



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Welcome back seniors! You're almost half way through your senior year and I'm sure many of you are counting down the days until graduation. We hope all of you had a great winter break and are ready to kick off 2010!

Every Senior should be applying for financial aid to receive money to attend college, whether you plan on attending a community college, vocational school, or four-year college. It is important that you start the process early. All online applications are due by March 2, 2010. Here are a few important tips to remember in successfully completing your FAFSA application:

- Don't miss the ***deadline: Monday, March 2nd***
- Remember to apply for your PIN as soon as possible at www.pin.ed.gov
- Get all necessary documents needed to begin the process
- Make sure your social security number is on file with Ms. Fitzrandolph (this is needed in order for us to send in your GPA verification)



IMPORTANT DATE!!!

Parent Financial Aid Night
Wednesday, January 27th
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Representatives from the University of California Irvine and Fullerton College will help parents and students with the necessary steps in completing the FAFSA. The presentation will be presented in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish.

All parents and students are encouraged to attend these very informative workshops. If you have any questions regarding the workshop please contact Ms. Fitzrandolph.

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La Quinta High School Fall 2010

Reminder...Reminder...Reminder!

Just a few last minute reminders as you finish off the application process.

* As our 1st semester is coming to an end, many of you will be receiving letters from colleges requesting that you send an updated transcript. It is very important that you come into the guidance office and see Mrs. Bhoot. She will have you fill out a "Transcript Request Form" and will make sure that your transcript is sent out once semester grades have been posted.

* Those of you applying to private colleges don't forget to get your Mid-Year Reports completed and submitted before the deadlines. Remember to give your counselor enough notice to fill out the required forms.

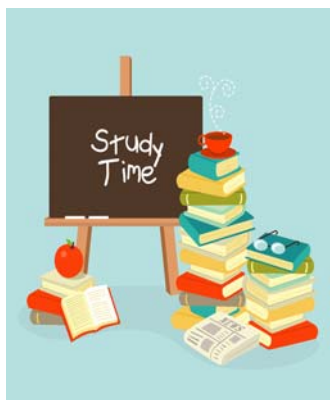
* If you happen to change your schedule for second semester you must remember to notify ALL campuses to which you have submitted an application. You should contact the admissions office either by email or telephone as soon as possible.

And lastly ... official SAT, ACT and/or SAT II scores must be sent to the campuses that you have submitted an application to. In order to do so simply access www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org. If you have any questions please stop by and see a counselor.



Credits for College Program

Those of you who would like to take a course for college credit should sign up for **Psychology 100—Introduction to Psychology** Fundamentals of human psychology. Using a scientific approach to the study of human behavior, this course examines and integrates physiological, intrapsychic, and social/behavioral perspectives on human thought and behavior.



If you are interested in signing up for the course and earning college units, submit an application online at www.cccapply.org. All students are required to attend a mandatory orientation along with parents/guardians on Thursday, January 21, at 3:00 PM at LQ, rm 309. Student must bring a high school Release Form (get from Ms. FitzRandolph) and \$13.00. Class will start February 1st and end May 30th. You will meet on Thursdays from 3:00—6:10pm. Please Ms. Fitzrandolph if you have any questions.

How to Apply for Scholarships

WHAT ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS?

Few scholarships will find their way to you. In the majority of cases you must look for them yourself. While many scholarships are available, their requirements vary greatly. Applying for scholarships takes work. Time has to be devoted to researching different kinds of scholarships. Not all scholarships require strong GPA's. Many scholarships require membership in service organizations or involvement in community and extra-curricular activities. The trick is to find a scholarship that fits you.

Helpful Scholarship Databases

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund - maldef.org, Merit-based scholarships - meritaid.com, The College Board - www.collegeboard.org, Sallie Mae College Answer Service Online - www.salliemae.com, California Student Aid - www.csac.ca.gov, EdFund - www.edfund.org, U.S. Department of Education - www.ed.gov/students, Mapping Your Future - www.mapping-your-future.org, Yahoo - http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial_Aid, United States Department of Education - www.ed.gov/index, U.S. News & World Report - www.usnews.com, Scholarships: www.scholarshipworkshop.com, www.scholarships.com, www.gocollege.com, www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php, www.scholarshipcoach.com, www.collegeanswer.com

| GRANTOR | REQUIREMENTS | DEADLINE |
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| Willamette University Music Scholarship Auditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships to music majors Must Audition Go to Willamette.edu/cla/music To schedule an audition: 503-370-6687 | January 23, 2010 February 15 2010 |
| Dr. Seuss Oh, the Places You'll Go! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full tuition, room & meals for 4 years Understands, values possibilities education can offer 500 word, personal essay/memoir \$5,000 Scholarship See Ms. Grelle for application | February 15, 2010 |
| National Commission for Cooperative Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you plan to attend: Drexel Univ., Johnson & Wales Univ., Kettering Univ., Pace Univ., Rochester Institute of Technology, Univ. of Cincinnati, Univ. of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology 3.5 or higher GPA, 500 word essay \$6,000 renewable up to \$24,000 Apply online www.co-op.edu | February 15, 2010 |
| Disneyland Resort Scholarship Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of 100 hrs of community service Exceptional volunteerism, leadership and academics \$5,000 3.0 min GPA Apply http://www.disneyland.com/publicaffairs | January 31, 2010 |
| University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degrees in Music Therapy, Music History, Music Performance, Music Composition, Music Management, Music Education, Jazz Studies Schedule audition http://go.pacific.edu/conservatory | Audition Dates: January 23, or 30 February 6 or 13 |
| Baptist Life Association Scholarship Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be member of Baptist Life for a min. of 2 years Excellence in academics & personal life Several \$1000 grants Apply www.baptistlife.org/benefits.html | May 31, 2010 |

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| Marist College & National Science Foundation (NSF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 full scholarships, tuition, room, board • Highly talented students • Majoring in computer Science or Information Technology Systems • SAT/ACT scores • Essay • Apply online at www.marist.edu/admission on the application, check box labeled "National science Foundation Scholarship Program" | February 15, 2010 |
| Gates Millennium Scholars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American • Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 • Leadership through participation in community service, extracurricular activities • Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility • Completed and submitted the Nominee Personal Information Form, Nomination Form, and Recommender Form • Funding at a credited university up to undergraduate through doctorate degree • Apply www.gmsp.org | January 11, 2010 |
| KFC Colonel's Scholars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurial spirit • Demonstrate a financial need • Minimum GPA of 2.75 • Plan to pursue a Bachelor's Degree • Enroll in a public University in CA • Apply on-line at www.kfcscholars.org or call • 866-KFC-7240 | February 10, 2010 |
| California Association of Collectors, Inc. (CAC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Essay on "Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Credit during Your College Years." • Apply www.cacesf.org • \$2,500, \$2,000 or \$1,500 based on essay | February 1, 2010 |
| American Fire sprinkler Association Scholarship Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not based on financial need • Read Fire Sprinkler Essay • Take a ten-question multiple choice test. • Questions answered correctly gets entry into drawing • Drawing for \$2,000 scholarships for tuition • Apply http://afsascholarship.org | May 3, 2010 |
| Junior League of Orange County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For young women who belong to or want to join JLOCC (free membership) • Scholarships Up to \$10,000 • GPA of 2.5 or above • Agree to attend JLOCC meeting in June • Apply www.jlocc.org/?nd=grants | January 30, 2010 |
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| The Friends of Arts Education at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you wish to pursue a career in the performing arts either on stage or as teacher, therapist, administrator, entertainment lawyer, etc. • Up to \$12,000 • Scholarships in Classical Voice, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, and Musical Theatre (voice) • Apply www.friendsofaecc.com | January 15, 2010 5:00 pm |
| Southern California Mothers of Twins Club Scholarship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twins, triplets, or higher • \$250-\$1,500 annually for 4 years • High GPA, financial need, 300 word essay • 2 letters of recommendation, activities • Apply www.scmotc.org/Scholarship | February 1, 2010 |
| The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$3,000 and a two-week externship at a local government planning agency such as SCAG • At least a 3.0 GPA • Essay • Two letters of recommendation, transcript • Go to www.scag.ca.gov/scholarship | March 5, 2010 |
| Body Milk SAMMY Award | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are on top of your game in: • Athletics • Academics • Community Service • Up to \$7,500, trip to Disney World & spot in Milk Mustache ad for USA TODAY • Apply at: bodybymilk.com | March 5, 2010 |
| Golden West College Leadership Scholarship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500.00 • Leadership qualities: Vision, Organization, Communication, Action, Empathy • Winners will be expected to participate at GWC in Student Senate or Student Council, in Leadership Connections for a semester or attend one leadership conference, and obtain a College Services Sticker • See Ms. Grelle for application | April 19, 2010 |
| AXA Achievement Scholarship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty-two winners - one from each state • \$2,000 to \$10,000 • Determination to set and reach goals • Respect for self, family community • Ability to succeed in college • Community Service • Go to http://www.axa-achievement.com | February 15, 2010 |

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| Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Essay 500-1000 words: <i>What do you see is the long term impact of our current recession on the average family? How might it affect their future decisions?</i> • Apply http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm. | June 19, 2010 |
| NAVY ROTC Scholarships | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn \$180,000 in scholarship money & earn your commission as a Naval Officer • Take either the SAT or ACT • SAT at least: 530 Critical Reading, 520 Math • ACT at least: 22 English & 21 Math • Release scores to Code 0656 via Collegeboard.com or Actstudent.org • Nursing option available to become a Naval Nurse Officer. • Apply: http://www.nrotc.navy.mil | January 31, 2010 |
| The William S. Davila Scholarship Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students or your parents working in the food industry: retail supermarket companies, manufacturers, brokers or distributors of food products sold in retail food stores. Individuals working in a fast food or regular restaurant are not eligible to apply. • \$1000 - 2,500 • Apply www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/davila | January 20, 2010 |
| Hazel Cubbon Greenleaf Scholarship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you attend a community college, or university taking at least 12 units/sem in the fall • Have financial need • \$1,000 renewed annually • Apply: www.orangecoastcollege.com Search for High School Scholarship | April 14, 2010 5:00 pm |
| Italian Catholic Federation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$400.00 scholarships • If you are a Roman Catholic of Italian descent • Need not be of Italian ancestry to qualify if either Roman Catholic parent or grandparent is a member of the "Italian Catholic Federation." • At least 3.2 GPA • Apply www.icf.org | March 15, 2010 |
| Black College Expo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Win money by writing an essay of 500 words or less on "<i>Why is a College Education Important to Me?</i>" • Finalist must be present at Expo on Saturday, January 23, 2010 • All entries must be typed, double-spaced and emailed to: scholarship@thecollegeexpo.org • Apply: www.thecollegeexpo.org | January 11, 2010 12:01 a.m. |
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