



Pisgah High School

Senior Newsletter

November 2015

Pisgah Counseling Center

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November 2-6 - College Application Week: All Seniors are encouraged to submit an application (if they have not already done so) to a diploma, certificate, 2-year, or 4-year college program. The following guests will be available in the Counseling Center during lunches to answer questions about admissions, programs and financial aid:

Monday, Nov. 2– Montreat and East Tennessee State University

Tuesday, Nov 3– HCC (Career and College Promise opportunities for current 10, 11 and 12 graders) and SCC (RIBN program and other allied health programs)

Wed., Nov. 4– Mars Hill and HCC

Thursday, Nov. 5– Warren Wilson, SCC and Appalachian

Friday, Nov. 6– Brevard and AB Tech

Students who participate will be entered into a drawing for prizes (including lunch passes, college “stuff”, and a \$25 gift card from Champion Credit Union)!

Wednesday, Nov. 4 - College Application Day:

IMPORTANT: Come to the COUNSELING CENTER Monday, November 2 to sign up for an appointment during an elective class and pick up the information packet to read **BEFORE** College Application Day!

Students will check in with their teacher then quickly come to the computer lab at their appointment time to complete and submit an online college application; all counselors will be available to help students! Representatives from Haywood Community College will also be available to answer questions.

During NC College Application Week (Nov. 2-6), the following NC Independent Colleges /Universities are waiving their application fees:

Barton, Belmont-Abbey, Bennett, Brevard, Campbell, Catawba, Chowan, Davidson, Guilford, Johnson C. Smith, Lenoir-Rhyne, Livingstone, Louisburg, Mars Hill, Meredith, Methodist, Montreat, University of Mount Olive, NC Wesleyan, Pfeiffer, Queens, St. Andrews, Saint Augustine, Salem, Shaw, Warren Wilson, William Peace, and Wingate.

In addition, FIVE UNC system schools are waiving application fees: **Fayetteville State University, Winston Salem State, North Carolina A & T, Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central University.**

The 58 NC Community Colleges do not charge application fees!

Please research these schools to learn about their admission requirements and to see if they have programs that would be of interest to you. Please make sure you have a CFNC account user name and password **BEFORE** College Application Day. If you need help creating an account, see your counselor!

Monday, November 9: Financial Aid Workshop:

6 PM at Haywood Community College Auditorium. Laura Misner from CFNC will be presenting information about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the financial aid application process. Financial aid representatives from HCC will also be available. Please plan to attend if you have questions about applying for grants, loans, or work study!!

WORK KEYS

All seniors who are CTE completers will be taking the Work Keys test December 8 or 9 to earn Career Readiness Certificates which they can present to potential employers. REQUIRED test review will be available during both tutorials in the auditorium Mondays November 16, 23, 30 and December 7. Emphasis will be on the 3 subjects: Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information. Students who earn silver, gold or platinum certificate levels will earn two off-campus lunch passes will be entered in a drawing for two prom tickets, will be invited to a field trip in February, and will qualify for the “Career Endorsement” on their diploma.

PHS COUNSELING CENTER

Dr. Allen: Counselor, students with last names A-G

Mrs. Lawing: Counselor, students with last names H-O

Mrs. Heinz: Counselor, students with last names P-Z

Mrs. Inman: Lead Teacher

Mrs. Case: Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Ray: Career Development

Mrs. Frazier: School Social Worker

Mrs. Clark: School Nurse

Officer Deaver: School Resource Officer

Find us on the web at: teacher.haywood.k12.nc.us/phs-counselingcenter/

Follow us on Twitter @pisgahcounselor

Scholarship Information:

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **Robertson Scholars(Duke and UNC-CH):** "Extraordinary high school leaders of outstanding academic potential and character" are asked to learn more at www.robertsonscholars.org. 18 students will receive tuition to UNC-CH and 18 students will receive tuition to Duke. Deadline is November 13.
- **UNCG in 3 Opportunity:** This program has been created to give students the opportunity to graduate in 3 years (and save about \$8000), receive priority registration for courses, and have a UNCG in 3 advisor. Applicants must choose one of the 20 participating majors and *should* have a minimum of 12 college transfer credit hours (AP, Community College, or Early College--but there are other options including summer prior to fall semester). Information is available online at uncgin3.uncg.edu or you may call (336)315-7044.
- **Kings College:** "Finish First" offers specialized degrees in health care, business, design and technology that can be completed in 8 to 16 months. Available scholarships include four \$5000 scholarships based on scores of the scholarship exam (administered Jan. 23, 2016) and \$1000 scholarships for students actively involved in HOSA, FBLA or DECA. Learn more at www.kingscollegecharlotte.edu or call (704) 372-0266.
- **East Tennessee State University:** (1) **Honors Scholars Program** (up to full scholarship for 4 years) for students with 3.5 GPA, ACT score of 29 or higher, who demonstrate service and leadership. Deadline **December 15**. (2) **Fine and Performing Arts Scholars** (up to full tuition for 4 years) for students with 2.75 GPA, ACT score of 22, and an interest in an art (including music, drama, digital media, etc.) minor. Deadline **March 1**. (3) **Honors-in-Discipline Scholars** (up to full tuition for 4 years) includes 22 different fields of study for students with 3.2 GPA, 25 or higher ACT. Deadline **March 1**. More information about these 3 programs is available at www.etsu.edu/honors.
- **Berea College:** Berea charges no tuition and admits only academically promising students, *primarily* from Appalachia (but more than 60 countries are typically represented!), who can document limited economic resources. Berea's cost of educating a student exceeds \$23,000/year, but all students work at least 10 hours per week in campus and service jobs in more than 130 departments. More information is available at bera.edu.
- **Thomas Wolfe Scholarship:** Full undergraduate support will be provided to a student planning to study English or writing at UNC Chapel Hill. More information is available at englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarships and in the counseling center. Application to Chapel Hill must be submitted by October 15 and application to Thomas Wolfe Scholarship must be submitted by November 15.
- **Appalachian State University:** Complete application for admission must be submitted by Nov. 15. Once the application has been processed, qualified applicants will be invited to apply for scholarships by Dec. 1. Learn more at scholarships.appstate.edu/scholarships/freshmen.
- **UNCA:** More about the "Pisgah Scholars" program is available at financialaid.unca.edu/scholarships or call (828)251-6481.
- **Lenoir-Rhyne University:** Applicants who wish to be eligible for LR's Scholarship day must apply for admission no later than **November 13**. Accepted students who qualify will be invited to an event to compete for full and partial tuition scholarships. More information is available at lr.edu/admissions. Students interested in Lenoir-Rhyne's "Prospective Teacher Scholars" are encouraged to learn about \$5500 renewable Scholarship at lr.edu/teachingscholars. Application deadline in **January 10** but spaces are limited for this competitive program.

NON-SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **NC Hispanic College Fund:** Students of Hispanic background with a 2.5 or better GPA, planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year school, should learn more at thencshp.org. Applications must be received by January 15.
- Any student who has been in foster care as a teenager is eligible to participate in a **CARS Agreement**, that will provide assistance while they begin college. Contact the LINKS coordinator, Rachel Young at ryoung@haywoodnc.net or (828)452-6620 for more information.
- Students interested in scholarship assistance for **NURSING SCHOOL** are encouraged to go to three online sites: **The Tylenol Future Care Scholarship** at www.discovernursing.com, **Nursing Scholarships** at www.nursingscholarship.us, and the Nurse Corps Scholarship Program at www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/index.html
- **NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation:** Graduating high school seniors who operate their own small business are encouraged to learn more at www.NFIB.com/YEA by **December 18**.
- **2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award:** Any student (grades 9-12) who has engaged in a volunteer activity (after September 2013) is encouraged to apply at www.nassp.org/spirit AND submit a copy of the completed application to the counseling center by **November 3, 2015**. Information is also available in the counseling center.
- **Profile in Courage Essay Contest:** Students (grades 9-12) may write an original essay (1000 words or less) about political courage in an elected official after 1956 using at least 5 sources. Seven students will be awarded prizes (first place is \$5000). All students must register and submit essay online at www.jfklibrary.org by **January 6, 2016**.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships:** FOUR scholarship applications (one for students with at least one Asian-Pacific parent, one for students with at least one African-American parent, one for students with at least one Hispanic-Latino parent, and one open to all students) are available at aim.applyists.net/RMHC. Deadline **January 20, 2016**.
- **GE-Reagan Foundation:** Students who can demonstrate leadership, integrity, achievement (minimum 3.0 GPA), and citizenship are encouraged to apply for \$10,000 (renewable for up to 4 years) scholarship at www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx. Deadline **January 7, 2016**.
- **AXA Achievement Scholarships:** Students who can demonstrate ambition and self-drive are encouraged to apply online at www.axa.com for scholarships ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 no later than **December 15, 2015**.
- **Youth Volunteer Scholarship (\$500):** Applicants must have a 3.5 or higher GPA and have 50 hours of volunteer work in the last two years. Apply at www.studentscholarships.org/volunteer.php by **November 29, 2015**.
- **Washington Crossing Foundation:** Students planning a career in public service in local, state, or federal government are invited to apply for a number of scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Information is available online at www.gwcf.org. Deadline is **January 15, 2016**.

Scholarship Information CONTINUED:

- **Gates Millennium Scholars Program:** Students who are African-American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian American, Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American who are US citizens or legal residents with a 3.3 GPA who can demonstrate leadership potential, should learn more at www.gmsp.org. Deadline is Jan. 13, 2016.
- **Create-a-Greeting Card Contest:** Students (grades 9-12) must submit a unique photo, piece of artwork, or computer graphic for front of a greeting card. Information is available online at www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm about this opportunity to win \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **January 25, 2016**.

OPEN HOUSE!

An "Open House" is an excellent way to visit a college campus and learn about special programs offered there. Check out a dorm room, eat in a dining hall, meet with a professor, sit in on a class, ask questions about financial aid... Following are dates we are aware of at this time. Always check the website of any schools of interest for open house dates and registration!

- **Benedict College** (Columbia, SC): Nov. 7. Call (803) 705-4840 (free lunch and football tickets available)
- **Campbell University:** Nov. 11 campbell.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visit-us/
- **Covenant College (Lookout Mountain, GA):** Campus preview Weekend-October 1-3: Spend 2 nights in a dorm, attend classes, worship in the chapel, tour campus, audition for scholarships and more. Cost \$40.
- **Davidson College:** Nov. 13, davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/plan-a-visit/open-house-programs
- **Duke University:** (specifically Arts & Humanities and Pratt Engineering): Oct. 17 www.duke.edu
- **East Tennessee State University:** Nov. 7 admissions.etsu.edu
- **Gardner Webb University:** Nov. 11 gardner-webb.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/undergraduate-admissions/visit-us/index
- **Lenoir-Rhyne University:** Nov. 14 lr.edu/admissions/events
- **Salem College:** Nov. 14, Dec. 4 www.salem.edu/admissions/visit
- **UNC Asheville:** Nov 14 admissions.unca.edu/open-house
- **UNC Charlotte:** Nov. 7 admissions.uncc.edu/about-unc-charlotte/visit-campus
- **Western Carolina University:** November 14 wcu.edu/about-wcu/visit-wcu/

WNC RIBN Program: Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses Educational Track

WNC RIBN is a 4-year option that will dually admit and enroll students both at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College or Southwestern Community College and Western Carolina University and provide seamless associate to baccalaureate nursing education. The home school for the first 3 years will be the community college; the home school for year 4 will be the WCU Biltmore Park campus. Students are getting a 4-year degree for a fraction of the cost! To be eligible students must be accepted to both WCU and the community college, have a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA, and have an SAT reading score of at least 500 and pass the TEAS test. For more information, contact Carol Douglas at (828) 398-7534, caroldouglas@abtech.edu or Linda Deeb at (828) 339-4367, l_deeb@southwesterncc.edu. as soon as possible.

Haywood Community College is currently offering **NURSE AIDE CLASSES!**

Evening and weekend classes are being scheduled for students interested in becoming a certified Nursing Assistant. More information is available in the counseling center. If you wish to get on the waiting list or want more information, contact Sandy Fischer at sfischer@haywood.edu or (828) 565-4145.

Interested in a Career?

The National Guard currently has some part-time positions in carpentry, masonry, diesel mechanic and electrical. Paid on-the-job training and tuition assistance for those who wish to further their education will be provided. See your counselor for more information!

TESTING....

Any Senior planning to apply to a 4-year college or university, should pay close attention to these LAST testing dates of the semester!

SAT Dates:

—Saturday, December 5

Registration deadline November 5.

www.collegeboard.org

Cost is \$54.50. The College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to offer FREE SAT prep at khanacademy.org/SAT.

ACT Dates :

—Saturday, December 12 (AT PISGAH!)

Registration deadline November 6 www.actstudent.org

Cost is \$56.50.

See your counselor if you have any questions OR if you think you might qualify for fee application assistance for either the SAT or the ACT!

**School Code for
Pisgah High School :
340565**

HONORS COLLEGE

Does your school of interest have an “Honors College”?

No, this is not a separate campus, but a learning community within a college campus, often with a separate dormitory, special academic opportunities (such as service learning, travel—sometimes abroad, research projects), specific admissions requirements (higher than the general admissions requirements), and some scholarship money attached.

Find out more at the college’s website, call the college admissions office, or ask your counselor for help!

Application Checklist:

- Completed application (either on paper or online) mailed or submitted electronically-*neat and thorough*
- Application fee (if required): check (by mail) or credit card (online)
- Transcript requested from Mrs. Case. Cost is \$2.00 to send a transcript.
- Essay (IF required)
- Letter(s) of recommendation (IF required)
- Test scores
- Counselor form downloaded and given to my counselor (IF requested)

We recommend that all students applying to 4-year colleges complete their applications by Thanksgiving!

Wow! We have been busy in our office this last month as we have met (and continue to see) EACH-senior about his/her plans after graduation. Many of you have already submitted college applications, perused the scholarship drawer, or inquired about specific career interests.

As you continue your college application process, please take time to explore the web sites of each specific college. Go to the “admissions” button or click on “prospective students”—look for “financial aid.” **Find out if your application for admission is all you need to be considered for scholarships OR if there is a separate application for scholarships at that particular school.**

Note that you may read information about both **merit-based scholarships** (that look only at your accomplishments and do not consider your financial need) and **need-based scholarships** (that DO take into account which applicants will most need financial assistance to attend school and will require you to complete the FAFSA in January).

Many schools offer an online application that allows you to apply for a number of different scholarships! If you can’t find out online, call the school’s office of admissions or financial aid office. They really do NOT mind your calls!

JOB CORPS

Looking for a no-cost alternative to “college”?

- Hands-on career technical training with real employers to make sure you have the skills you need
- Education that applies to real world business (self-paced program where you learn at a speed that matches your ability)
- MONEY for each month you are in the program
- HOUSING
- Personalized career development plan
- Help finding a job (interview skills, resume assistance, help locating a job that matches your skills training)
- Support services (on campus health clinic, drivers education courses, weekend trips/activities)
- Programs such as **automotive and machine repair, construction, finance and business, health care, homeland security, hospitality, information technology, renewable resources / energy, retail sales and services, transportation...100 career areas!**

For more information, see you counselor, go online to www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov, or call (800) 733-JOBS!

From 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey

Habit #3: “Put First Things First”

- “The Procrastinator” is doing what is urgent and important.
- “The Yes-Man” is doing what is urgent and not important.
- “The Slacker” is doing what is not urgent and not important.
- “The Prioritizer” is doing what if important BEFORE it is urgent!