

Senior Newsletter

From The Counselor's Office

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



January 2018

Welcome to 2018!! You are just FOUR months away from graduation!!! Keep your head in the game and finish strong! By the end of this year, some of you will have moved away to college and some will be attending college classes while enjoying the comforts of home. You will have finished the first semester of your FRESHMAN year of college. Others will have gone through military boot camp and will be in new and exciting places. Regardless of where you will be at the end of 2018, you will not get there without planning and preparation. You must work hard in these next few months to gain acceptance to colleges and acquire financial aid through scholarships, grants, etc. NONE of this can or will happen if YOU don't put forth the effort, complete the necessary steps, and follow up on applications. The LEARN counselor and I have given you the tools to accomplish these things and are here to help you in any way we can, but we cannot MAKE you follow through with your responsibilities. It is all on you. Some colleges have a February 1st deadline for admission and/or scholarship applications. Get busy taking care of business and don't let these opportunities slip through your fingers.

Scholarship Opportunities (More on the back?)

IMPORTANT: You should already be working on your scholarship application for SPC. The deadline is February 1st. SPC is very good about making sure that everyone who applies receives a scholarship of some sort. If you have questions or need help, come see me, ask the Learn Counselor, or contact Shayln Slape at South Plains College by calling (806) 716-2219 or email her at sslape@southplainscollege.edu.

If you have phone service through South Plains Telephone Cooperative, there are scholarships applications available to you in the counselor's office.

The Jackie Robinson Foundation has scholarships available to minority students. Applications are due by February 1, 2018 and are available at www.jackierobinson.org

The LEARN counselor will be
back to meet with you on
Tuesday, January 16th.

A Note about Facebook



I once read an article by Jasmine Evans in Link Magazine that discussed the use of social media as it relates to college-bound students. Evans stated that according to Kaplan's 2012 survey, 87% of admissions officers check Facebook and 76% look at students' Twitter profiles. Additionally, 35% of officers found something online that "negatively impacted" a student's application.

For this reason, you are encouraged to increase privacy settings and remove questionable material that would give colleges a poor image of who you are. In fact, Evans suggested that you even use Facebook to your advantage by posting content and photos that highlight who you are as a student, athlete, volunteer, etc. Also, show your interest by locating the FB page of colleges you are considering attending and "Like" their pages and content and/or follow them on Twitter. By doing so, you show them how truly interested you are in them.

SPC Senior Sneak Preview- Friday, February 9th

Tour the campus, meet faculty and students, learn about college life, explore careers, plan your future, enjoy live music and free food! Register online at

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/seniorsneak>

and show proof of registration in the counselor's office by

February 2nd to attend.

The next opportunity to take the ACT test is Saturday, February 10. (Registration deadline is January 12th!!) The next opportunity to take the SAT is March 10th. If you have not taken either of these tests, I highly recommend that you do so as soon as possible. These scores often earn scholarships that are awarded automatically by many colleges.

More Scholarships:

1. Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards - February 2, 2018 (300 Awards - \$4,000)

https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_elks_national_foundation_legacy_awards_9203.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8

2. We the Students Scholarship - February 5, 2018 (15 Awards - \$5,000)

https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_we_the_students_scholarship_9204.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8

3. ExploraVision Awards - February 8, 2018 (40 Awards - \$10,000)

https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_exploravision_awards_9205.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8

4. AFSA Scholarship - March 15, 2018 (90 Awards - \$5,000)

https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_afsa_scholarship_9206.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8

FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS

5. Harris Poll Scholarship - January 31, 2018 (1 Award - \$1,000)

https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_harris_poll_scholarship_9178.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8

6. SP Scholarship - January 31, 2018 (10 Awards - \$10,000)

http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_sp_scholarships_8953.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8

7. VIP Scholarship - January 31, 2018 (1 Award - \$5,000)

http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_vip_scholarship_9000.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8

8. YDI Scholarship - January 29, 2018 (1 Award - \$1,000)

http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_ydi_scholarship_9015.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201801&utm_content=0db12be3852e126b4978ed31fd8630f8