

La Crosse High School Scholarship Newsletter

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Special Points of Interest:

- The local scholarships are listed. Make sure you apply BEFORE the deadline. Local applications should be turned in to the counseling office. Application forms are online at the La Crosse USD #395 website under the Counselor's Corner
- The La Crosse High School Awards night is scheduled for May 4, starting at 6:30 with the Spring Concert. The awards assembly will start right after the concert.
- Graduation for the Class of 2010 will be held on Saturday, May 15.

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R. WARREN SAGER, COUNSELOR

Make sure you look though this particular newsletter because most of the our local scholarships are listed. Good Luck! and I hope to see all of you at the awards night on May 4, 2010.

PLEASE pay attention to our local scholarships. Students DO NOT have an opportunity to win IF they choose not to fill out the application. I know that a number of students have said to me that they regretted not filling out the applications for scholarships. I hope EVERY student that plans to attend a post-secondary school wins a scholarship.



This will be my final newsletter for the year and if I need to communicate with the seniors, I will do it through their mail box in the counseling room. I am considering putting all of the scholarships on line at our USD #395 website for next year.

The seniors are experiencing some anxiety trying to focus in on their plans for their future. I know that this is a difficult time for them as well as their parents. It is difficult to make decisions that will have a direct affect on their futures. however, for the most part I think the seniors have done a pretty good job of planning for after graduation.

The best advice that I was ever given was to make my decisions based on what I knew at this particular point in my life. Students need to forge ahead with their decision for next year and if they find out that they are not pleased with their situation; CHANGE! Knowledge is gained through the experiences we encounter.

I look forward to the accomplishments of the Class of 2009-2010 in the future. They seem to be a very diverse group of young people heading into their adult lives with a sense of inquisitiveness and an aura of adventure. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything that I can do to help with your student's success

**AWARDS NIGHT
May 4, 2010**

LHS Spring Concert, Awards and Art Exhibit will begin at 6:30. Everyone is invited to come and look through the projects of the students of LaCrosse High School. The evening will highlight the accomplishments of the students and give special recognition to the graduating class of 2009-2010.

2009-2010 ACT SCHEDULE

Registration Date

March 5, 2010

May 7, 2010

ACT is urging YOU TO REGISTER ON LINE AT:

www.actstudent.org

Registration forms are also in the counselor's room across from the senior mail boxes

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION. Take the test as many times as you like. Your best score is the only one that counts.

Test Date

Apr.10, 2010

June 12, 2010

**Check
www.usd395.org
(Counselor's Corner)
for the local
application forms.**

**Graduation
May 15, 2010**

Graduation for the Class of 2009-2010 starts at 5:00 pm on Saturday afternoon. Hope to see you there!

Ellen & Milo Koci Scholarship

This scholarship was founded in 2006 through contributions by family and friends of Ellen Wilson Koci and Milo E. Koci as a tribute to their lives and a symbol of their continuing contribution to the community in which they lived. The recipient of the scholarship is to be chosen by a scholarship committee composed of the board members of the USD #395 Foundation for Educational Excellence or their appointees.

Criteria for this scholarship:

- Be a graduate of USD #395

- GPA of at least 2.75
- Exhibited a commitment to providing service to others, demonstrated by leadership, volunteer and/or community service with in the school or community
- Accepted by or attending an accredited institution of higher learning
- Submit application by **APRIL 1**

Check www.usd395.org (Counselor's Corner) for the application form.

Submit your applications to Mr. Sager .

Jamie A. Whitis Memorial Scholarship

The Jamie A. Whitis Scholarship is awarded to a senior that plans to attend any USA accredited College or Vocational Technical school. The senior must be involved in athletics and have a GPA of 3.00 or better. The LHS Scholarship Committee considers: application contents and appearance, scholarship, initiative, citizenship, school activities, and financial need. DEADLINE: April 1.

Check www.usd395.org (Counselor's Corner) for the application form.

Submit your applications to Mr. Sager .

NEKOMA STATE BANK SCHOLARSHIP

One award for \$250 is given to a LaCrosse High School senior who has a GPA of 2.00 or better. The student must plan on attending an accredited college or vocational technical school. The Nekoma Selection Committee considers the application contents and appearance as well as financial need. The application must be submitted to Mr. Sager along with 2 letters of recommendation on or before **March 15, 2010**.

Check www.usd395.org (Counselor's Corner) for the application form.

Submit your applications to Mr. Sager .

JIM REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

One scholarship of \$400 (\$200 per semester) will be awarded to a LaCrosse High School senior with a 3.00 GPA or better. The student must be planning on attending any accredited college. The selection criteria is: scholarship, citizenship, school activities, financial need, post-secondary education plans and reasons for your educational plans. Mr. Sager will mail all formal letters to Mrs. Delimont by **Monday, March 22**. The family will select the recipient and will contact Mr. Sager of their selection. The award will be presented at the senior assembly on May 4.

Check www.usd395.org (Counselor's Corner) for the application form.

Submit your applications to Mr. Sager .

Dr. Ashok Bhargava & Dr. Shobana Bhargava Trust Science Award

The LHS science instructors will select an outstanding senior in science to receive the \$100 scholarship to any accredited college. You must have a 3.00 GPA in order to qualify. Let Mr. Sager know if you are interested in being considered for the award because there is NO APPLICATION to fill out. DEADLINE: **April 1**.

Pierce-McGill Scholarships

The Pierce-McGill Scholarships are awarded for \$350 to \$700 per year. This is a renewable scholarship and the award will depend on the interest accumulated from the estate. LHS seniors or graduates receiving the award must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend an accredited post secondary institution. The USD #395 Foundation for Educational Excellence Selection Committee considers: financial need, character, school activities, continued progress toward graduation, application contents and appearance. Students should submit the completed application and 3 letters of reference to Mr. Sager on or before **April 1**.

Check www.usd395.org (Counselor's Corner) for the application form.

Submit your applications to Mr. Sager .

SCOTTY'S & SCOTT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Scotty's scholarship (\$900) is awarded to a senior that has completed at least 3 years at LHS and plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Scholarship, personality, citizenship, participation in activities and overall contribution to LHS (Valedictorian of Class unless there are other considerations) will be considered by the LHS Scholarship Committee. In case of a tie for the highest GPA — LHS Scholarship Committee selects one student. There is no application for this scholarship.

The Scott Family scholarship (\$500) is awarded to a senior that has completed at least 3 years at LHS and plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Scholarship, personality, citizenship, participation in activities and overall contribution to LHS (Salutatorian of Class unless there are other considerations) will be considered by the LHS Scholarship Committee. In case of a tie for the 2nd highest GPA — LHS Scholarship Committee selects one student. There is no application for this scholarship.

Southwest Kansas Bar Association

The Southwest Kansas Bar Association is sponsoring the 13th annual scholarship essay contest for all qualified seniors attending a high school in the twenty-nine county area served by the Association. The essay must be on the subject of the American Bar Association 2010 Law Day theme, "Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges". DEADLINE: March 26, 2010. The Southwest Kansas Bar Association will award, at the discretion of the Board of Directors: 5 scholarships of \$1000 each. Winners will be selected by April 30, 2010. See Mr. Sager for more details.

KANSAS COUNTY CLERK'S & ELECTION OFFICIALS SCHOLARSHIP

The Kansas Clerk's/Election Officials Scholarship is a \$500 award for a high school senior planning to major in Political Science, Journalism, or Communications. The minimum GPA is 3.00. The Rush Co. Clerk's Scholarship Selection Committee considers: application contents and appearance and financial need. Submit your application to Mr. Sager **BEFORE April 2 (application must be in the hands of chairperson this date)** or submit your application to the Rush Co. Clerk's Office. There is a short essay required with the application.

BAND PARENTS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The USD #395 Band Parents Music Scholarship is offered to a senior student the will participate in music (band or vocal or orchestra) in college. The student DOES NOT have to major in music. The criteria for the scholarship is:

1. 3.00 GPA in band or vocal for 3 cumulative years
 2. Participate in band or vocal or orchestra in college
 3. Formal letter to committee with the requested information
 4. Submit application to the LHS music instructor
- DEADLINE: April 1
See Mrs. Jacobs for more details.

Rush County Conservation District

The Rush County Conservation District is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a high school senior attending school in Rush County. The scholarship is being offered to promote agriculture, water quality, or soil and water conservation. The students should be planning a career in an agricultural related field. This is a broad field ranging from ag business, water and soil conservation, water quality, or many ag related specialized fields. Information and applications are available at Mr. Sager's office. A letter of recommendation from the school counselor must accompany each application. Applications along with the letter of recommendation need to be turned in to the Rush County Conservation District office by April 6, 2010. **Check www.usd395.org (Counselor's Corner) for the application form. Submit your applications to Mr. Sager .**

LaCrosse UMC Trustee Scholarships

The **Bertha & Charles Collins Memorial Scholarship** is a \$500 renewable (4 years) scholarship offered through the LaCrosse United Methodist Church. The scholarship is available to seniors who plan to attend any accredited college or vocational technical school. You must have a minimum of a 2.50 GPA, be a resident of Rush County and derive at least 51% of your (parents) income from farming. Students with membership in a Rush County United Methodist Church will be given priority.

The **Clarence and Verna Cunningham Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to one or two students in the amount of \$200. First priority will be given to youth who are members and attend a church of their choice and who intend to earn a degree in the field of education. Seniors who graduate from LHS and maintain a "C" (2.0) average in high school are eligible. Financial need is considered in awarding the scholarship.

The **Lowell R. Honderick/LaCrosse UMC Trustee Scholarship** has been established to provide funds for a student from the LaCrosse United Methodist Church to attend Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas. If there are no students interested in attending KWU with a minimum GPA of 2.5, scholarship recipients will be selected through a predetermined scholarship criteria. If no United Methodist students are eligible, no scholarship will be awarded. Applications are available at the LaCrosse United Methodist church or in Mr. Sager's office. You may turn in your completed applications to the LaCrosse UMC or to Mr. Sager. **DEADLINE: April 1.**

Check www.usd395.org (Counselor's Corner) for the application form.

Submit your applications to Mr. Sager .

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with their scholarship program for the 4th year. They will be awarding up to \$1,000 to the winner(s) each year. **DEADLINE: June 19, 2010.** Apply online at: www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

BigSun Scholarship

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help your athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. The amount of the award in \$500. Flyer was placed in your mailbox. **DEADLINE: June 24, 2010.** Apply online at: bigsunathletics.com

AES Scholarship

The consulting firm of AES Engineers is committed to co continuing its support of higher education by providing scholarships to deserving students. To be eligible the student needs to answer one of the essay questions that they will find on their web site at: **DEADLINE: October 8, 2010**
www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

Will to Win

Schering-Plough, a leader in respirator care, sponsors the "Will to Win" scholarship Program for high school seniors with asthma who are pursuing higher education. Scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded to two deserving high seniors in each of the following five categories. All high school seniors with asthma who will graduate in 2009; have achieved a level of excellence in one of the following: performing arts, community service, athletics, visual arts or science; and will be attending college in the fall of 2010 are eligible. Applicants must meet the fol-

lowing criteria:

- Demonstrate outstanding performance in one of the above categories
- Document a track record of achievements relevant to entry category
- Hold a minimum cumulative GPA OF 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Have received at least one award related to their entry category

For online submissions, visit www.schering-ploughwilltowin.com
See Mr. Sager for more information.

**AMERICAN
PETROLEUM**

The Western Kansas Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute is offering (4) scholarships this year to eligible graduating seniors of 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 per year. It is intended that these scholarships will be renewed on a year to year basis, for a maximum of four years, if the recipients continue their education, maintaining satisfactory grades.

Qualifications for applicants are as follows:

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior, Class of 2010.
2. Applicant must be in the upper 50% of the class.
3. Applicant's parents or guardian must be employed in some phase of the oil industry. Applicants will qualify in the case of a deceased parent who was employed in the oil industry.
4. Application must include a High School Transcript and ACT score.
5. Application must be returned by March 31.

See Mr. Sager for more details

**KANSAS JUNIOR GOLF
SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kansas golf foundation will award five scholarships for 2010-2011. This is an academic scholarship, but in order to be eligible, a student must have participated in junior golf activities, including high school golf. Scholarships are awarded to graduating Kansas high school seniors based on academic performance, leadership, and a written essay and financial need. Recipients must attend a Kansas college or university, including community colleges. The grant is \$1250 per school year and is renewable for up to four years. Scholarship details and a downloadable application forms are available at www.kansasgolf.org. - click on "Kansas Golf Foundation" and follow the links for "Scholarships". DEADLINE: April 2, 2010.

**Senator Robert J. Dole
Public Service
Scholarship**

Up to 126 scholarships of \$1000 will be awarded to students that meet the following qualifications:

1. 2010 graduating high school senior from an accredited Kansas public or private high school
2. Maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher
3. Involved in a significant amount of volunteer community service or public service activities
4. Enrolling no later than fall 2010 in a full-time undergraduate course of student at a Kansas Regents' University or Washburn University.

Application is found on the web at:
www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/senatordolepublicservice **DEADLINE: March 22**

**Janice M. Scott
Memorial
Scholarship**

The Janice Marie Scott Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Scott was a victim of the attacks by terrorists on September 11, 2001. She was among the individuals that were killed in the Pentagon when terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the building. The Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund has made available five \$2,500 scholarship for the academic school year of 2009/2010. High school seniors are eligible to apply for these scholarships if they meet the criteria as set forth in the application. Applications and requested documents must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline date of March 31, 2010. See Mr. Sager for the application.

**STEVE HARPER
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kansas Wildscape Foundation is assisting the Steve Harper Scholarship Committee in administering a scholarship for seniors who will be attending a Kansas College and majoring in either a natural resources or photography curriculum. Steve Harper, one of Kansas' best known photographers, is being honored with a scholarship in his honor. This is a \$1000 scholarship for a full time student. The scholarship will be awarded to a Kansas senior that plans to attend a 4-year college or university and study the photography or natural resources curriculum. **DEADLINE: April 15.** See Mr. Sager for more details.

**First United Methodist
Church—Great Bend**

The First Methodist Church of Great Bend is sponsoring scholarships for students residing in Barton or Rush Counties. The Anol W. Beahm Scholarship is awarded to:

- students who have a firm Christian belief,
- have declared a major in the medical field,
- have a high school GPA of 3.0 or above
- show discipline and perseverance.

Deadline for the scholarship is March 15. See Mr. Sager for more details

**KANSAS SOCIETY OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANTS INC.**

The Kansas Society of CPAs is pleased to again offer accounting scholarships awarded to Kansas high school seniors for the 2009-2010 school year. Single scholarships in the amounts of \$1,300; \$900; \$800; \$700; and \$600. In addition, five scholarships of \$500 will be awarded. Deadline for Test Scores (ACT) is March 9, 2010. One test scores have been received, a questionnaire/short essay form will be sent to the student. The deadline for submission of completed questionnaire/essay forms is April 20, 2010. Information was put in your mailboxes. See Mr. Sager for more details.

**RUSH COUNTY
FARM BUREAU**

The Rush County Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Financial Services Scholarship is available to the 2010 graduating seniors of LaCrosse High School and Otis-Bison High School. This is a one time, non-renewable scholarship of \$300 for students whose families are **members of Farm Bureau**. The scholarship will be paid to the college, vo-tech or any accredited institution of the recipient's choice. The application must be typed or computer generated in letter format. Applications are to be turned in to the counselor's office. **DEADLINE: April 1.** See Mr. Sager for the information that needs to be included in the letter.

**Ness County
Farm Bureau**

The Ness County Farm Bureau is offering (2) \$250 scholarships for students who plan to attend a secondary school during the 2010-10 academic year. In order to eligible for the scholarship **YOU MUST BE A NESS COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER**. Students interested in the field of agriculture or a closely related field of study will be given preference. Application are available the Ness County Farm Bureau Association office (PO Box 528, Ness City, KS 67560, PH#785-798-3139 or e-mail at nessfb@kfb.org) or in the counselor's office. See Mr. Sager or Mrs. Casey. **DEADLINE: April 1, 2010**



I am able to nominate students that are interested in attending Allen Community College for the Presidential and Dean's Communication Scholarship. Ideal candidates need to have a desire to work in one of the many communication career fields and want a comfortable, small campus experience. Presidential candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.75 and Dean's candidates are required to have a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74. See Mr. Sager for more information.

Santa Fe Trail Auto Club Scholarship

The Santa Fe Trail Auto Club is offering a one time \$500 (\$250 each semester) scholarship to a student that desires an education in the automotive field. You must be a graduating senior from a Pawnee, Barton, Edwards, Hodgeman, Ness, Rush or Stafford County High School, with an accumulative GPA of a C+ or higher, display good character, good citizenship, and have a firm desire to further their education in the automotive field. The student is expected to achieve a C+ or higher GPA for the first semester in order to receive second semester scholarship funds. DEADLINE: May 10. See Mr. Sager for more details.

Hays VVA Chapter 939

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 939 has decided to sponsor two \$500 scholarships for post-high school education or training to be awarded each year in our declared area of coverage. The focus of the scholarship is on students who have been employed for pay throughout most of their high school careers though not necessarily distinguishing themselves in academics. Recommendations and evidence of good citizenship must submitted with the application. DEADLINE: April 15, 2010. See Mr. Sager for more details

NCKTC Beloit Hays

North Central Kansas Technical College is offering 24 departmental scholarships worth \$500 that will be disbursed \$250 per semester. Prospective students should complete the application forms; submit a short essay regarding their educational and career goals as well as a reference letter. For further details, please see items six and seven on the NCK Technical College Scholarship Application. DEADLINE: April 15, 2010. See Mr. Sager for more details

CLARA BARTON Hospital Foundation Scholarships

Clara Barton Hospital Foundation is accepting applications for the Jonathan Witt Scholarship, the Sadie Stalcup Scholarship and the Verda Lane Nursing Scholarship. The scholarships are available to worthy students interested in pursuing a career in nursing or other related medical fields.

The criteria for selection for the Jonathan Witt Scholarship and the Sadie Stalcup Scholarship are:

1. Be accepted into, currently enrolled in, or planning to pursue a health care professional curriculum must be accepted into, currently enrolled in, or planning to pursue a health care profession curriculum.
2. Be a current resident or a high school graduate in the Clara Barton Hospital service area. Scholarship amounts will vary depending on funds available.

The criteria for selection for the Verda Lane Nursing Scholarship are:

1. Applicant must be admitted to a nursing program, either RN or LPN. The scholarship will not fund pre-nursing students
2. Applicant must have a current GPA of 3.0 or better.

DEADLINE: April 1 See Mr. Sager for more details.

J. H. BAKER TRUST

The J. H. Baker Trust continues to make student loans to eligible students. The trust fund created by Dr. Baker offers student loans to students in Rush and the four surrounding counties of Kansas. See Mr. Sager for more details.

Bill Spaniol Memorial Scholarship

The Kansas Association of Sanitarians is a professional organization the is encouraging individuals to pursue a degree in environmental science or related area. They are offering one scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a qualifying student. Requirements are: Graduating Kansas High school senior who will attend a Kansas college or university; Maintain an overall GPA of 3.0, with a GPA of 3.2 in their major field of study; Have an interest in Biological or Physical Sciences. DEADLINE: May 31. APPLY ON-LINE at www.e-keha.org under SCHOLARSHIP. See Mr. Sager for more details.

Kansas Grain & Feed Kansas Agribusiness

The Kansas Grain and Feed Association and Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association award thousands of dollars each year to deserving high school students in Kansas, and they are currently accepting application for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications are online at:

www.kansasag.org

DEADLINE: March 13, 2010

GOLDEN BELT TELEPHONE SCHOLARSHIP

Golden Belt Telephone offers three scholarships to their subscribers and dependents to attend Northwest Kansas and North Central Kansas Vo-Tech's Communication Technology Program. The scholarships are \$1,000 per school year, and are renewable for the second year of the 2-year program. The PRIMO Scholarships are also available through Golden Belt Telephone. DEADLINE: March 5, 2010. See Mr. Sager and Mr. Vogts for more details.

NEX-TECH - PRIMO-RURAL TELEPHONE SCHOLARSHIP

The PRIMO Scholarship is being promoted by Nex-Tech and Rural Telephone (as well as GBTA). They are offering three \$500 scholarships to any undergraduate student attending an accredited Kansas university, college or technical school. Preference will be given to a student majoring in Marketing, Public Relations, or any telecommunications field. DEADLINE: March 15, 2010. See Mr. Sager for more details

Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation

The Educational communications Scholarship Foundation was established to recognize exemplary students from across the nation. This year a minimum of 61 scholarships will be distributed to meritorious students who may use the award to fund their education at any accredited, post-secondary institution in the field of study of their choice. To qualify for a scholarship a student must be a legal resident of the U.S. and demonstrate academic ability. See Mr. Sager for more details. DEADLINE: May 15, 2010.

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Barton County Community College

Barton County Community College is fortunate enough to offer scholarships to every student who has applied for scholarships by April 15. Fill out Admissions & Scholarship Application; download form from:

<http://bartonccc.edu/prospectivestudent/>

Your academic information must then be verified by a school official and mail or fax to BCCC. SCHOLARSHIPS:

\$1000—3.5 GPA or higher or 26 or higher ACT score
\$800—3.00-3.49 GPA or 24-25 ACT score
\$500—2.50-2.99 GPA or 22-23 ACT score
\$250—2.00-2.49 GPA or 20-21 ACT score

Sunflower Diversified Services Foundation

The Sunflower Diversified Services Foundation will offer one scholarship of \$250 to a graduating senior residing in its five-county service area of Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford Counties, who is entering a field of study associated with services to persons with developmental disabilities, including special education, speech/language pathology, physical therapy, or occupational therapy. This opportunity is being extended to all high schools in the five-county area. Applications are due no later than April 4, 2010. The successful applicant will be notified no later than April 20th.

JIM JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

The High Plains Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association has established the Jim Johnson Scholarship. The HP Chapter will award a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who plans to pursue a career in one of the physical sciences (e.g. Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Earth Science including geology, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography, and soil science). Specifics of the scholarship application are:

- Proof of acceptance to a college with a physical science major
- One page essay (See Mr. Sager for detail)
- Application DEADLINE: April 1, 2010
- Scholarship is non-renewable. See Mr. Sager for more details.

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship

Kohl's believes stand-up kids deserve to stand out—each year we reward kids ages 6-18 for their good deeds through the Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program. This year, Kohl's plans to recognize more than 2,000 kids with prizes ranging from \$50 gift cards to \$5,000 scholarships. You can nominate a deserving youth/child, ages 6-18, by visiting www.kohlskids.com.

Scholarship nominations will be accepted February 1 through March 15, 2010.