



All students and parents are reminded to review the previous guidance update as some events listed in that document have not yet taken place.

### **NORTH CENTRAL OHIO SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION COLLEGE FAIR (11, 12)**

The NCOSCA College Fair will be held at Mansfield Senior High School on Wednesday, October 12 from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. You may come and go as you please. There will be financial aid information sessions at 6:30 and 7:30. This is an excellent opportunity to gather information and/or talk with admission counselors from a large number of colleges/universities and branches of the military. (This is also an outstanding chance to see the new MSH building.) Flyers were distributed to 11th and 12th grade students.

### **COURT REPORTING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT CAPITAL UNIVERSITY (9, 10, 11, 12)**

Capital University will begin offering a two year court reporting certificate program at The New Center in The Arena District of Columbus. Admission requirements include a 2.6 GPA and a score of 18 or higher on the ACT. Court reporters are best known for working in the field of law, but also are used at administrative hearings, conventions and stockholders/board meetings. Opportunities are also available in the television industry where they are responsible for broadcast captioning. Further information can be found at <http://www.thenewcenter.capital.edu/>.

### **ASHLEY YETZER SCHOLARSHIP FUND (9,10,11,12)**

The Ashley Yetzer Memorial Scholarship Fund will continue to accept donations through this school year at First Citizens Bank in Shelby.

### **ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR (11,12)**

Shelby students are invited to attend the Ashland High School College Fair on Thursday, October 13 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ashland High School Cafeteria. Over sixty colleges, technical school and armed forces representatives will be available.

### **"THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW" ESSAY CONTEST (9,10,11,12)**

The Ohio State Bar Association sponsors this essay contest in three divisions (grades 7 and 8, grades 9 and 10, grades 11 and 12). Savings bonds ranging up to \$600 will be awarded to state level winners. If you are interested in this opportunity, see one of the guidance counselors. One student entry per division from Shelby will be forwarded to the OSBA.

### **CHOOSING A COLLEGE (reprinted with permission from ACT) (9,10,11,12)**

Choosing a college is a huge task. You have so many options and colleges have so many offerings. College is a big investment, both in time and money. You want to make the right choice. The good news is that more than one college can be the "right choice" for you. Forget the idea that there's "one perfect school," because there are a number of very good schools for you. Just find ones that are a good match and look at them closely. Here are some tips for your college search:

- Start early. – It's never too early to look at colleges and their environments. Use ACT's college search at <http://www.actstudent.org/>, visit websites, read college brochures and stop by college campuses when you're nearby. Start thinking about what you would like and wouldn't like in a college.
- Think about how colleges differ. – Four-year, two-year, number of students, location, tuition, majors offered, type of school, student activities, and student support services. What's important to you?
- Visit different types of schools so you understand what it's like to be on a campus with 5,000 other students or 25,000 other students, or what it's like to be in the middle of a city or in a small town.
- Make your college visits when school is in session. Visit a classroom, talk to professors and students, eat in the cafeteria, stay in a dorm room – experience the college.



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- Take part in any outreach programs offered at colleges and universities. Summer camps and enrichment programs give you a feel for living on campus, even though enrollment during summer sessions is smaller than during fall and spring sessions.
- Take charge of the search. Work with your parents as a team, but lead the effort, take responsibility, and determine what you would be happy doing.
- Be realistic. Use your time wisely and look only at colleges you think you would really attend.
- And instead of selecting a top choice, choose a group of schools as your top preferences, along with a back-up group of others that would be acceptable.

### **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE (12)**

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#### **SUNTRUST SCHOLARSHIP SWEEPSTAKES**

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High school seniors can win a \$1000 scholarship for their first year expenses at an accredited college or private career school. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 31, 2005 through May 12, 2006. One can also win a \$250 gift card. Enter at <http://www.offtocollege.info/>. The first of 15 bi-weekly drawings will be held on October 31.

#### **MENSA EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

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Students who will be enrolled in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education for fall term of 2006 are eligible to apply for awards of \$300 to \$2000. Applications can be found at: <http://foundation.us.mnsa.org/scholarships/zipfinder.php>. Deadline is January 15, 2006

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