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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!

**Washington University in St. Louis, Danforth Scholars Program:** Full- or Partial-Tuition -- These merit-based scholarships are available for outstanding seniors. Students who may want to attend this school and are interested in being nominated should pick up an application and visit with their counselor. Please stop in before the end of September. Visit [www.wustl.edu](http://www.wustl.edu) for more information about this school. **Deadline for Receipt: October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Horatio Alger National Scholarship:** up to \$20,000 -- This program is for a senior who has exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. You also need to have critical financial need to pay for college. If you fit this description, apply at [www.horatioalger.com/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships). There is also a Nebraska and Western Iowa level called the Ak-Sar-Ben Scholarship for \$5,000 that you can find and read about under their "Scholarship Programs" tab. Bellevue East students will be considered for both if you apply for the National Scholarship. **Deadline: October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest:** Even though this is open to all grades, you can use essay contests like this one to earn some money for college. Pick up the information in the scholarship rack and see what you can do with the theme "Is There Pride in Serving in our Military?" Three to five minutes of your thoughts recorded by you on a standard audio cassette tape or CD and a typed copy of your essay are all that is required to enter the competition. See [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and click on "Programs" under the "Community" tab to find an entry form and information about this program. Ask me for contact information for our local VFW Post 2280. **Deadline for Receipt: November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Gates Millennium Scholars Program:** This scholarship which covers most college costs is for students with minority heritage who have a 4.3/5.0 GPA or better and have significant financial need (Pell Grant Eligible). You also need leadership and community service activities in your resume. If you are not sure about financial need, contact EducationQuest at 391-4033 for help. **Don't delay...**see [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) for details now because the application is rather long. **Deadline to Apply Online: January 11<sup>th</sup>**

## COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL REPS VISITING BEHS

Monday	Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Period 2	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE
Tuesday	Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	Period 3	Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville MO
Wednesday	Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Period 3	Iowa Western CC, Council Bluffs IA
Tuesday	Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Period 2	Augustana College, Sioux Falls SD
Thursday	Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Period 1	Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph MO
Thursday	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Period 2	Drake University, Des Moines IA
Thursday	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Period 4	UNL Food Science and Tech, Lincoln NE

Also, meet the military recruiters during lunch. Each month, visit the Army on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, the Marines on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, the Navy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, the Air Force on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, and the National Guard on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday or on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.

## HANDOUTS TO HELP YOU

**College Prep Handbook:** I handed this out during my visits to your classrooms recently. If you were absent, drop by and ask for a copy. It's a very helpful tool that you should definitely make use of. It has Information on selecting schools, details about Nebraska schools, financial aid advice, career information, and a good timeline to follow. Be sure to share this with your parents and note the contact information for the EducationQuest Foundation on the back cover. They are your primary source of help when applying for financial aid starting in January 2012.

## NEW COLLEGE FAIRS AND CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

**University of South Dakota:** Their **Fall Open House** is coming up this weekend on September 10<sup>th</sup>, so call Scott Pohlson right away at 605-677-6754 to see if you can still participate in this event and get tickets to the USD vs. Eastern Washington football game that evening in the Dakota Dome.

**Ivy League Anyone?** There will be representatives from **Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Stanford,** and the **University of Pennsylvania** at the Omaha Marriott (10220 Regency Cir.) on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. See <http://exploringcollegeoptions.org> to register.

**UNK Health Career Fair:** Still deciding which health related career is right for you? How about attending this fair with over 40 representatives from various health fields to answer your questions? Of course you would have to be in Kearney on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2 pm at the UNK Student Union, Room 238. Park in Lot #20 and take a campus tour at 1:30 pm if you like. There is no need to register in advance for this event.

**Omaha Area College Fair:** The EducationQuest Foundation and NACRAO are holding college fairs across Nebraska, including one on October 30<sup>th</sup> at UNO's Sapp Fieldhouse from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. More details including a list of schools that will be represented will be posted in the counseling office. See info about all of their events at [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) in case this date doesn't work for you.

**UNL Events for Chemistry or Women in Engineering:** If you want to major in one of these subjects, consider visiting UNL on the appropriate Saturday. For the Chemistry Day scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>, go to [www.chem.unl.edu/chemday](http://www.chem.unl.edu/chemday) and register during September. The Women Interested in Engineering Day is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, so go to [engineering.unl.edu/Events/wiie/](http://engineering.unl.edu/Events/wiie/) and register online soon. For either event, you are advised to attend with a parent, unless you are with Mrs. Hester's HAL group or with a Chemistry teacher. If you signed up with them, you don't need to register again on your own.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

**Requesting Letters of Recommendation:** As I mentioned to you recently, at some point you will need to get a letter of recommendation from one of your teachers. We have instructions and some forms to help you do this. You can fill them out in Word or print out a PDF version at our school web site [www.BellevuePublicSchools.org/East](http://www.BellevuePublicSchools.org/East) by clicking on "Counseling" and then "Forms" under the "Students" tab. You can also pick up a paper copy in the counseling office. Do the Student Information Sheet now to be prepared!

**Countdown2College E-Mail Service:** A free e-mail update service is available from the EducationQuest Foundation. Visit their web site at [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org), open the tab for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, and click on "Countdown2College Sign Up" to get tips and advice through a monthly e-mail with free college planning information. For more information and appointments call them at 402-391-4033.

**QuestBridge College Match:** Several of our seniors have used this service offered by a non-profit foundation. It is a legitimate way to attempt to gain admission to and get scholarship assistance to attend a variety of elite schools, but there are some limits to participation. First, you must already have a high ACT or SAT score from last year (finalists average 30 on the ACT or 1940 on the SAT). The other consideration is that they are trying to help students from families with incomes under \$60,000 per year although they say families with higher incomes can explain special circumstances to qualify. See [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org) for details. Note that you can also apply to any of these schools directly and they will provide assistance to low income students who are admitted even without this foundation's help. **Quest-Bridge Deadline: September 30<sup>th</sup>**

### OTHER REMINDERS:

**Lutheran College Fair:**  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 to 9:00 pm,  
Concordia Jr.-Sr. HS,  
[www.lutherancolleges.org](http://www.lutherancolleges.org)

**Picture Day:** Sept 13<sup>th</sup> is school picture day. Get yours taken to be sure and get in the yearbook.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> ACT:** Sept 16<sup>th</sup> is the regular registration deadline  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**Creighton University  
CU Sunday:**  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to 3 pm,  
<http://admissions.creighton.edu>

**Christian College Fair:**  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8 pm,  
Lincoln Christian HS,  
call 402-643-7394 for details

**BEHS ACT Prep Dates:** Oct 11<sup>th</sup>  
and 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:45 pm;  
Also a **Practice ACT Test** on  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am  
(Sign up in Counseling soon)