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JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

- **Get those FAFSA forms started!** Sign up in the Counseling Office to **have an EducationQuest Foundation representative help you (and your parents) right here at Bellevue East!** The remaining dates for that will be **February 21st, March 20th, and April 17th**. Use their FAFSA Checklist at www.EducationQuest.org to prepare for that meeting. You can also choose to call them at 402-391-4033 and get an appointment at their office in Rockbrook Village (108th and Center). I'd like to suggest that every student going on to higher education should fill out this form. Since it is the key to financial aid (i.e., grants, loans, need-based scholarships, work study, etc.), you should submit it before your favorite school's deadline. Most want it done by March 1st, but check with the financial aid office to be sure. If your family is not done with 2011 tax returns, you can use good estimated numbers for the first submission and then follow up later with corrections based on the actual tax returns. If you want to do it on your own, we have worksheets in Counseling to help you prepare. When you are ready to complete the form, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- **Requirements for the BPS Comprehensive Scholarship Applications:** Let's just summarize what you need to hand in for this program. Staple the first four items together and drop them off in counseling.
 1. The **Selection Sheet**, signed by you and your parent/guardian
 2. The **Application Form**, also signed by you and your parent/guardian
 3. A copy of your **Resume**, which you can create in the career center
 4. Don't forget any **Extra Attachments** required by the scholarships you selected
 5. Give the **Request for Recommendation** to any teacher you like**HINT:** Printing neatly is OK, but typing is THE BEST! Fill in the blanks on the computers here at school using the forms on our school web page.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE!

Wayne State College Art Scholarship: If you are planning to study Art at Wayne State College, be sure to enter their Art Scholarship Competition. To be considered you will need to submit a portfolio of your work, a cover letter, and several recommendations. Stop by and ask to see the instructions and pick up a form if you want to apply.

Deadline for Receipt: February 20th

Nebraska Press Association Foundation Scholarship: \$2,000 - Interested in a career in print journalism and planning to study at a Nebraska college or university? Priority goes to those interested in news, editorial, photography, circulation, production, or advertising oriented newspaper careers.

Deadline for Receipt: February 25th

Nebraska Roping Horse Association Memorial Scholarships: \$750 - Seniors who have experience with agriculture, ranching, horses, general livestock, 4-H, or a related field and college goals to build on that foundation should try this. Requires rank in the top 25% of your class. **Deadline: February 29th**

American Chemical Society Scholars Program: \$2,500 (renewable) is available to African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American students who will major in a chemically-related field at a two- or four-year college or university. Apply online at www.acs.org/scholars. **Deadline: March 1st**

American Legion Maynard Jensen Memorial Scholarship: \$500 - Must be either related to a veteran who is a member of the American Legion (Department of Nebraska) or any POW, KIA, MIA or deceased veteran who was a member. You must also plan to attend a Nebraska institution of higher learning. **Deadline: March 1st**

Battalion Chief Herbert L. Davis Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to under-privileged (African-American with financial need) students who either graduate or earn a GED. If you have a 3.5/5.0 GPA or better and a variety of activities in your school, community, or church, you should apply. **Deadline: March 1st**

Nebraska Academy of Sciences Scholarships: \$100 to \$1,000 - Pick from several opportunities for the study of sciences. If you find your field of interest, apply soon. See <http://neacadsci.org> under "Info" for details and the application. **Deadline: March 1st**

CONGRATS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Roosevelt B.: Full-Tuition (Renewable) Regents Scholarship to UNO
(By the way, he has also been selected as a Finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship competition and was offered admission to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.)



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE (cont.):

Iowa State University Special Awards for Nebraskans: Awards of up to \$7,000 per year are available to students who apply to attend Iowa State University by the deadline below with no special scholarship application. The level of award will relate to your ACT score, class rank, and academic preparation or your relation to an ISU graduate. If you are considering attending ISU, apply soon! **Deadline: March 1st**

Paralyzed Veterans of America - Virginia and Tom Pierce Memorial Scholarship: \$500 - Here is an opportunity from the Great Plains Chapter Auxiliary for students who either have a disability or have a parent who has a disability. Financial need is also a factor here. **Deadline for Receipt: March 1st**

Student-View Scholarship: up to \$4,000 (randomly!) – Several students have been by to ask about scholarships that anyone can apply for. Well, here is an example of an opportunity to get into a random drawing for a scholarship by answering questions on a survey. Simply go to www.student-view.com and take the short survey for a chance at the money, even though the odds may be slim-to-none. I can't promise you won't get some junk mail as a result of such an entry, but that's the chance you take. **Deadline: April 22nd**

Note about GPA and Class Rank: The records have now been updated with your first semester grades. Therefore, any transcripts that go out from now until you graduate will include that information. You should make note that this also means that you have possibly changed a little in class ranking. If you need to put your class rank on any applications from now on, you should be sure to stop in and ask us for your new GPA and class rank. The size of the senior class for the purpose of class ranking is now 339 students, so your rank should be listed as ### of 339.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

ACT Test Takers: Taking the ACT again in February? If you have the Internet at home and would like to improve your test scores, the Army can help you. Login to www.march2success.com. After you enroll as a new user, you will have access to a practice ACT test and also quizzes to help you improve your composite score.

Cap & Gown Orders: Please get this done soon so all seniors have at least a FREE Cap/Gown/Tassel ordered, even if you are not sure you will graduate. There is NO COST TO YOU. Call School Traditions at 402-733-0300 right away to be sure they have your name and dimensions on our Bellevue East list. If you want to order other things like announcements or Class of 2012 memorabilia, you are welcome to do that at your own expense. Either ask them to send you an order form or ask their hours and visit their store at 120th and West Center Rd. in Omaha.

NEW CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

Big Red Road Show: Want to save a trip to Lincoln and still get all of your questions answered? UNL will hold an information session at the CenturyLink Center right here in Omaha on Sunday, March 4th, from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Admission is free. There will be lots of interactive exhibits in addition to college and department representatives, so it should be a lot of fun! You can get more details online at <http://roadshow.unl.edu/>.

OTHER REMINDERS

K-State Senior Day: Feb 6th, small fee to attend, register at www.k-state.edu/admissions/seniors
UNK Loper Preview Day: Feb 7th, 8:45 am - noon, register by Feb 3rd, www.unk.edu/loperpreviewday
Mar 10th SAT (no SAT II): Feb 10th is the regular deadline, See <http://SAT.collegeboard.org>
Feb 11th ACT Test: Now available only as a standby, Add \$42, www.actstudent.org
UNO Open House: Feb 13th or Mar 26th, 8:15 - noon + optional activities, www.BEaMAV.com
UNL Red Letter Day: Feb 20th, \$10 per person, Register one week ahead at <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit>