



Senior Newsletter

October, 2016



From The Counselor's Office

Scholarship Opportunities

Go to www.scholarshipguidance.com to search the wide variety of scholarships for which you can apply. Here are a few scholarships with October deadlines:

College Jumpstart Scholarship, \$1000:
<http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/>
Deadline October 17, 2016

Association for Iron & Steel Technology Scholarship, up to \$3,0000 for students majoring in Metallurgy, Materials science, Electrical engineering, Mechanical engineering, Chemical engineering, Industrial engineering, Environmental science/engineering, Computer science
<http://www.aist.org/students-faculty/scholarships/steel-internships-and-scholarships> ; **Deadline October 31, 2016**

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship, up to \$20,000; <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/#programs>; **Deadline October 31, 2016**

From the College Board website:

Colleges report GPA (grade point average) on a 4.0 scale. The top grade is an A, which equals a 4.0. This is the standard scale at most colleges. To convert your GPA to a 4.0 Scale:

Letter	Percent	4.0 Scale
A+	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1.0
E/F	Below 65	0.0

Our LEARN Counselor, Ms. Coppage, will be here again on Wednesday, October 12th. If you have not returned your release form, you must do so immediately in order to be pulled out of class to meet with her again. Get a headstart on your visit with her by taking these steps:

- 1) Make a list of your activities, awards, and honors from each year of high school. Have this list available when you are filling out college applications.
- 2) If you do not have an email address, set up a free account! This allows you to communicate with colleges, universities, and potential employers in a simple, efficient way. It also allows you to receive helpful information from scholarship matching services should you sign up for them.

You can set up an account at www.gmail.com and select "Create an account." Choose a username that will be fitting for long-term purposes. (When you apply to a college or email a potential employer, you probably don't want to have them reply to sweet-pea-loves-sugar-pie@myemail.com. After you set up an account, check it DAILY (especially after you start submitting college applications) and don't forget your username and password!

- 3) Set up a profile for your college applications at www.applytexas.org (Again....don't forget your username and password!)
- 4) Start a file at home or on your computer where you can keep track of college applications, deadlines, important documents and any usernames/passwords you've created for various purposes. I have folders in my office that you may use if you like. Come and get one!

On the calendar for October

Wednesday, October 12th: LEARN Counselor on campus

Tuesday, October 18th: Career Expo (see details on the back)

Monday October 24th: College Fair at SPC that morning and College and Career Night-United Supermarkets Arena 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Important!!

When you receive scholarship offers, be sure to bring a copy to me so I can add it to your list of awards that are announced at the end of year assembly.

South Plains Career Expo

The South Plains Career Expo is coming up on **Tuesday, October 18th**. This event is the region's biggest and best career learning experience. It gives you the opportunity to meet with about 150 exhibitors from many different job sectors, such as healthcare, business, technology, government, engineering, construction, creative arts, and education. You can learn from the exhibitors how you can get the education and training you need to be successful in that career. Many offer hands-on demonstrations for you to explore. Some examples are: looking through a surgery scope to see what they see, climb aboard and look around a SWAT or EMS vehicle, show your physical strengths to the military by doing their pull-up challenge, let someone in cosmetology fix your hair, etc. Make sure to sign up to attend.

Local College Fair Events

Monday, October 24th

You have two opportunities to attend a college fair on Monday, October 24th. The main event is sponsored by Lubbock ISD in the Texas Tech University United Supermarkets Arena from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Approximately 100 colleges, universities, and technical institutes will have representatives on site to provide any information you need. Recruiters from the armed services will also be available to discuss educational opportunities available through military service. Two Financial Aid sessions will be offered for students and parents to attend. These sessions will focus on the steps you need to take in locating, applying for, and receiving financial aid. One session is from 5:30-6:15 p.m. and the other from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

If you can't go that evening, we will be taking a bus to the College Fair at SPC that morning during school. Many of the same representatives (about 25-30) from the evening event will be on hand at SPC. You could always go to SPC that morning with the rest of the seniors and then go in the evening with your parents.

In order to maximize your time at either event, you can register online at www.gotocollegefairs.com and select "Students Register Now", click on the image of Texas, select the TACRAO event on the second page that includes the October 24th date, and click "register now." Once you fill in your information, it will produce a bar code especially for you. You can take this bar code with you for colleges to scan that gives them your information instead of filling out the same information over and over for each college representative you talk to. It will save you lots of time!