



LA CROSSE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

R. Warren Sager, Counselor

I hope everyone had a great summer. Deloris and I were able to go with our grandchildren and their parents to Disney World, NASA and the beach. Other than sore feet and getting rained on a great deal, we had a great time.

Mrs. Keeley, HS Principal, has supported my effort to work with the seniors wanting to go on campus visits. I wish the students could visit on weekends, but college professors are rarely on campus for students to visit with them about their department. **As long as the visit is scheduled through my office and the students are sincere in their selections, I don't anticipate any problems.**

I will continue to try to communicate with parents BEFORE their visit is approved. It is important for your students to visit the college campus of their choice to see if they are going to "fit." They need to be comfortable in their new environment away from home.

I will be doing individual interviews with all of the seniors con-

cerning their plans for the future. Please don't hesitate to call me or come in and see me. The counseling office is in the Vo-Ag building and I look forward to meeting with you.

I will publish this newsletter every **TWO** months and I will give each student a copy as well as send one to their home. Each student has a mail box in my office and if you have a request concerning a scholarship application, I will put the application in their mailbox for them to pick up.

It is important for the students to apply for the scholarships that they are interested in. Most of the post-secondary schools publish their scholarship applications online. When the student is applying to a college, they should also fill out the scholarship application form.

I publish this newsletter so that I can give all students equal opportunities to compete for scholarships. I sincerely hope that parents and students will take the opportunity to apply for the scholarships they are interested in. **You can not win if you**

do not apply.

It is important to me to be able to support ALL of the students (I would like to see every student receive a scholarship) so I will continue to remain neutral and not serve on any scholarship committees.

This is a difficult year for students as well as their parents and the only advice I can give is "BE PATIENT." This is a very stressful year for the seniors because of the choices they need to make to become a part of the "real world" as we working adults know it.

I encourage you to be involved in your students decisions but allow them to make the final decision and realize that they may come back later on and realize that they may have made a mistake. They don't know what the school is going to be like **UNTIL** they experience the situation. This is part of the maturing process and you will be amazed at how smart you as parents will become overnight.

FASTWEB

All students (ESPECIALLY SENIORS) interested in finding scholarship money should get their own account on:

www.fastweb.com

College Representatives

K-State	Aug. 25, 2009
Washburn	Sept. 16, 2009
CloudCCC	Sept. 16, 2009
SewardCCC	Sept. 30, 2009
FHSU	Oct. 15, 2009
PrattCC	Dec. 1, 2009

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2009-2010 ACT SCHEDULE

Registration Date	Test Date
Sept. 18, 2009	Oct. 24, 2009
Nov. 6, 2009	Dec. 12, 2009
Jan. 5, 2010	Feb. 6, 2010
March 5, 2010	Apr. 10, 2010
May 7, 2010	June 12, 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.

La Crosse ACT CODE

171-625

FAFSA

I would strongly urge senior students and one parent to get a pin number NOW so that you will be able to do the FAFSA form over the internet. The processing is much faster.

www.pin.ed.gov

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vocational Education Scholarship Program helps provide financial assistance to students who choose to enroll in designated vocational programs at area vocation technical schools, community colleges, KSU-Salina, several four-year colleges and proprietary schools. One hundred students are designated by the Kansas Board of Regents as Vocational Scholars. Scholarships amount to up to \$500. Students interested in competing must register to take the vocational exam which is offered:

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Saturday, March 6, 2010

at sixteen locations throughout the state.

Registration Deadlines: October 5, 2009 & February 5, 2010

Registration Deadlines are subject to change when information is received from KBOR.

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS - NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

The 1989 Kansas Legislature enacted the Kansas Nursing Student Scholarship Program. The 2001 Legislature amended the program to include renaming the scholarship to the Nursing Service Scholarship. The purpose is to provide financial incentives for students to pursue nursing as a field of study and as a career in Kansas. The Nursing Service Scholarship is funded jointly by the State of Kansas and a medical provider (sponsor). Contingent on state legislative appropriations, up to 200 scholarships are reserved for Registered Nursing (RN) students, of which 100 are reserved for applicants whose sponsors are located in rural counties. Up to 50 scholarships are available for qualified students enrolled in a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program. See Mr. Sager for more details.

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Special days for all seniors who may be interested in attending PSU are:

Technology Day Open House	September 18, 2009
"Rumble in the Jungle" Senior Saturday	September 19, 2009
Math Honor Day	October 8, 2009
"Rumble in the Jungle" Senior Saturday	October 10, 2009
PSU Homecoming Events	October 19-24, 2009
Family & Consumer Science Day	November 23, 2009
Principal, Dean & Counselor Day	December 3, 2009
Technology Day Open House	February 12, 2010
Tour Pitt State	March 6, 2010
Junior Jungle Day	March 27, 2010
Nursing Career Day	April 1, 2010
Sophomore Success day	April 6, 2010

PSU Scholarship Deadline -

February 1

Financial Aid Priority Deadline -

March 1

<http://www.pittstate.edu/admit> or email: psuadmit@pittstate.edu

Academic Achievement Awards

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ACT	21	22	23	24-25	26-27	28+
3.2 - 3.4	\$100	\$100	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$1000
3.5 - 3.7	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$500	\$700	\$1000
3.8 - 4.0	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$500	\$700	\$1000

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Distinguished Scholarship Invitational

The Distinguished Scholarship Invitational (DSI) is one of the area's most prominent annual scholarship competitions. Awards given out through the DSI range from \$2,000 to two-\$48,000 Harry Gore Memorial Scholarships based on leadership and academic performance. Participants are also eligible for the Lenora McGregor Academic Scholarship worth up to \$26,000 by submitting additional materials. To be invited you must complete the following by October 1, 2009.

- have a minimum 3.5 GPA
- have a minimum 24 ACT composite
- be admitted to WSU

November 14, 2009.

Wallace Invitational for Scholarships in Engineering

The College of Engineering will host the annual Wallace Invitational for Scholarships in Engineering. More than \$3000,000 in Wallace, Beech, Cessna, Sp0irit, and Boeing awards are given in varying amounts from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Female competitors (with a 26 or higher composite and math ACT score) receive a minimum \$1,000 scholarship. To be invited you must complete the following by October 1, 2009:

- have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- have submitted your ACT scores
- be admitted to WSU
- declare a engineering major

November 13, 2009

Barton Business Scholarship Competition

The W. Frank Barton School of Business, along with All, Gibbs, and Houlik L.C. sponsors this business scholarship competition. The first 60 students who qualify will compete for scholarships varying in amounts. By participating in this competition you will be eligible to be considered for the \$44,000 Clay Barton Scholarship. To be invited you must complete the following by October 1, 2009.

- have a minimum 3.5 GPA
- have a minimum 24 ACT composite
- be admitted to WSU & complete the "Yes, I Wish to Compete Form" or check the box on the DSI form indicating you wish to compete
- declare a business major

November 13, 2009

School of Music Scholarship Invitational

The WSU School of Music offers annual vocal, instrumental, and keyboard scholarships to talented individuals from around the world. Last year, 64 new music scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$20,000 for four years of study were awarded. To be eligible, students must be interested in one of the following degree programs: Music Performance, Music Composition, Music Education, Jazz or Music with general electives in Business, Journalism, or Broadcasting. To be considered, you must:

- be admitted to WSU
- have a minimum 3.0GPA
- declare a music major

November 14, 2009

2006 SAE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To qualify for these scholarships, the applicant must enroll in an engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) at the university of the applicant's choice. The undesignated scholarships include:

1. BMW/SAE Engineering Scholarship
2. Edward D. Hendrickson/SAE Scholarship
3. Tau Beta Pi/SAE Engineering Scholarship
4. TMC/SAE Donald D. Dawson Technical Scholarship
5. Fred M. Young Sr./SAE Engineering
6. Detroit section SAE Technical Scholarship

For answers to some questions, go to the website:

www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm

All applicants must: Intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science.

- Be a citizen of the U.S. at the time of application.
- Be a high senior.
- Meet minimum requirements with regard to GPA.
- Meet minimum requirements with regard to SAT and /or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. **DEADLINE: Postmarked by December 1, 2009**

Kansas State University – Manhattan and KSU – Salina have scholarship listings. See Mr. Sager for more information.

Wendy's High School Heisman Award

SENIORS of 2009-2010, both male and female and eligible to apply on line at:

www.wendysheisman.com

You must have displayed excellence in the classroom (B grade average), student leadership and participated in at least one of the 33 sports officially sanctioned by the National Federation of State High Schools. Online applications must be completed and reviewed by a school representative no later than midnight (CST) on October 1, 2009.

PRUDENTIAL NASSP SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards provides a unique opportunity for young people to be recognized for volunteer community service. These Prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, are given annually on the local, state and national level to middle-level and high school youth who have demonstrated outstanding initiative or leadership in serving their communities. The top high school volunteer and top middle-level volunteer are named in each state, and they will each receive a \$1,000 award, a silver medallion, and an all-expenses-paid trip to the national event in Washington D.C. Ten national honorees will each receive a \$5,000 award. **DEADLINE: BEFORE October 31, 2009.** See Mr. Sager for more details about the online registration form.

Horatio Alger Association Awards

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Eligibility criteria:

- Graduate from high school in spring/summer of 2009 with plans to enter college in the fall
- Intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution (you may start at a two year institution),

- Critical financial need, preferably \$50,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family
- Involvement in co-curricular and community service activities
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- US Citizenship

www.horatioalger.com/scholarships

Students may apply beginning **June 1— October 30, 2009.** See Mr. Sager if you have questions.

COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

Coca-Cola is offering 250 scholarships to seniors across the United States. Fifty students are designated National Scholars and receive \$5,000 per year for 4 years, for a total of \$20,000. The remaining 200 Scholars are designated Regional Scholars and receive \$1,000 per year for 4 years, for a total of \$4,000. Recipients may use these awards at any accredited U.S. accredited college or

university.

The kind of students that become Coca-Cola Scholars should be well rounded individuals with highly developed interests in their community and a minimum GPA of 3.0. They spend time volunteering, initiating programs of all kinds, tutoring youngsters or peers, and are leaders in their school. They are aware of their environment and are taking steps to improve it. They are often times

employed during the school year and/or summer. They balance all these extracurricular activities with strong academic performances. They are the leaders of tomorrow. Applications **MUST** be done on-line at: www.coca-colascholars.org no later than **OCTOBER 31.** Notification letters and candidacy materials for 1500 students selected as Semifinalists are mailed to the candidates in Mid-December.

FHSU Garden CCC

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

FHSU Homecoming
Sept. 26, 2009
 Tiger Day
Oct. 17, 2009
 Science Day
Nov. 9, 2009
 Scholarship Priority Deadline
Dec. 15, 2009
 Scholarship Final Deadline
Feb. 15, 2010
 FAFSA Priority
March 15, 2010

GCCC Exploration Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. The programs featured are:

- Agriculture
- Animal Science
- Automotive Technology
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Paramedic
- Fire Science
- Industrial Technology
- Welding

- John Deere Ag Technology
 - Nursing/Early Childhood
 - Art
 - Athletic Training
 - Business//Computer
 - Drama
 - History
 - Journalism/Broadcasting
 - Music
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
- See Mr. Sager for more details.

WALNUT CITY LODGE #215—KANSAS MASONIC LODGE OF AF & AM SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Any junior or senior enrolled a Kansas public high school is eligible. The essay is limited to a minimum of 300 and a maximum of 500 words. **The topic for this year is; "How would George Washington evaluate our Federal Government if he were alive today?"**. DEADLINE: November 1, 2009. See Mr. Sager, Mr. Hamilton or Mrs. Downing for more details.

Kansas Correctional Association Scholarship

The Kansas Correctional Association is offering scholarships to provide financial assistance to students pursuing academic goals which will prepare them for a career in the corrections/criminal justice field, or a related social/behavioral sciences field. DEADLINE: October 15. See Mr. Sager for your application.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Click on: Prospective Students, to look for KSU applications.

consider.k-state.edu/special_events

Students should schedule a personalized campus visit through Mr. Sager. Campus visits are scheduled Monday—Friday, 9-5. It is best when we can schedule at least two weeks in advance.

Monday, September 14, 2009
 Western Kansas Senior Day

Tuesday, September 29, 2009
 Junior Day

Friday, October 23, 2009
 Multicultural Pride Day

Tuesday, November 17, 2009
 Principal- Counselor College Conference

November 1
 Early priority date for incoming freshmen to submit KSU's scholarship application.

March 1
 Priority date to submit your FAFSA.



The Art Institutes

The Art Institutes, with 32 locations, specializes in hand-on, career-oriented education that prepares students for entry-level employment. More information can be found on the Web at:

www.aiadvantage.com

ELKS NATIONAL & STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students with scholarship rating of 90% or better, a relative standing in the upper 5% of their class, and who have exhibited leadership abilities are generally considered for final consideration. Five hundred of these awards will be made in national competition, ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$15,000 each for four years at an accredited American college. The four top rated applications in Kansas will be submitted for final judging by the Elks National Foundation Trustees. These four

will receive a minimum of \$1,000 per year for each of four years.

DEADLINE: MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE LOCAL ELKS LODGE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY, 2010.

NOTE: This scholarship takes a great deal of time and planning and if you are interested you need to see Mr. Sager for further details.

Awards for young Artists

This competition is open to high school seniors and other 17-or 18-year-old artists in the performing, literary or visual arts. There is approximately \$3 million in scholarship opportunities.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

October 1

AUDITION/PORTFOLIO MATERIALS DEADLINE:

November 1.

APPLY ON - LINE :
NFAA.ARTSawards.org

QUEST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Quest Scholars Program is a college match process that matches a college to a student with low-income. One of the most exciting opportunities is the College Match, through which high-achieving, low-income students to apply to QuestBridge. You can gain more information and get the application by going to the website:

www.questbridge.org

The deadline is October 1, 2009. See Mr. Sager for more details.

K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship

The K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship, sponsored by farm Bureau financial services, is designed to recognize youth with an outstanding record of community service and civic leadership.

- Complete the K-State scholarship application at: consider.k-state.edu/financialaid
- Complete the K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship supplemental application at: consider.k-state.edu/nss/civicleadership; including all required supporting materials
- Submit your application packet by Monday, December 14, 2009. Finalists are required to participate in an on-campus interview and recognition ceremony on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

This is your opportunity to visit with professors, students, tour the campus, and learn about admissions, housing, scholarships and financial aid. Pre-registration and a small fee are required for each program. Lunch is provided and parents and guests are welcome.

You can register on line at:

www.admissions.ku.edu/seniordays

or see Mr. Sager.

KU Senior Days, 2009-10 for high school seniors and their families are scheduled for:

Sept. 18	Journalism
Sept. 22	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Sept. 28	Creative Arts Professions
Oct. 2	Education
Oct. 9	Engineering Business
Oct. 12	Architecture
Oct. 23	All Majors
Oct. 26	Business
Nov. 2	All Majors
Nov. 9	Pre-Health Professions
Nov. 23	All Majors
Nov. 30	All Majors
Dec. 4	All Majors

FALL 2009 VISITS (Sept. 8—Dec. 10)
 Mon. & Fri. (8:30-11:30) or (12:30-3:30)
 Tue. & Thur. (8:30-11:30) or (12:30-3:30)

SPRING 2009 VISITS (Jan.25-May 6)
 Mon. & Fri. (8:30-11:30) or (12:30-3:30)
 Tue. & Thur. (8:30-11:30) or (12:30-3:30)

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MeritAid.com

There is more than \$11 billion in merit aid scholarships available to students. Merit aid is awarded to students with a broad range of GPAs. MeritAid.com is the first-ever comprehensive web site dedicated to helping students and parents discover merit aid scholarship opportunities nationwide.

Northwest Kansas Technical College Goodland, KS

The Northwest Kansas Technical School at Goodland has the following dates for students to visit their campus:

- September 17, 2009 Fall Fun Day
 - October 12, 2009 Family Day
 - December 9, 2009 Campus Preview Day
 - February 18, 2010 Campus Preview Day
 - March 3, 2010 FFA Day
 - March 10, 2010 Women in Technology Day
 - April 14, 2010 Open House
- www.nwktc.edu

Kansas Wesleyan First Freedom Student Competition

Some important Days for Seniors at Kansas Wesleyan:

SENIOR DAYS for seniors and their families.

- Saturday, Oct. 3
- Saturday, Nov. 14

See Mr. Sager for registration for a campus visit.

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 ex.1154 or visit:

www.kwu.edu

The First Freedom Student Competition is a national essay contest, offering high-school students an opportunity to compete for a \$3,000, \$1,500 and \$750 award, as they examine religious freedom, its history, current importance, and relevance in their lives. The competition is open to students in the United States and U.S. territories, and to American schools and American home-schooled students worldwide. We invite 9th - 12th grade students at all levels of academic placement to participate. Enter online at: <http://competition.firstfreedomcenter.org/education/students.html>
 Online registration **DEADLINE:** Monday, November 23, 2009. Postmark entry **DEADLINE:** Saturday, November 28, 2009.

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WEBSITE at:

www.usd395.org

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**VOICE
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**Principals
Leadership Award**

**HUTCHINSON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Colby Community
College**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) provides nearly \$3.5 million in scholarships and incentives to high school and junior high students across the nation. For grades 9-12, they offer the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay competition. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is **"Does America still have heroes?"**. DEADLINE: Must be in the hands of the VFW by midnight, Nov. 1.

See Mr. Sager if you are interested.

Mrs. Keeley has the privilege of nominating one senior who is in the top 20% of the class and has demonstrated leadership for a \$1,000 scholarship. There will be 150 scholarships available. Students must have completed information before the middle of November. DEADLINE for submission is in early December. Please let Mr. Sager know if you are interested before October 31.

The 11th annual **HCC FIRE STUDENT FIELD DAY** is being held October 14, 2009. The program will start at 10:00 am and last until 4:00 pm and is for High School Juniors and Seniors or older. You will need to register **BEFORE October 7**. Enrollment is limited due to the free barbeque so register as soon as possible. See Mr. Sager for the details about enrollment.

Colby Community College would like for you to visit their campus during the months of September, October, and November for additional scholarship money. You will be able to add \$300 for visiting in August or September, \$200 for visiting in October, and \$100 for visiting in November. See Mr. Sager to schedule your visit.

GO ! FIGHTING LEOPARS