



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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## JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

- Get your parents involved in your planning process! **Not many of you will be able to get all of the paperwork done without your parents' help!** So, why not start by showing them your copy of this newsletter each week. Let them help you select scholarships or school events to follow up on.
- Don't count yourself out even if you are not one of the academic stars of your class. There are opportunities for all sorts of students. Why not try to find a scholarship program that matches your situation and give it a try? No big deal if they don't select you as a winner. However, **IF YOU DON'T APPLY, YOU CAN'T WIN!**

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!

**Freshman Scholarships at various Colleges and Universities:** I've had several questions about the Regents Scholarships for UNL, UNO, or UNK. In order to be considered, you need to be sure they get your ACT scores either directly from ACT or from us. The December ACT test is your last chance to get a better score reported for scholarship consideration. If you are interested in these schools, you should apply for admission now to be sure you are considered for this award and most of their other scholarships. We get information from lots of other schools that require a separate scholarship application. Many schools want you to apply and/or submit their scholarship applications **by January 15<sup>th</sup>** to be considered for scholarships. **Not all schools wait that long (e.g., K-State has a November 1<sup>st</sup> priority deadline for scholarships)**, so find out what the deadlines are for your favorite schools **and get to work!** It will take time to get through the application process, so don't wait for the deadlines to get close. You can apply for admission later, but **DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Scholarships or Grants for Nebraska Seniors:** If you are thinking about an out-of-state school, many of them have opportunities like reduced tuition, academic scholarships, or need-based grants for non-resident students. For example, **Northwest Missouri State** has the American Dream Grant for students with significant financial need that could hold your cost down to \$3,500 for each of the first two years. The **University of Northern Colorado** offers \$4,500 or \$6,000 and **Colorado State** offers up to \$9,000 per year tuition reductions if your GPA and ACT scores are reasonably high. **Iowa State University** reduces tuition up to \$7,000 per year for top-notch Nebraska residents with their Academic Recognition and ACE Programs. The **University of Wyoming** has a Rocky Mountain Scholars Award that saves you up to \$5,000 per year if you have a high GPA and/or ACT score. And don't forget the **Midwest Student Exchange Program** mentioned previously. Check with your favorite school and be sure to get considered for whatever they are offering Nebraskans to cross the borders.

**Engebretson Foundation Scholarship:** \$10,000 – This is an opportunity for those of you who have scored 28 or better on the ACT and are in the top 5% of the class. They are looking for leadership potential as demonstrated in your extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience. This Omaha organization has their application available at [www.engebretsonfoundation.org](http://www.engebretsonfoundation.org) with all the instructions and forms. Please open those forms and fill them in online before printing them. The award is for one year, but winners may reapply in subsequent years. **Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**U.S. Bank Online Scholarship Program:** \$1,000 (winners chosen **randomly**). Any seniors planning to enter a participating college (listed in the application) full time next fall can apply. Go to [www.usbank.com/studentloans](http://www.usbank.com/studentloans), find US Bank Scholarships at the bottom of the page, and click on Get the Facts. No obligation to apply for a loan. **Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, but do it now.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Our school winners in the **Wendy's High School Heisman** nomination process were **Roosevelt B.** and **Katelyn K.** Although they were not selected at the state level, we are still proud of their athletic and academic accomplishments!

## COLLEGE REPS VISITING BEHS

Wednesday	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Period 4	Mt. Marty College, Yankton SD
Thursday	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Period 2	University of South Dakota, Vermillion SD
Thursday	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Period 3	Buena Vista University, Storm Lake
Thursday	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Period 4	North Central University, Minneapolis MN
Friday	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Period 2	Simpson College, Indianola IA
Thursday	Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Period 2	South Dakota State, Brookings SD
Thursday	Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Period 3	University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls SD

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

**Financial Aid Season is coming soon!** Although there is time yet before you will need to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), now is the time to get oriented to it. There is information on the Internet at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) that explains the whole process and this is the ONLY website you should use to file your FAFSA form. Soon you will be able to **print out a Pre-Application Worksheet** to start gathering the numbers for the 2012-2013 FAFSA form. Also, **you should request PIN numbers for yourself and one parent at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) right away** so you and your parent can file and sign the forms electronically--the best way to go! If you insist on filing the old fashioned way with a paper FAFSA form, you will have to call 800-4-FED-AID and they will mail you one. In any case, you can't actually file the FAFSA until January 1<sup>st</sup>. You could also choose to try their FAFSA4caster at [www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov) to get a head start on the process and get an estimate of your results. The information you enter there can be transferred to the FAFSA form later, if you like. Check out the U.S. Department of Education's student-friendly web page with lots of information about financial aid, etc. at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

## NEW CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

**Creighton University Jay Days:** This is a weekday version of their visit program that includes interaction with students actually attending classes...see what it's really like to attend this school. Pick November 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm with activities including information sessions, lunch, and a tour of the campus. Call admissions at 402-280-2703 or go to <http://admissions.creighton.edu> and click on the Jay Days link to register.

**Simpson College:** Visit this campus in Indianola IA during their **Friday Fall Visit Day** on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. Meet the students and staff in several informative sessions with some special sessions that relate to athletics or fine arts programs. You will also get lunch with staff members or coaches at your request and a tour of the campus. To register online, go to [www.simpson.edu/admissions](http://www.simpson.edu/admissions) and then click on the Learn More link in the picture box about the Friday Fall Visit Day or click on Upcoming Events for details about all visit opportunities. You can also call Admissions at 800-362-2454, ext. 1624.

## OTHER REMINDERS:

- Peru State Bus Tour:** Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 am bus at Bellevue WalMart, register by TODAY, [www.peru.edu/admissions](http://www.peru.edu/admissions)
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> ACT Registration:** Nov 4<sup>th</sup> is the regular deadline, avoid \$21 late fee [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Discover Doane Days:** Nov 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 am - 1 pm, [www.doane.edu/visit](http://www.doane.edu/visit)
- UNO Open House:** Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, or Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, register at [www.BEaMAV.com](http://www.BEaMAV.com) under Visit UNO
- Morningside College Senior Visit Days:** Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 18<sup>th</sup>, [www.morningside.edu/admissions](http://www.morningside.edu/admissions)
- National Portfolio Days:** Nov 5<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines, [www.portfolioday.net](http://www.portfolioday.net)
- Southeast CC Open House:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, all campuses, 11 am – 4 pm, [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu)
- K-State Senior Days:** Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 14<sup>th</sup>, Cost is \$20 (parent \$15), call Madison at 800-432-8270
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT Registration:** Nov 8<sup>th</sup> is the regular deadline, avoid \$26 late fee <http://sat.collegeboard.com>
- Showcase Colorado State:** Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, \$15 fee, <http://admissions.colostate.edu/visit>
- Fridays@WSC:** Nov 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, see Visit Campus at [www.wsc.edu/admission](http://www.wsc.edu/admission)
- Dakota Wesleyan Visit Day:** Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2:30 pm, [www.dwu.edu/admissions/visit.htm](http://www.dwu.edu/admissions/visit.htm)
- Explore Augustana Visit Days:** Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 800-727-2844 ext. 5516, <http://augie.edu/admission>
- Mizzou Black & Gold Day:** Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 573-882-7786, <http://admissions.missouri.edu>
- University of Sioux Falls Campus Visit Day:** Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm, [www.usiouxfalls.edu](http://www.usiouxfalls.edu)
- Xenon Open House:** Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 4 pm, 8516 Park Dr. in Omaha, call 402-393-2933, ext. 1008
- UNK Loper Preview Day:** Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 5 pm, \$10 fee, [www.unk.edu/loperpreviewday](http://www.unk.edu/loperpreviewday)
- Iowa Western CC Reiver Visit Day:** Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, Call Admissions at 712-325-3277, [www.iwcc.edu](http://www.iwcc.edu)
- SDSU – Jackrabbit Preview:** Nov 18<sup>th</sup> & Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 2 pm, [www.sdstate.edu/admissions/visit](http://www.sdstate.edu/admissions/visit)
- UNL Red Letter Days:** Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$10 per person, register one week ahead at <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit>
- Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolf Days:** Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am - Noon, RSVP 1 week ahead, [www.FindOutNWU.com](http://www.FindOutNWU.com)