

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S INFORMATION

OCTOBER 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 1 St. Ambrose University rep. (12:39 p.m., conference room)
- October 2 Black Hawk College Night (6-8:00 p.m., Black Hawk College Moline)
- October 2 Southern Illinois University rep. (8:00 a.m., cafeteria)
- October 3 Quincy University rep. (9:41 a.m., cafeteria)
- October 3 Black Hawk College Night (6-8:00 p.m., Black Hawk College, Kewanee)
- October 7 Iowa Wesleyan University rep. (9:41 a.m., cafeteria)
- October 8 University of Wisconsin Platteville rep. (1:27 p.m., cafeteria)
- October 10 Early Dismissals for School Improvement (11:30 a.m.)
- October 10 Deadline for PSAT registration (Cost \$14.50, sign-up in the counselor's office)
- October 13 No School (Columbus Day, Jr. & Sr. arrange college visits)
- October 14 Eastern Illinois University rep. (8:53 a.m., cafeteria)
- October 14 Universal Technical Institute rep. (Per. 2, 3, & 4, Voc. B)
- October 16 La James College rep. (9:41 a.m., cafeteria)
- October 18 PSAT Testing for interested 9th-11th graders (8:00 a.m. - noon)
- October 20 Greenville College rep. (9:41 a.m., cafeteria)
 - Illinois State University rep. (11:17 a.m., conference room)
 - Indian Hills rep. (12:39 p.m., conference room)
- October 27 HOBY Leadership Seminar applications available in Counselor's office
- October 25 Senior ACT retakes with Voucher
- October 28 PSAE retakes for Seniors (1-8 periods at unit office)

PSAT FOR FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Saturday, October 18, 2008 (8:00 - noon)

Any Junior wanting to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship must register to take the PSAT. Juniors also take the PSAT as a practice test for the ACT/SAT. Students must register in the counselor's office by 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 10, 2008. A registration fee of \$14.50 is due at the time of registration. Students may pay in cash or check. Please make your check payable to Aledo High School.

Freshmen and Sophomores may also take the PSAT to improve their test taking skills. The registration process is the same for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. Students will need two number two pencils, a calculator and a book to read.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS FOR SENIORS

Seniors should be working on their college applications on-line and plan to submit applications to the post-secondary schools of their choice by the first week of October. On September 24th and 25th Seniors worked on post-secondary plans during English IV. Students filed for a FAFSA pin number that will be used in January to file for financial aid. Students were asked to help parents file for the parent pin number at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Local, state and national scholarship sites were shared with seniors so they can start scholarship searches. Seniors were provided a copy of their transcript and ACT/PSAE scores to be shared with post-secondary schools as they make their college visits.

POST-SECONDARY VISITS

Seniors may use two school attendance days and juniors one school attendance day to visit post-secondary schools. Students must turn-in a Post-Secondary School Planning Day Form to the high school office at least one day prior to the visit for the absence to be excused. Forms may be picked-up in the counselor's office. Keep in mind that most post-secondary schools have special fall preview days on Saturdays and encourage parents/students to make private appointments if they cannot attend a preview day. Several colleges are currently offering scholarships to students who attend the preview days. Scholarship eligibility is often based on a qualifying essay or a drawing.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. Times and dates are announced on the daily announcements and in the monthly bulletin. It is the student's responsibility to get a pass from the counselor's office at least one day prior to the visit and to make arrangements with their classroom instructor.

From	Date	Time
St. Ambrose University	Mon., Sept. 29	12:39
Eureka College	Wed., Oct. 1	1:27
Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville	Thurs., Oct. 2	8:00
Quincy University	Fri., Oct. 3	9:41
Iowa Wesleyan University	Tues., Oct. 7	9:41
Univ. of Wisconsin Platteville	Wed., Oct. 8	1:27
Eastern Illinois University	Tues., Oct. 14	8:53
Universal Technical Institute	Tues., Oct. 14	Per. 2, 3, & 4
La James College	Thurs., Oct. 16	9:41
Greenville College	Mon., Oct. 20	9:41
Illinois State University	Mon., Oct. 20	11:17
Indian Hills	Mon., Oct. 20	12:39

BLACK HAWK COLLEGE NIGHT

Over 80 college/university representatives will be on hand to answer student/parent questions. Plan to attend on one of the following nights:

Black Hawk College Moline
6:00-8:00 p.m., Quad-Cities Campus
Building 3 – Gymnasium

Black Hawk College East Campus
6:00-8:00 p.m., East Campus, Kewanee
Building A