

## News from the Guidance Office – September 2011

**Campus visits – have you made yours?**

### **College visits at GBHS – be there**

Sept 27 – Washburn – CAT  
Sept 29 – KU – CAT  
Oct. 17 – FHSU – Lunch/Commons  
Oct. 25 – Garden City CC – CAT  
Oct. 31 – Seward County CC – Lunch/Commons

### **Priority scholarship deadlines**

Oct. 1 – WSU  
Nov, 1 – KSU, KU  
Dec. 15- FHSU  
Feb. 1 – PSU  
Feb. 15 – ESU, Washburn  
**Apply to BCC - NO COST!**

**ACT Information- Have you scheduled yours???**

### **GBHS Code 171-158**

Test	Registration
Date	Deadline
<b>10/22/11</b>	<b>9/16/11</b>
12/10/11	11/4/11
02/11/12	01/13/12
04/14/12	03/09/12

**Career Fair – Wed. Nov. 2 – GBHS Gym 1:00 – 3:00**

### **Financial Aid Night**

Wed. Dec.7 – 6:30 p.m. – GBHS Gym

### **Web Resources**

<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>	<a href="http://www.collegeparents.org">www.collegeparents.org</a>
<a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.collegesaving.org">www.collegesaving.org</a>
<a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>
<a href="http://www.wiredscholar.com">www.wiredscholar.com</a>	<a href="http://www.collegiatefunding.com">www.collegiatefunding.com</a>
<a href="http://www.nasfaa.org">www.nasfaa.org</a>	<a href="http://www.cashe.com">www.cashe.com</a>
<a href="http://www.sfahelp.gov">www.sfahelp.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.careertech.com">www.careertech.com</a>
<a href="http://www.saludos.com">www.saludos.com</a>	<a href="http://www.militarycareers.com">www.militarycareers.com</a>
<a href="http://www.hsf.net">www.hsf.net</a>	

### **Community Service -**

Students should ask themselves: If the college I'm applying to has hundreds of students with my exact GPA, same number of AP and Honors courses, with the same ranking, with very similar activities, why should they accept me/provide me with a scholarship?

### **NCAA Information for Parents and Prospective Athletes**

If your teen wants to participate in college athletics as a freshman, the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse must certify him/her as an athlete. Please contact your guidance counselor to discuss these eligibility requirements. Any senior wanting to compete in athletics at a Division I and/or Division II School must complete the NCAA Clearinghouse form at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) and pay the fee with a Visa or Master Card. The Clearinghouse will no longer accept ACT scores mailed from high schools - **put code 9999 in Section O** and your ACT scores will be sent directly to the Clearinghouse

## College News & Events

### **Barton Community College**

BCC will hold the **College Planning Conference** in the **GBHS gym** on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to meet with Kansas College and University representatives between 1:30-3:00.

### **Kansas State University**

Oct 21 SENIOR Days

Oct 24

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

Nov 7

Nov 10

Nov 14

Register at <http://consider.k-state.edu/seniors/>

**Scholarships** – Apply for admission AND complete the KSU Scholarship application at [www.k-state.edu/admit/apply](http://www.k-state.edu/admit/apply) . **Deadline is NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>!!** Have your ACT scores sent to KSU and declare a major to earn scholarships in that area.

### **KSU Engineering Events**

Oct 10 – Engineering Scholarship Day (see below)

Feb 10 – Engineering Day – pre-register at [www.engineering.ksu.edu](http://www.engineering.ksu.edu)

April 20-21 – Engineering Open House

May 28-June 1 -Engineering and Science Summer Institute-applications due by April 18

### **KSU – Engineering Scholarship DAY – EARN MONEY!! - Mon.,October 10, 2011**

Register at <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/scholarshipday> , by Sept. 30, 2011 to attend this seminar. Seniors qualify by having:

\*Composite ACT score: 32 or above; cumulative high school GPA of 3.85 AND class rank – top 10%. (Can earn a minimum of \$7000 a year – renewable with a cumulative 3.5 KSU GPA or above)

### **OR**

\*Composite ACT score of 29 or above; cumulative high school GPA of 3.6 AND class rank in the top 15%. (Can earn in-state – minimum of \$1250 per year – renewable with a cumulative 3.5 KSU GPA or above).

**Multicultural Pride Day** for juniors and seniors will be held on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. . Seniors will have the opportunity to discuss their academic interests with K-State faculty and juniors can attend sessions about being a multicultural student at KSU and about financial aid. The cost is \$20 for students, which includes program materials, parking, and lunch. Parents and guests may attend for \$15 each.

**KSU Women's Rowing** team is interested in recruiting female athletes. The rowing program has Division I scholarship opportunities for students who may have little or no rowing experience. A competitive sports history and height – the ideal rower is 5'10 or taller - are the two primary criteria considered by KSU recruiters when making scholarship offers.

### **University of Kansas**

KU offers many senior days. Space is limited and is available on a first-come, first serve basis, so register early at: [http://admissions.ku.edu/visit/senior\\_days.shtml](http://admissions.ku.edu/visit/senior_days.shtml)

**These Senior Days focus on a variety of academic areas:**

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

**Senior Days that focus on specific academic areas:**

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> School of Journalism & School of Education

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Pre-Health Professions

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Engineering

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> School of Architecture & Design

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Creative Arts & Business

**KU Technology Institute**

November 18-19 – Participants learn more about engineering and it's FREE!! Meals and accommodations are provided. Register at [www.engr.ku.edu/seriousfun](http://www.engr.ku.edu/seriousfun)

**Pittsburg State University**

PSU offers the following special visit days:

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Rumble in the Jungle senior Saturday

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> KS Technology Center Open House

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Opportunities in Business Day

Nov. 12 - Rumble in the Jungle senior Saturday

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Art Day

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Family & Consumer Science Career Day

**Emporia University**

Go to [www.emporia.edu/admissions](http://www.emporia.edu/admissions) to sign up for Black and Gold visit days throughout the year. There are MANY scholarship opportunities available.

**Hutchinson Community College**

HCC is hosting the annual Fire Student Field Day on **October 12<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for students interested in a career in fire service. Students will discover and participate in fire fighting techniques and gain first-hand knowledge of firefighting as a career. Students wanting to attend should register prior to **October 7<sup>th</sup>** – a free barbeque is planned so pre-registration is required.

[www.hutchcc.edu/fire](http://www.hutchcc.edu/fire)

**Wichita State University**

WSU is offering high school seniors the chance to compete in the Distinguished Scholarship Invitational (DSI) for an opportunity to earn scholarships. To be considered for an invitation a student **MUST** complete the following **BY October 1st**:

- Submit an official high school transcript with a minimum 3.50 GPA
- Have a minimum ACT composite score of 24 or SAT score of 1110 on file with WSU
- Be admitted to WSU

See your high school counselor for more information.

**Klose Scholarship Competition** – Awarded to high school seniors with a passion for teaching; will cover tuition for 4 years to WSU. Must have an ACT composite score of 24 or higher; by admitted by WSU by October 1<sup>st</sup> and ACT/GPA scores sent to WSU by that date. Must also declare a major in math or science education.

**Salina Area Technical College**

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Senior Days

Register at [www.salinatech.edu](http://www.salinatech.edu)

**Scholarship/Award Information**

**Wendy's High School Heisman Award**

The Wendy's Heisman Award is presented annually to one male and one female high school senior who best exemplify the designation of scholar-citizen-athletes.

Men and women entering their senior year of high school who have at least a 3.0 grade point average and participate in at least one of 28 sports officially sanctioned by the National Federation of State High School. Students are judged on their academic achievements, community and school service and athletic accomplishments.

The online application must be completed and reviewed and confirmed by a high school counselor no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Access the application at [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com).

### **Coca-Cola Scholarship**

This scholarship program is dedicated to selecting well-rounded students from every type of community across the nation. The Coca-Cola Foundation awards 250 merit based scholarships – 50 awards are for \$20,000 and 200 awards are for \$4,000. The scholarship can be used for any line of study at any accredited U.S. college or university. The application can be accessed at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) and must be submitted before October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Lang Diesel Inc (LDI) Service Technician Scholarship and Tuition Reimbursement Program**

LDI selects multiple students to receive a \$4000 award that are enrolled in a diesel mechanics program at a vocational school. LDI will also select multiple students who have already graduated from a diesel mechanics program and will reimburse them for some of their tuition if they are employed with LDI. If a student is interested in diesel mechanics and wants more information about this program, please contact Danielle at the Hays location at 785-735-2651, or see your counselor for a brochure.

### **Horatio Alger Scholars Program**

Students who have overcome adversity so they may pursue higher education may be eligible for the Horatio Alger Scholarship. For more information go to [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships). Application deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

The Spirit of Community Awards program identifies and rewards students solely on the basis of volunteer work performed in their community. To be eligible students must have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2009. Application information is available in the guidance office. For more information go to [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit). Deadline to submit signed application to your principal AFTER completing it online is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **NCKTC – North Central KS Technical College (Beloit and Hays Campus)**

Oct 30 – Fall Open House (Beloit Campus)

Nov. 10 – Senior Day (Beloit)

### **Quest Bridge – [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org)**

QuestBridge is a national college match program that pairs outstanding low-income high school seniors with admission and full 4 year scholarships to some of the nation's leading colleges. Free online application is due September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **Hagen Scholarship Foundation – [www.hsfmo.org](http://www.hsfmo.org)**

Application is due by Nov. 15, 2011. About 20 scholarships will be awarded to Kansas students in 2012.

**Must have a GPA of 3.5 and an ACT composite score of 23. Follow the guidelines on the website and to fill out an application.**

**GATES Millennium Scholars Program** – Renewable, Need based, merit scholarship. For those studying: computer science, education, engineering, library science, math, public health/science.

The student must be:

- Hispanic American, African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, or Asian Pacific Islander American
- Be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S.
- Have a high school GPA of 3.3.
- Be a full time student in the fall of 2011
- Have leadership abilities through participation in community service and other extracurricular activities
- Meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (FAFSA)
- Complete and submit the student application, (nominee personal information form); evaluation (nominator form) and an evaluation of community service/leadership (recommender form) by the January 11, 2012 deadline.