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COLLEGE 101 PRESENTATION

Do you or your parents want to get an overview of the college admissions process, covering admissions testing, applying for admission, and applying for scholarships? We will be offering a 45 minute session in our school library on Wednesday, March 18th, during the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. We will try to start our presentation at 5:30 pm so that you will have time to visit with teachers either before or after listening to our talk. This session is particularly helpful to parents who have not yet had a son or daughter go through the process to get into college, so please consider attending. There will be no sign-up process, just feel free to come up to the library when you hear the announcement during conferences. If you or your parents cannot attend that day, there will be extra packages available in the counseling office afterwards and you can always visit with Mr. Sheridan to ask questions or get assistance.

AYN RAND FOUNDATION ESSAY CONTEST

Here is a chance for you to compete with Juniors and Seniors across the country by writing an 800 - 1600 word essay about the novel *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand. If you enjoy reading and doing an analysis of literary works, you might want to give this one a try, especially if you are already familiar with the works of Ayn Rand. Prizes for this contest range from \$50 to \$10,000, so it could be worth your time. Check out the details at www.aynrand.org/contests and follow their instructions to participate or ask Mr. Sheridan for an information sheet. The deadline to submit an essay is April 25th.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - COLLEGENOW!

Why wait to get started on college requirements when you can get a great deal from Metro CC and start getting some classes under your belt now? Their offer called CollegeNOW invites high school students to sign up for any classes at any Metro CC campus for half of the normal tuition. There are even some very convenient classes presented right here in Bellevue at the Bellevue West campus. If you are planning to take classes here at Bellevue East that could lead to dual-enrollment credit or AP credit, you might want to avoid taking equivalent classes. Check with your counselor for advice before you enroll. Flyers and the application are available in the counseling office or you can just call their Bellevue Center at 827-8505 for information and assistance. The spring quarter starts on March 5th, so don't delay if you want to start now instead of waiting for the summer quarter.

TOYO TEENS NOMINATIONS

The Omaha Jaycees and Village Pointe Shopping Center are looking for nominations for this annual recognition program. They want to recognize teens who are making a difference in the Omaha community through volunteerism and community action. If that sounds like you and you want to be recognized for your efforts, pick up an application in the counseling office or go to www.omahajaycees.org for details and to download the application. The deadline for applications and recommendations is March 14th, so work on it soon!

COLLEGE VISITS AND OPEN HOUSE EVENTS: Here are a few examples of Open House events you might consider attending. If your favorite school is not listed, contact them directly about their Open House offerings or stop by counseling for assistance.

Peter Kiewit Institute at UNO: This special campus offering programs in Engineering and Information Science & Technology will hold a **Spring Open House** this Saturday, February 21st, from 1 to 3 pm. Stop in and see what they have to offer!

Wayne State College: Check out their **Just Juniors** event scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. Check in at 8:30 am for this 9 am to 2 pm presentation. Lunch is included and parents are welcome. See www.WSC.edu for details and to reserve your spot.

BryanLGH College of Health Sciences: This school offering nursing degrees and programs in other health related areas will hold an **Exploration Day** on Saturday, March 28th at their campus in Lincoln. Call 800-742-7844, ext. 18697 for more details.

Nebraska Wesleyan University: This campus in Lincoln will hold **Prairie Wolf Days** on Saturdays, March 7th and March 28th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Get the talk and tours and even arrange meetings department staff by calling 800-541-3818, ext. 2218 or visiting www.FindOutNWU.com at least a week in advance.

See Representatives visiting Bellevue East (get a blue pass in Counseling):

Thursday	Feb 19 th	Per. 2	Kaplan University, Omaha NE
Monday	Feb 23 rd	Per. 2	Iowa Western CC, Council Bluffs IA
Tuesday	Feb 24 th	Per. 1	Southeast CC, Milford, Lincoln, & Beatrice
Tuesday	Feb 24 th	Per. 2	Simpson College, Indianola IA
Tuesday	Feb 24 th	Per. 3	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Wednesday	Feb 25 th	Per. 2	Midland Lutheran College, Fremont NE
Wednesday	Feb 25 th	Per. 3	Southwest Minnesota State, Marshall MN
Monday	Mar 2 nd	Per. 2	Clarkson College, Omaha NE
Tuesday	Mar 3 rd	Per. 2	University of Nebraska, Kearney NE
Wednesday	Mar 4 th	Per. 2	Creighton University, Omaha NE
Wednesday	Mar 11 th	Per. 3	Northwest Missouri State Univ., Maryville MO
Thursday	Mar 12 th	Per. 2	Metropolitan CC, Omaha NE
Wednesday	Mar 18 th	Per. 4	Univ. of Kansas Engineering, Lawrence KS
Thursday	Mar 19 th	Per. 2	Missouri Western State Univ., St. Joseph MO

SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

- Southeast Community College Automotive Summer Camp:** Here is a great opportunity for those of you interested in automotive careers. This two-day event takes place on June 12th and 13th at the Milford Campus. The cost is \$20, but you could be one of the two lucky winners of a scholarship at the end of the program. Space is limited, so register soon with Rick Morphew at 800-933-7223, ext. 8317 or rmorphew@southeast.edu
- Big Red Summer Academic Camps:** These career exploration camps are a chance to explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the state, spend time investigating an interest or potential career, and have lots of fun. See www.bigredcamps.unl.edu for all the details and focus areas. The camps run from June 7th through June 12th and the cost ranges from \$250 to \$650, depending on the subject area. Sign up right away, since space is limited.
- US Military Academy Summer Leaders Seminar:** Want to check out West Point and see if it's for you? This is the perfect way! Two one-week sessions will be offered starting either May 30th or June 6th and the cost will be \$325. Applications will be accepted until April 1st at www.admissions.usma.edu where you click on Summer Leaders Seminar at West Point. For questions, call 845-938-4041.
- Organized college tours for various parts of the country are available. These will cost you dearly, but might be just what you are looking for. If you want more information go to www.college-visits.com.