University funding. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Applicant demonstrates financial need
- Applicant has not been awarded a tuition waiver of \$1,500 or more.
- Applicant demonstrates academic achievement and leadership in school and extracurricular activities.

Applications can be downloaded from the OU Club of Tulsa website at www.oucluboftulsa.com or if any questions email Marilyn Cole @ mcsooner1@aol.com.

The University of Texas at Arlington now provides Oklahoma students reduced out-of-state tuition; a \$30 per credit hour rate is a significant savings.

University of Tulsa Women's Rowing Team is looking for athletes to become part of their novice rowing team. No prior experience needed. They are looking for tall, strong, and lean student athletes. When not on the water, they train indoors at the Jack Zink Indoor Rowing Center. If you are interested, call Julie Domina @ 918-631-2971 or email at Julie-domina@utulsa.edu.

YouTube – www.youtube.com/collegedotgov

DATES TO REMEMBER

Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible after your parents have completed their 2011 income taxes calculated to keep financial aid options open.

January 28, 2012: Postmark deadline to enter a creative concept in the **ACT High School Poster Contest** for a chance to win up to \$5000 for college. See rules and entry form at www.actstudent.org/postercontest.

January 31, 2012: OSDAR(Oklahoma State Daughters of the American Revolution) Scholarship Application- Applicant must prepare a statement of 1,000 words or less setting forth his/her career objectives, specifying how college major or college plans relate to future professional goals. On a separate sheet, list extra-curricular activities, honors received, scholastic achievements, awards won and other significant accomplishments. Enclose TWO dated letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your school work. One copy of an ORIGINAL college transcript from the fall 2011 semester in a sealed envelope from the college or university registrar's office must be attached (if Concurrently enrolled). Furnish copy of ACT or SAT scores if available. Application in Counseling Office in Scholarship Book.

January

January 26, 2012: Last day to sign up in Counselor Office to register for **CASC, Poteau, Senior College Visitation Day**.

January 28, 2012: Entry Postmark Deadline for ACT High School Poster Contest. See complete official rules and entry form at www.actstudent.org/postercontest.

February

Have you completed your FAFSA?

February 1, 2012: MANY scholarship deadlines!

February 1, 2012: Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship- Given annually, this award is intended to help a full time enrolled Native American college student of any age, any tribe, in any state striving to obtain an education. A candidate for this scholarship is judged based on financial need, academic achievement, and a 3.0 GPA or higher. A recipient may reapply for this scholarship and be considered along with other members of the applicant pool. To receive this scholarship application you must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Committees Services, American Indian Scholarship, 1776 D Street NW, Washington DC 20006-5303. Be sure to specify FRANCES CRAWFORD MARVIN SCHOLARSHIP application in your request. Deadline is FEBRUARY 1, 2012.

February 1, 2012: Epsilon Sigma Foundation Scholarship deadline; the ESA Foundation awards various scholarships annually based on different criteria. Check them all out on their website www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. For more information, contact Ramona.paine@gmail.com.

February 1, 2012: AXA Achievement Community Scholarship deadline; \$1.3 million available; visit www.axa-achievement.com

February 1, 2012: Hendrix College, Conway, AR: Admission application, **Hays Memorial Scholarship** and performing and fine arts, leadership, and service scholarship **Applications** are due.

February 1, 2012: University of Tulsa Scholarships - priority deadline.

February 1, 2012: University of AR Scholarships final deadline

February 1, 2012: Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Freshmen Honors and Leadership Scholarships deadlines for:

Baccalaureate Scholars: 30 ACT, 3.5 GPA for \$9328 for 4 years

Academic Scholars: 30 ACT, 3.8 GPA AND to 4% of class for \$8328 for 4 years

President's Leadership Class: 20 ACT, 3.0 GPA, \$5895 for 4 years

RISE Scholars: 20 ACT, 3.0 GPA, \$3472 for 2 yearsss

February 1, 2012: University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Admissions and scholarship deadline:

Leadership: 23 ACT, top 10% of class, 3.25 GPA, \$1500 for 2 semesters

University: 24-26 ACT, 3.25 GPA, \$2500 per year

Achievement: 27-28 ACT, 3.25 GPA, \$5000 per year

Excellence: 29-30 ACT, 3.25 GPA, \$6500 per year

Distinguished: 31-36 ACT, National Merit/Achievement Finalist/Semifinalist, 3.25 GPA, \$8500 per year; contact Andrew Linn at 501-450-3140; additional info at www.uca.edu/financialaid.

February 1, 2012: University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, deadline for academic and leadership scholarships; apply online for admissions and scholarship application at www.uco.edu/apply. For a complete list of scholarships, visit www.uco.edu/scholarships.

February 1, 2012: Davidson Fellows Scholarships: Awards \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000; applications can be found at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php.

February 2, 2012: Connors State College Senior Day: 9 AM-Noon at Fine Arts Building; a time to visit with academic department chairs and instructors; lunch will be provided

February 3, 2010: Submission deadline for NatureWorks and Sutton Avian Research Center **Sutton Award Scholarship**. Award as much as \$15,000 available to students and their teachers of science, art, journalism, film and photography. Info available at www.suttoncenter.org. Presentation Piece is worth 2/3 credit; Project Essay is 1/3 credit.

February 7, 2012: Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, College Preview Day; seniors and their parents invited to learn more about programs available at ATU. Sessions will include: visits with faculty members, financial aid, housing, Greek life, etc. Pre-register at www.atu.edu/admissions/timeout2012 or call 800-582-6953.

February 9, 2012: Carl Albert State College, Poteau, Senior College Visitation Day, 8:30 AM-1 PM; you can hand-carry your application if you haven't sent it already.

February 11, 2012: National ACT

February 15, 2012: Many colleges/universities first deadline for FAFSA completion.

February 15, 2012: University of Tulsa Presidential Scholarship – application deadline.

February 15, 2012: DAR Scholarships (Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship requires that the DAR national number of the mother, who is a current dues-paying member, be on the application)-**(Nursing School Scholarship** requires the student to have been accepted or are enrolled in an accredited school of nursing. A letter of acceptance must be included or the transcript stating the applicant is enrolled in the nursing program must be included with the applilcation)-**(Medical School Scholarships** require that the student has been accepted or is pursuing an approved course of study

to become a medical doctor-NO PRE-MED. See the Scholarship Book in the Counseling office for a copy of scholarships.

February 15, 2012: National CO-OP Scholarship Program will award 155 merit scholarships, totaling \$4 million. Students who are admitted to one of the seven institutions listed in the scholarship brochure can apply for one of these scholarships simply by visiting www.co-op.edu, and completing an online version. Should you have any questions regarding the Co-op scholarships program, please contact Danielle Perry at Danielle_perry@uml.edu.

February 15, 2012: Deadline for application for **Oklahoma Engineering Foundation** Scholarship Program. Criteria: minimum 3.0 GPA, 24-29 ACT composite; minimum 28 on ACT Math subscore, major in engineering program at OCU, OSU, ORU, UCO, OU, or TU. More info at www.ospe.org/scholarships

February 17, 2012: OBU, Shawnee, Be-A-Bison Day; This day is for seniors who have applied who want to see what it is like to be an OBU Bison....spending the day on campus and learning first-hand about what OBU has to offer. Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. with closing at 2:00 p.m. You can sign up online at www.okbu.edu .

February 18, 2012: Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, RiverHawk Jam, 11 AM; tour campus and housing; receive info about admissions, scholarships, financial aid; will receive free T-shirt and students and families will be invited to be guests at NSU BB vs Lindenwood University; register online at www.nsuok.edu/riverhawkjam.

February 20, 2012: Oklahoma Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship Program; \$500, career in education, recommended by ADK member, 3.0 GPA, well-rounded personality, evidence of possessing abilities to become a successful educator, school/other activities, letter of rec, current photo, 200-300 word essay stating why chose field of education; application in 3-ring binder; return completed application to Kim Harrison.

February 27, 2012: Postmark or email deadline for 13th Annual Citizenship Essay Contest. Topic is "Is the US Constitution a 'living document?' Why or why not?" Entry form is available in the black 3-ring binder in Counselors Offices or visit www.ocpathink.org.

February 29, 2012: Application deadline for Buick Achievers Scholarship Program: those plan to major in a field of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry visit www.buickachievers.com for more info.

March

Early March . . . getting late for filling out **Housing Applications and deposit.** Contact Housing Office for options. **Contact** your prospective school for **Fall Enrollment Information.**

March 1, 2012: Deadline for Playing with Purpose Scholarship Program; available to Sophomore, Junior, Senior Christian Student Athletes; must maintain at least C grade average; play varsity level in one or more sports; a committed follower of Jesus Christ. Apply online at www.playingwithpurpose.org.

March 1, 2012: Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Freshmen Tuition Waivers deadlines for:

Collegiate Scholars: 26 ACT, 3.5 GPA, \$3270 for 4 years

University Scholars: 26 ACT, 3.0-3.49 GPA, \$3270 for 2 years

Valedictorian Scholars: 20 ACT, Rank #1, up to \$2800 for 4 years

Green and White Scholars: 22-25 ACT, 3.25 GPA, up to \$2620 for 2 years

Freshmen Scholars: 20-21 ACT, 3.25, up to \$1780 for 1 year

Foundation Scholars: varies

March 1, 2012: Grand Scholarship; \$10,000; participants are judges on application, on-site debates and participation during the week. Multiple students receive scholarships in the first round and the total number of students selected dictates how much each student will receive. Applications can be found at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php.

March 2, 2012: Louise Humphrey Memorial ADK Scholarship: photo, HS transcript, ACT; application in 3-ring binder; return completed application to Kim Harrison.

March 9, 2012: ACT Registration Deadline for 4/14 without late fee.

March 9, 2012: Society of Petroleum Engineers has a scholarship for students who enroll in Petroleum Engineering and to those who are a son/daughter of a current SPE member enrolled in a math or science degree. A successful candidate will exhibit superior communication skills and ability in math and the sciences. For more info go to www.speokc.org or contact Mike Clark at mclark@cudd.com. Applicant will need application, appraisal form from, and transcript. Application includes questions: 1) What are your goals in college and eventual career plans? 2) How and why have you become interested in Engineering/Science? 3) How would this scholarship benefit you?

March 15, 2012: Deadline for **SOME** colleges/universities to **complete the FAFSA for scholarship applicants.**

March 23, 2012: ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/14 Test

March 30, 2012: Odenza Marketing Scholarship; between ages 16-25 on March 30, 2012; submit answers to essay questions which can be found on application page at www.studentwscholarships.org/scholarship.php

April

April 1, 2012: American Indians Committee of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship- This award is intended to help Native American college and technical school students of any age, any tribe, in any state striving to obtain an education. All awards are judged based on financial need and academic achievement. Applicants must be Native Americans in financial need and have a GPA of at least 2.75. NO EXCEPTIONS. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000. The money is sent directly to the respective school. See the Scholarship Book in the Counseling office for application.

April 6, 2012: Herman Driscoll Memorial Scholarship: 4 \$500 awards will be given to graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are members of Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.; good character/citizenship, 2.0 GPA, financial need, ambition to further education; application in 3-ring binder.

April 13, 2012: OBU (Shawnee) Be-A-Bison Day; This day is for seniors who have applied who want to see what it is like to be an OBU Bison....spending the day on campus and learning first-hand about what OBU has to offer. Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. with closing at 2:00 p.m. You can sign up online at www.okbu.edu .

April 14, 2012: National ACT

April 15, 2012: College JumpStart Scholarship deadline; visit www.jumpstart-scholarship.net.

April 15, 2012: Bacone College, Muskogee, Deadline for 100% Tuition Scholarship for full-time residential student. See Mr. Martens for the nomination.

May

May 4, 2012: ACT Registration Deadline for 6/9 Test

May 7, 2012: AP Exams Week 1

May 13, 2012: Baccalaureate

May 14, 2012: AP Exams Week 2

May 18, 2012: GRADUATION!!

May 30, 2012: Vancouver Restaurant Scholarship; between 15-21 as of May 30, 2012, full time student in HS or College/University; answer essay question on application page at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php.

May 30, 2012: Healthy Lifestyle Scholarship: \$5000 if under 25 as of May 30, 2012 and be a HS Senior or College Freshman; application at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php.

June

June 1, 2012: Big Dig Scholarship: Submit an essay that is under 1000 words; see www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php.

June 15, 2010: Man Mac Automatic Transmission Scholarship; www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php.