

Senior Newsletter – November 2018

So, the first term is behind us. It's a great time to check to see if you are on track for graduation. Maybe you need to grab a class for the second semester or work harder to pass a class that you didn't pass the first nine weeks. Whatever the case, keep doing your best and ask for help when you need it! Congratulations to all of our seniors who have received a college acceptance letter! Many of you have already begun to accumulate merit scholarships. This is terrific news, and I am proud of all of you. No worries though if you haven't made it that far in the process; there's plenty of time. Let me know if I can help in any way!

Mrs. Segretario

Searching For Scholarships?

Once you've narrowed down your college choices to one or maybe a few, you should begin searching for all the scholarship dollars for which you are eligible. The financial aid department of your university's website is where that search begins. Most colleges have extremely user-friendly formats that lead you to all the possibilities. After you visit financial aid, move to the department of your major for scholarships specific to your course of study.

We're Here to Help!

Need help with your FAFSA? Curious about student loans? An evening full of information about college financial aid is planned for Wednesday, November 7th from 7-8 pm in the high school auditorium. Grab a parent or two and stop in for a wealth of information. Hope to see you there!

Bowling Green State University

If you are thinking about teaching science or math, BGSU has a terrific scholarship opportunity valued at approximately \$20,000 over the course of four years. See Mrs. Segretario for all the details!

- Criteria: 3.0 GPA, 23 ACT
 - Deadline to apply: January 15, 2019
- Bowling Green has been named one of the best college towns in America by WalletHub and 90% of the incoming freshmen share \$25 million in scholarships. Plan a visit to find out more.
- Preview Day at BGSU is Saturday, December 1st from 9am – noon. Get a true sense of life at Bowling Green in a choose-your-own-schedule format.
 - Visit this website to make your reservation:
<https://www.bgsu.edu/admissions/visit-bgsu/schedule-a-visit.html?when=2018-12-01&type=freshmon>

ACT – Dates and Deadlines

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED
12/08/2018	11/02/2018	11/03-11/19/2018
02/09/2019	01/11/2019	01/12-01/18/2018
04/13/2019	03/08/2019	03/09-03/25/2019

Kent State University Columbiana (Salem - East Liverpool)

Columbiana: Worried about a low ACT score? Not excited about writing a college essay? Kent State Columbiana County may just be the college for you! With a \$40 application fee, high school transcript, ACT scores and a quick application, you are on your way to an amazingly accessible college experience! Kent offers 13 bachelor's degrees and 11 associate's degrees that may be completed at the Salem or East Liverpool campuses.

Interesting?? Attend Information Night, Monday, November 5 from 5:30-7 pm at the at the East Liverpool campus in the Mary Patterson Building located at 213 E. Fourth Street. The Salem campus, located at 2491 State Route 45 South, will hold their Information Night on Thursday, November 8 from 5:30-7pm. Both sessions include valuable information about admissions, financial aid, scholarship opportunities, a campus tour and a majors fair. Register by visiting: <https://www.kent.edu/columbiana/visit-campus>

* Info about East Liverpool Scholarships:

<https://www.kent.edu/sites/default/files/file/Scholarship%20Descriptions%202017-18.pdf>

* Info about Salem Scholarships:

<https://www.kent.edu/sites/default/files/file/Combined%20Scholarship%20Application%20-%20Feb%20Version.pdf>

Stark State College - Partnering with Stark State, FirstEnergy offers a unique two-year program featuring learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. The Power Systems Institute provides a unique electric power technology degree program that leads to desirable long-term employment. Students will earn an associate's degree in applied science in one of two majors - lineworker technician or substation worker technician.

An informational session will be held Saturday, November 10th from 10am - noon at the Business and Entrepreneurial Center located at 6200 Frank Avenue NW in North Canton.

Bethany College... Is a small, liberal arts school in located about an hour and a half away in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains of Bethany, WV. With 32 majors, an average class size of 14, spacious resident housing and apartments, NCAA Division III athletics and a postcard pretty campus it's definitely worth a glance! And to sweeten the deal, an alumnus of both Sebring and Bethany is willing to recommend a Sebring graduate for a guaranteed a \$1000, four-year renewable scholarship. See Mrs. Segretario for more information.

Y.S.U. Penguin Preview Days:

Friday, November 2 and Friday, November 30.
To register:

<https://ysu.edu/admissions/plan-a-visit/penguin-preview-day>

Scholarships:

- \$1000 3.0 GPA and 20 ACT
- \$2000 3.0 GPA and 22 ACT
- \$3000 3.5 GPA and 25 ACT
- \$4000 3.5 GPA and 27 ACT
- \$5000 Valedictorian
- \$2000 3.0 GPA and 19 ACT for students who are "first generation" college students
- Scholarships for students who are accepted to the Honors College with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and a 26 on the ACT may cover up to the entire tuition, fees, housing, meals, as well as a book stipend.

University of Toledo

The University of Toledo has affordable tuition and a generous merit scholarship program. \$1000 per year is awarded to students with a 2.75 GPA and a 20 ACT. Scholarships increase with increasing GPAs and ACT scores up to the maximum of \$6000 per year. Some students will also be eligible for honors and stackable scholarships. For specific information, please visit: <http://www.utoledo.edu/admission/freshman/scholarships/2019/>

The LAST Fall Preview Day for 2018 will be held on Tuesday, November 6th. Many informational sessions will be offered throughout the day that begins at 9:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm. Please visit their website for more information and to register: <http://www.utoledo.edu/admission/preview/>

You & the Roo Shadow Program

Several seniors have expressed interest in the University of Akron. If this college is on your short list and you've applied and been admitted, you might be interested in this unique program. You can shadow a current UA student in your academic major during UA's spring semester, January through April. The visit is free for prospective students. A lunch pass and student union game room pass also are provided so students can get the fullest experience possible. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail the Office of Admissions at admissions@uakron.edu.

FAFSA Just a reminder that the priority deadline for the FAFSA is December 1. To be considered for all the funding for which a student is eligible, filing **MUST** be complete by that date.

- It's important to get this done as soon as possible if you haven't already done so since often, financial aid is allocated on a first come first served basis.
- **Items you will need:** Social security numbers for you and your parents (if you are dependent), your driver's license number if you have one, 2017 federal tax returns for yourself and your parents, records of untaxed income, and information on savings, investments, and farm assets for yourself and your parents.
- **Need additional information on FAFSA and college loans?** Visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/> or attend Sebring's Financial Aid Night on November 7th.

Scholarship Opportunity for Students Majoring in Education

The Ohio Association of Administrators of State and Federal Education Programs (OAASFEP) gives four \$500 scholarships each year to students planning to major in education at an Ohio college or university. Mrs. Viscounte is a member of this group and she is eligible to recommend one student for this award. If you meet the criteria and would like to be considered, please see Mrs. Segretario for the application. The application must be postmarked January 31, 2019.

Let's Talk Turkey... and not the kind that will likely be on your Thanksgiving table in a few weeks, but rather let's get serious about figuring out your college destination. November is an important month for seniors because many of the deadlines, that used to be in January or February, have been moved up in recent years. November 1st is often the deadline for early decision and early action applications.

Here's a brief list of the other things that you should be working on throughout this month.

1. Need to retake the ACT? That should be done as soon as possible. There are only three more dates to do that during this school year. This Friday is the deadline for the December ACT.
2. Start thinking about financial aid. Now that you have the FAFSA completed (or soon to be completed) you should start searching for scholarship opportunities. Many scholarship applications will be available by mid November on the Class of 2019 Google Classroom so stay tuned for more information!
3. Attend financial aid workshops held at your college. These are normally part of your college visit trips so don't miss out on valuable information specific to your school.
4. Stay on track with your grades and extracurricular activities. Colleges check up on you even AFTER you've submitted your application so don't let these things slip as life as a graduating senior gets more chaotic.