



December Counseling Update

Job Shadow Opportunities

December 11th 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Mary Free Bed career seminar for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, nursing, and prosthetist. Followed up with a job shadow. Call 616-242-0454

January 28th 10:00 am – 1:00pm

Specs Howard Senior Job Shadow

Learn about the broadcasting industry

19900 Nine Mile Rd Southfield MI go to www.spechoward.edu. For more information

College Financial Aid Information

December 18, 2008 at 6:00pm – Newaygo High School

Financial Aid Information will be presented by Jennifer Wallace from the State of Michigan Student Financial Services Bureau. She will be able to answer any of your financial aid questions, including the TIP program. It will be a great opportunity to better understand college financial aid.

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Regular Deadline
*December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008
February 7, 2009	January 6, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009

* Last date for most colleges to consider your best ACT score for academic scholarships

ACT Review Dates

*There will be a series of after school review dates held at the high school from 2:30-3:30pm that will be announced approximately 1 month prior to each test date.

*Also, Davenport University in Grand Rapids will be holding several ACT review dates throughout the school year, held at their campus. The class will be taught by a teacher with 20 years of ACT reviewing experience from 9-3pm, with sign-in starting at 8:30am on each of the following dates. The cost is \$50 and includes the course, a \$20 value ACT book, and a box lunch. The registration and \$50 can either be paid at the door at 8:30am or online at www.davenport.edu/actprep

The ACT Review dates for Davenport University for the entire year are:
1/17, 2/21, 2/28, 5/16.

FOR JUNIORS

ACT Test Prep
Zaps Learning Company

Saturday February 7th 9:00am – 3:00pm
Tri County High School
\$79.00

Registration information to follow or go to www.zaps.com for more information

SAT Test Dates

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Regular Deadline</i>
December 6, 2008	November 5, 2008
January 24, 2009	December 26, 2008
March 14, 2009	February 10, 2009
May 2, 2009	March 31, 2009
June 6, 2009	May 5, 2009

*Register online at www.collegeboard.com; see Mrs. Kik or Renner in the office if you have any questions.

Dual Enrolling Next Year through MCC???

December 4, 2008, Montcalm Community College will be here to meet with students that may be interested in attending MCC during 2nd hour. We will also be having all students planning to dual enroll next year or that will be attending MCC next year that have NOT yet taken the ASSET test, testing during 1st hour.

Leadership Conference

December 5, 2008, from 8:30am – 1:30pm, Aquinas College will be hosting Leadership AQDay. It is open to juniors and seniors to help improve your leadership skills and to discover why responsibility comes with leadership. Topics include: Now What? Implementing an Event in Your School, Leadership in Your Career, Professional Development through Community Service, Can I Major in Leadership?, and Diverse Leadership: Presenting the Unheard Voice. See a counselor if you would like more information.

Study Medicine

Interested in studying medicine? Lead America has conferences in Washington D.C. in the spring and during the summer where high school students can study medicine through Georgetown School of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science. The program is worth up to 2 college credits in the medical field, and in previous years students attending have experienced activities such as Robotic Patient Simulators, Gross Anatomy Labs, Brain & Behavior Exposition (examining human & animal brains), EMT Lab, Olympic Training Center, Histology Lab (looking at microscopic samples of human tissue), briefing by an admissions panel from a competitive medical school, Living Anatomy Project (introduces students to musculature & anatomical function through exercise), as well as other cutting edge procedures. For more information go to: <http://www.lead-america.org> and click on the “clsc” link or call 1-866-FYI-LEAD. If interested, apply right away online; see the website for financial aid information.

Telluride Association Summer Program (TASP)

Program for current high school juniors, it is a free six-week summer program that takes place at Cornell, U of M, and University of Texas at Austin. It is for high achieving juniors that want to challenge themselves to learn from college professors in a college-level seminar. There is an up to \$500 stipend to replace any summer work money the student would lose by attending, and the program is another great way to prepare for competitive college acceptance in the future. Students receiving high scores on the PSAT and up to five other students can be nominated by the counseling department. See a counselor if you are interested in participating. Also, check out the website at www.tellurideassociation.org for more information.

Essay Contests for all High School Students

December 5, 2008 – MCDA Career Development Poetry and Poster Contests, amount: up to \$100, criteria: 9th-12th grade student, entry should celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone. Theme this year is: “Inspire Your

Career Develop Your Dreams”. For more information, including requirements for poems and poster creation see a counselor.

January 10, 2009 – Profile in Courage Essay Contest, amount: \$5000 – see counselor or go to www.jfklibrary.org

March 20, 2009 – Anthem by Ayn Rand Essay Contest, amount: up to \$2000, criteria: 8th-12th grade student, essay between 600 and 1200 words. Upon reading the book, the essay must be based on one of three topics from the book. See a counselor for more information.

April 25, 2009 – The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand Essay Contest, amount: up to \$10000, criteria: 11th-12th grade student, essay between 800 and 1600 words. Upon reading the book, the essay must be based on one of three topics from the book. See a counselor for more information.

Scholarships

December 1, 2008 – Toyota Community Scholars, amount: \$10000, criteria: academic leadership and excellence and community service – see counselor or go to www.toyota.com/communityscholars for more information.

December 5, 2008 – Michigan Career Development Association, National Career Development Association Poster and Poetry Competition, amount: \$100, \$75, \$50 – see counselor

December 6, 2008 – Specs Howard Scholarship Competition, amount: Full Tuition, criteria: 1 hour test on December 6th – go to www.specshoward.edu/scholarships or call 866-61-specs

December 12, 2008 – Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship, amount: \$1000, criteria: 2.8 GPA or higher, Community Service, Leadership through work experience or community service – go to www.applyists.net and see counselor

December 15, 2008 – NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award, amount \$10000, criteria: high school senior, must have started a small business, participate in DECA or FFA, and work part-time in a family-owned or other small business. For more information or an application go to www.NFIB.com/YEA or see counselor.

December 15, 2008 – AXA Achievement Scholarship, amount: \$25000, criteria: demonstrate ambition, drive, and determination to set and reach goals along with respect for self, family and community. For more information or an application go to www.axa-achievement.com

January 8, 2009 – NAFEP Scholarship Program, amount: \$2500, criteria: good grades, extracurricular activities/leadership activities within the community or

church, 3 letters of recommendation (including one from principal and one from a teacher), financial need, and a 300 word essay. See counselor for more information.

January 12, 2009 – Michigan Society of Professional Engineers Scholarships, amount: up to \$3000, criteria: minimum ACT of 26, extracurricular activities, excel in math and science, high school senior. For more information go to www.michiganspe.org and/or see a counselor.

January 12, 2009 – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amount: up to full tuition, criteria: significant financial need, GPA or 3.3 or higher, and are African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American. For more information or to apply go to www.gmsp.org

January 15, 2009 – NALS of Michigan Scholarship, amount: \$1000, criteria: high school senior, B average or better, financial need, future career goals in legal field – see counselor

January 15, 2009 – McKelvey Foundation Scholarship, amount: up to \$40000 per year, criteria: high school senior, own a small business with at least one part time employee and revenue, and participate in a McKelvey Foundation interview. For more information or to apply online, go to www.mckelveyfoundation.org/entrepreneurial/

January 23, 2009 – Douglas J Aveda Institute Scholarship, amount: up to full tuition to a Douglas J Aveda Institute, criteria: any senior who believes he or she is a natural at styling hair and applying makeup. For more information go to www.douglasj.com

January 31, 2009 – LMCU Hutt Scholarship, amount: \$2000, criteria: A member of Lake Michigan Credit Union or son or daughter of a member – go to www.lmcu.org or see counselor

January 31, 2009 – MEA scholarship, amount: Varies, criteria: Academic achievement, community service, extracurricular activities – see counselor

February 10, 2009 – KFC Colonel's Scholars, amount: \$20000, criteria: 2.75 GPA or higher – go to www.kfcscholars.org

February 15, 2009 – National Co-op Scholarship Program, amount: \$30000, criteria: high school senior, GPA of 3.5 or higher, 500 word essay, and have been accepted or have applied to one of the 10 partner co-op universities. EARLY APPLICATIONS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. See counselor or www.co-op.edu for an application.

February 15, 2009 – AXA Achievement Community Scholarship, amount: \$2000, criteria: demonstrate ambition, drive, and determination to set and reach goals along with respect for self, family and community. For more information or an application go to www.axa-achievement.com

February 15, 2009 –Hispanic Scholarship Fund, amount: varies, criteria: high school senior, GPA of 3.0 or higher, Hispanic heritage, and apply for financial aid through the FAFSA. See counselor or www.hsf.net for an application. There are several different scholarships available to students of Hispanic heritage, see the website for a complete list and applications.

February 16, 2009 – Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship Program, amount: minimum \$1000, criteria: high school senior, academic achievement, financial need, and an essay. There are also other specific scholarships for students with Asian, African-American, or Hispanic heritage, see your counselor or www.rmhc.org for the application or for more information.

February 18, 2009 – MEA Scholarship, amount: varies, criteria: academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and school and community service. See counselor for more information or an application.

February 20, 2009 – 32° Michigan Scottish Rite Scholarship of Grand Rapids, from the Masons, criteria: academic achievement & financial need. Contact a counselor or 1-800-340-4060 or 1-616-454-9497 to receive an application.

March 6, 2009 – Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association Scholarships, amount: \$5000, criteria: admitted to EMU, GPA of 3.2 or better, 250 word essay, and a parent or grandparent who is an EMU alumna.

March 14, 2009 – American Legion Oratorical Scholarship, amount \$18000 criteria: create a prepared oration on some aspect of the Constitution – go to www.legion.org or see a counselor for more information.

April 1, 2009 – Michigan Oil & Gas Producers Education Foundation, amount: \$500, criteria: GPA 3.0 or higher, financial need, accepted to a Michigan university or college, and planning to pursue a degree in an energy related field of study, with ambition of seeking to obtain full-time employment in the oil and gas industry, an energy related industry, or an allied industry. See counselor for application or go to www.mogpef.org for more information.

April 16, 2009 – American Cancer Society Scholarship, for cancer survivors 20 years and younger planning to attend a college or university in Michigan or Indiana – go to www.cancer.org/scholarships

April 17, 2009 – AAA Safety Patrol Scholarship, amount: \$1000, criteria: AAA School Safety Patrol participation, good academic standing and community involvement (volunteer or extra curricular activities) – see counselor