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COUNSELING OFFICE
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 7, 2009

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✓ **National Scholarships Available for Seniors: Washington Crossing Foundation** is offering \$1000 to \$7500 scholarships. Deadline January 15, 2010. Please visit web site <http://gwcf.org> or call 215-949-8841.
- ✓ **Ithaca College Park Scholars Award:** Renewable for up to 3 years (for a total of four), covers the full cost of attendance, including stipends for living expenses, books, and a one-time computer purchase of \$2,500. Deadline: January 15, 2010. Please visit web site: <http://www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars/>

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Recruiting Visits to SOTA:

- ✓ **University of the Arts** 11/9
- ✓ **University of Albany** 11/9
- ✓ **St. John Fisher College** 11/16
- ✓ **Nazareth College** 11/20

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/ VISITS:

- ✓ **SUNY - ESF:** College information sessions for high school students will be held on: 10/30/09 and 11/20/09. Registration is required. To reserve your place, please call the Admissions Office at 315-470-6600 or register online at <http://www.esf.edu/admissions/visit.htm>.
- ✓ **Ranger School Open House** on Saturday, 10/24/09 at 9:30 a.m. To register call the Ranger School at 315-848-2566 or visit <http://www.esf.edu/admissions/rsvisit.asp>
- ✓ **University at Buffalo Open House** on Saturday, 10/17/09 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To learn more, visit <http://admissions.buffalo.edu/falopenhouse/> or call 1-888-UB-ADMIT.
- ✓ **Brown University Open House** for the **Division of Engineering** on Saturday, 10/17/09 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby of the Barus & Holley Building-Tanner Auditorium - Room 166 - on the Brown Campus. For more information, or to RSVP, please call Diane Duphily at 401-863-7930 or email: Open_House@brown.edu.

- ✓ **Hallmark Institute of Photography Open House** on Sunday, 10/18/09 at 12:30 p.m. Call the Admissions Office for directions to our Educational Center at 27 Industrial Blvd In Turners Falls, MA 413-863-2478 or visit <http://hallmark.edu/>
- ✓ **Manhattan College Open House** on Sunday, 10/25/09 at the Smith Auditorium from noon to 3:00 p.m. For more information please call 1-800-MC2-XCEL or visit <http://www.manhattan.edu/>
- ✓ **Villa Maria College Open House** on Wednesday, 10/28/09 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 11/7/09 at 10:00 a.m.; please RSVP at <http://www.villa.edu/>
- ✓ **Fordham University Regional Information Session** in Buffalo, New York at Canisius High School, 1180 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209 on Sunday, 10/25/09 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, visit http://www.fordham.edu/admissions/undergraduate_admiss/learn_more/admission_events_in_72539.asp
- ✓ **Washington University in St. Louis Admissions Information Session** on Thursday, 11/5/09 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Rochester, 125 East Main Street, Rochester, NY. No reservation is needed. For additional information, please call (800) 638-0700 or visit <http://admissions.wustl.edu>
- ✓ **SUNY Plattsburgh Open House** on Saturday, 11/14/09 (includes an academic and student services fair). Register online at <http://plattsburgh.edu/admissions/visit.php>
- ✓ **D'Youville College Open House** on Saturday, 11/14/09. To attend visit: http://www.dyc.edu/admissions/undergraduate/event_reg_form.asp

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ✓ **College Night:** October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ensemble Theatre. The SOTA Counselors will present information on the college search and application process and a Financial Aid Advisor from the University of Rochester will speak about the financial aid process.

- ✓ **Student Leadership Congress (SLC)** is looking for students in grades 7-12 who are willing to contribute their ideas and make a positive difference. Contact Sarah DeLaus at 262-8363 or s_delaus@yahoo.com

- ✓ **Black Colleges Common Application:** www.eduinonline.com students can apply to up to 34 Historically Black Colleges at once for \$35.00. Office can be contacted at (770) 716-0616 with any questions.

- ✓ **Heritage College Tour** is being held on April 18 – 23, 2010. The featured colleges include: Delaware State University, Howard University, Morgan State University, Bowie State University, Virginia State University and Norfolk State University. A deposit of \$150.00 is required to reserve your seat. It is due on or before October 31, 2009. Deposits are non-refundable. For more information: please contact Annie El-Amin at 585-288-6020, e-mail elamintravel@hotmail.com or see Mrs. Dorsey at SOTA.



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Engineering Scholarships: Monroe Professional Engineers Society -

Scholarships are available for graduating High School Seniors who plan to study Engineering at an ABET Accredited College starting in the fall of 2010. The minimum criteria is 600/500 math/verbal SAT score or 29/25 Math/English ACT Score and 85 or 3.0 GPA. Average one-time scholarship award is \$2,000. More than \$20,000 worth of scholarships will be awarded. All applications must be postmarked by December 18, 2009. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or contact Bruce Wallman at 585-240-2666, ext. 259 for applications.

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Monroe Community College Open House is this Saturday, October 17 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students can register online at

<http://www.monroecc.edu/go/openhouse/> or call 585-292-2372 or via email mmcneil@monroecc.edu.

SUMMER 2010 HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tisch School of the Arts Summer High School Programs: July 11 – August 7, 2010 Location: New York City, Dublin or Paris. Earn 6 college credits and receive professional training in the Performing and Visual Arts. Scholarships are available. Train with award-winning faculty and live on campus in NYU housing. Application Deadline: February 12, 2010. For more information please visit <http://specialprograms.tisch.nyu.edu/page/hsStudents.html> or call 212-998-1500

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Theta Alpha Zeta Chapter - This organization presents annual scholarships to college-bound high school seniors. All applicants must currently be enrolled as a high school senior, plan to attend an accredited college or university during the 2010-2011 school year and possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above. Scholarship applications are available in the counseling offices. If you have questions, please contact Joyce Akwaa at (585) 764-5043 or email: secondanti.thetaalphazeta@gmail.com. All applications must be completed and received by February 26, 2010.

Big Sun Scholarship - All applicants must be a high school senior who plans to attend a post-secondary institute. Applicants must currently be involved in some sport and plan to continue the sport in college or in the community. The deadline is June 24, 2010. The amount of the award is \$500.00. To learn how to apply, please visit the website at: <http://www.bigsunathletics.com/>.

West Point Society of Rochester is now accepting applications for its Fall Cycle Leadership Award Program. Applications are due by November 1, 2009. The MS Word application and instructions can be downloaded at: <http://www.wpsrochester.com/>.

Fashion Institute of Technology Presidential Scholars Program – This program is for incoming freshmen; admission is competitive and it is based on essay, SAT scores, class rank, letters of recommendation and cumulative high school GPA. To apply or for more information please visit the website at: www.fitnyc.edu/honors. For questions call Dr. Irene Buchman, Honors Coordinator at (212) 217-4590 or email honors_program@fitnyc.edu. If you complete both your Presidential Scholars application **and** your FIT application by December 15, 2009, the Admissions Office will give your application priority review.

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy is accepting nominations for students who plan to pursue their post-secondary education in the 2010-2011 school year. AMDA will be accepting nominations until February 1, 2010. Forms are available in the counseling offices. If you have any questions, please contact the Admissions Office in New York at 800-367-7908 or the Admissions Office in Los Angeles at 866-374-5300. Students nominated will be contacted by AMDA to schedule an audition and discuss the application process.

2010 Gates Millennium Scholars Program Application Process -

Students who have significant financial need and have demonstrated leadership skills are invited to apply. Please see your counselor for detailed criteria. They highly recommend that nomination forms be submitted online at <http://www.gmsp.org/>. Scholarship applications must be submitted online by January 11, 2010 by 11:59 p.m. EST or the paper applications postmarked on or before January 11, 2010. If you have any questions please call: 1-877-690-4677 or by e-mail at contactus@gmsp.org.

Irondequoit Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution

Polly F. Burke Memorial Scholarship - The amount of this one-year scholarship may vary; it is expected to be \$1,000.00. Each school may submit ONE application. Applicants are to submit the scholarship application and required documents to the Chapter Chairman. The completed application must be received by February 15, 2010. Please see your counselor for detailed criteria.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program will be awarding up to \$1,000 to the winner(s) each year. The scholarship deadline is June 19, 2010. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our website: <http://www.abbotandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Full details are available on the website.

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COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/ VISITS

Brown University: The Brown University Alumnae and Alumni Association of New York cordially invite you and your parents to an introduction to Brown University on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 7 PM at The Harley School, 1981 Clover Street Rochester, NY 14618. Liliana Ornelas, Admission Officer will represent the college. The program will include an informational presentation and an opportunity for questions and answers.

Gannon University Open House is November 8, 2009. Register online at <http://www.gannon.edu/admiss/undergrad/events/fallopenhouse.asp> or call the Office of Admissions at (814) 871-7240 or (800) GANNON-U.

Nazareth College Overnight 2009 is scheduled for November 12-14 for more information contact Mrs. Janielle Losaw at 389-2511 or email: jlosaw5@naz.edu. **The Fall Open House** is November 14, 2009. Veteran's Day Information Sessions on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. For more information visit the website: <http://visit.naz.edu/ug/events/> or call (800) 462-3944.

Skidmore College

General Campus Open House:	November 11, 2009
Dance Open House:	October 25, 2009
Science/Mathematics Open House:	November 8, 2009
Studio Art Open House:	November 14, 2009
Theater Open House:	November 21, 2009

For more information visit the website: <http://cms.skidmore.edu/index.cfm> or call 800-867-6007.

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- ✓ **“Music College Fair** will take place at Eastman Community Music School located on 26 Gibbs Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14604 on November 4th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There you will be able to meet with representatives from 61 music school or departments – both local and national.

- ✓ **Common Black College Application:** www.eduinonline.com students can apply to up to 34 Historically Black Colleges at once for \$35.00. Office can be contacted at (770) 716-0616 with any questions.

- ✓ **OFFICE OF PARENT ENGAGEMENT PARENT UNIVERSITY WORKSHOPS:**
How Will you Pay for Your Child’s College Education? - Thursday, November 12 from 6-8 PM at East High School – 1801 East Main Street, Thursday, December 17 from 6-8 PM at Wilson Foundation Academy – 200 Genesee Street, Thursday, January 21 from 6-8 PM at School of the Arts – 45 Prince Street.

Is Your Child Ready to Graduate? - Tuesday, November 17 6-8 PM at Wilson Foundation Academy – 200 Genesee Street.

Your Child’s Personality and Choosing a Career - Thursday, November 19 from 6-7:30 PM at Dr. Freddie Thomas High School – 625 Scio Street. Please register at 262-8000, ext. 1190. Free childcare, free transportation assistance and free refreshments.

- ✓ **SUNY Outreach Can Help You Go To College** - If you need assistance in getting ready for college, developing your career path, SAT preparation classes, summer pre-college institute, choosing a college that is right for you, help in completing college applications, completing the financial aid form, understanding the college and financial aid process, then you need to contact SUNY Outreach today. The College at Brockport, Rochester Educational Opportunity Center, State University of New York, 205 Andrews Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14604 Phone: 585-327-4049 E-mail: gpagan@brockport.edu or sgonzale@brockport.edu.

- ✓ **SAT Preparation at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center** - Class dates and times are November 18, 2009 – January 20, 2010 or March 15, 2010 – April 28, 2010. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 PM and attendance is mandatory. Admission criteria: applicants must be either a high school junior or senior and pay a \$50.00 application fee (waiver

available). For more information and to register call 585-232-2730, ext. 215, 305 Andrews Street, Rochester, N.Y. website: <http://reoc.brockport.edu//index.cfm>.

- ✓ **College 101 for Parents** at Monroe Community College on November 18, 2009 from 6-9 PM at the MCC Theater; please RSVP to 585-292-2231.
- ✓ **The Advocacy Consortium for Students with Disabilities** invites high school students, parents and staff to a panel discussion of students with disabilities who attend area colleges on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 7-9 PM at the University of Rochester Rush Rhees Library, Wells-Brown Room; no reservations are needed. For more information or to request accommodations, please call (585) 275-9049.
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