



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE!

**NOTE:** Do NOT use any report card GPA for any applications for colleges or scholarships. These are not cumulative GPAs and are only used to determine the quarter/semester honor roll. Your latest cumulative GPA was calculated at the end of your junior year and will not change again until the middle of January. If an application is due before then, they expect a GPA from the end of the junior year from all applicants. If you don't know your official GPA and class rank, stop in Counseling and ask.

**Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship:** They are offering \$1,400 scholarships to students based on academic record, leadership, school and community activities, as well as financial need. The Simon Property Group owns the Crossroads Mall in our area, which makes you eligible for their mall awards. See [www.simonyouth.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.simonyouth.scholarshipamerica.org) for details and an application or come to the counseling office for a paper copy. Only the first 6,000 applications will be processed, so don't delay until the deadline. **Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Burger King Scholars Program:** \$1,000 Scholarships - This is a great opportunity for students who work (not necessarily at Burger King) about 15 hours per week most of the year, verifiable by your employer. We had a winner recently! Applicants must have a GPA above 3.5 on our 5.0 scale, participate in community service or co-curricular activities, and have financial need. You must apply online at <https://www.applyists.net> where you use the Access Key BKS to get started. **Deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**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 \$2,500 for each of the first two years. The **University of Northern Colorado** offers \$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.

## COLLEGE REPS VISITING BEHS

Wednesday  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, Period 3  
**Nebraska Christian College**  
Manhattan KS

Thursday  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, Period 3  
**Doane College**  
Crete NE

Tuesday  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, Period 3  
**Northwest Missouri State**  
Maryville MO

Wednesday  
November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Period 2, **Wyo Tech**  
Cheyenne WY  
Period 3, **K-State**  
Manhattan KS

## COLLEGE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

**University of Sioux Falls:** This Christian Liberal Arts University affiliated with the Baptist church is offering **First Fridays Campus Visit Days**. The next one will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. You can see [www.usiouxfalls.edu](http://www.usiouxfalls.edu) and click on Visit Campus to see details for these Group Visits. Register online or call their admissions staff at 800-888-1047 to sign up.

**York College:** This campus in York, Nebraska is affiliated with the Churches of Christ and is inviting high school seniors to spend a day as a YC student. They are holding this **Senior Panther Preview Day** on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and you can find the details at [www.york.edu/admissions/panther\\_preview.asp](http://www.york.edu/admissions/panther_preview.asp) or call them at 800-950-9675.

**Clarkson College:** This school in Omaha offering Nursing and Allied Health programs will have a **Preview Day** on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to noon. If you want to find out more about this campus, go to [www.ClarksonCollege.edu/Admissions](http://www.ClarksonCollege.edu/Admissions) or call their Office of Enrollment at 552-3100 to register for this event.

**Dana College:** This school is holding two **Scholarship Days** on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> which should be of interest to any of you thinking about academics or athletics at Dana. For Music and Theatre scholarships, there is a special day on November 14<sup>th</sup>. You have to be accepted for admission to attend, so complete that application soon. Visit [www.dana.edu/scholarshipday](http://www.dana.edu/scholarshipday) to see if you qualify to attend these events and to register. If you have questions, call them at 800-444-3262.

## Congratulations Scholarship Winners!!

Many of you have already received acceptance letters from your favorite colleges that are offering you scholarships to attend their school. If so, please drop in and let me know...we want to celebrate with you and let other students know that scholarships are possible. Here is one I do know about:

**Audrey S.:** Full-Tuition (Renewable) Regents Scholarship to UNL

### Scholarships Due Soon!

(see previous senior newsletters for details):

**11/15/09:** UNL Honors (early notification) and Jeffrey S. Raikes Honors; **11/24/09:** NASSP and Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Awards; **11/30/09:** ACLU Student Activist Scholarship and DIA Undergraduate Training Assistance Program; **12/1/09:** Nebraska Softball Foundation Scholarship, Nebraska State College System Governor's Opportunity Scholarship, Omaha World-Herald Kearney Hub Scholarship (UNK Honors), USAF ROTC Scholarships, and Wayne State College Merit-Based Scholarships and Rural Health Opportunities Program

### OTHER REMINDERS

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup> ACT Registration:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup> is the regular deadline, avoid \$21 late fee, [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
**Explore Augustana Day:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, call 800-727-2844, <http://augie.edu/admission>  
**Fridays@WSC:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, see Campus Visits at [www.wsc.edu/admission](http://www.wsc.edu/admission)  
**Morningside College Fall Visit Days:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, or 20<sup>th</sup>, [www.morningside.edu](http://www.morningside.edu)  
**Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolf Day:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, noon - 3 pm, call 800-541-3818, ext. 2218 or see [www.FindOutNWU.com](http://www.FindOutNWU.com)  
**South Dakota State University TGIF Visit Day:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 2 pm, [www.sdstate.edu](http://www.sdstate.edu)  
**UNL Red Letter Days:** Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, register a week in advance at <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit>  
**Creighton University Jay Days:** Nov 9<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 2:30 pm, <http://admissions.creighton.edu>  
**K-State Senior Days:** Nov 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 4 pm, see [www.consider.k-state.edu](http://www.consider.k-state.edu)  
**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> SAT Registration:** Nov 12<sup>th</sup> is the late deadline (add \$23), [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
**Nebraska Methodist College Senior Visit Day:** Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 3 pm, call admissions at 354-7200  
**University of Missouri-Columbia Meet Mizzou Day:** Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, call 573-882-2456  
**Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolf Day:** Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 1 pm, call 800-541-3818, ext. 2218 or see [www.FindOutNWU.com](http://www.FindOutNWU.com)  
**UNO Maverick Monday:** Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 - noon plus optional activities, [www.BEaMAV.com](http://www.BEaMAV.com)

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

**Graduation Prep:** If you haven't done so yet, stop in counseling ASAP to give us your height and T-shirt size for your cap & gown. We must have a complete list soon! Also, don't forget to have your senior photo delivered in the right format to the yearbook staff in B03 before their December 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. Parent yearbook ad requests are due by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**The Military Option:** For those of you who want to go to college someday, but don't think you can afford it or are just not ready, consider visiting with the recruiters in the Café during lunch. The military services have great programs to help pay for education. You can either study while serving or wait and head to college after you finish a tour of duty.

**Tuition Waivers:** The Nebraska public universities, colleges, and community colleges offer tuition waivers to students who have a parent who is permanently and totally disabled or has died as a result of military service. The waivers are also offered if the parent was classified as a POW or as MIA sometime after August 4, 1964. These waivers can be used in addition to other Veterans Affairs programs your family might be eligible for. To take advantage of this great benefit, contact the Sarpy County Veterans Service Office at 593-2204 or stop in and visit with them at 1308 Gold Coast Road, Suite 100, in Papillion.

**Historically Black Colleges:** If you have an interest in attending one of the historically black colleges, you might take advantage of the Common Black College Application offered by EDU, Inc. at their web site [www.eduinonline.com](http://www.eduinonline.com). This is particularly useful if you plan to apply to several of these schools, because you pay one fee of \$35 and complete one application to get that application forwarded to some or all of these 35 colleges. If essays or letters of recommendation are required by the school, you will still need to send those in separately, but transcripts and ACT scores are usually accepted through the common application. See the web site for details about the schools included in this program.