



LA CROSSE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

R. Warren Sager, Counselor

The counseling office has been **MOVED** "slightly" to the vocational ag room. I probably have a little bit more room, but, the main reason for the change was to give the vo-ag teacher visible access to the shop area.

I had a rather busy summer assisting my grandkids and their families in building their new houses. (which they won't be in until the middle of Sept.) Deloris (Mrs. D) is working as a para-professional for USD #395 so I guess I will have to "behave" myself.

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. **Mrs. Keeley and I have agreed on the policy of granting seniors two (2) college visits that will NOT COUNT against the absentee policy. Students will be able to take other visits BUT their visit will count as an absence** (Refer to the student handbook to review the absentee policy). **Students are instructed to schedule their college visits through the counseling office at**

least two weeks in advance so that the college representatives have the opportunity to schedule appointments with the appropriate campus personnel.

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 concerning their plans for the future. Please don't hesitate to call me or come in and see me.

The newsletter will be posted on line under the COUNSELOR tab on local website (www.USD395.org) 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 latter 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.

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2011-2012 ACT SCHEDULE

Registration Date	Test Date
Sept. 16, 2011	Oct. 22, 2011
Nov. 4, 2011	Dec. 10, 2011
Jan. 13, 2012	Feb. 11, 2012
March 9, 2012	Apr. 14, 2012
May 4, 2012	June 9, 2012

ACT is urging YOU TO REGISTER ON LINE AT:
www.actstudent.org

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.

College Representatives

K-State	Sept. 19, 2011
KU	Sept. 20, 2011
Bethany	Sept. 26, 2011
Washburn	Sept. 27, 2011
SewardCCC	Oct. 26, 2011
GardenCCC	Nov. 2, 2011
CloudCCC	Nov. 3, 2011
FHSU	Nov.. 16, 2011

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 Educational Scholarship is available to eligible students enrolled in approved vocational programs at community or technical colleges and some two-year programs at four-year institutions. Applicants must take the vocational exam which is offered at various sites throughout the state typically on the first Saturday in November and March. See your high school or college financial aid advisor for applications or click on the link below. There are approximately 250 scholarships of \$500 each awarded to the applicants with the highest scores. Approximately 1 in 2 applicants is funded.

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Saturday, March 3, 2012

at sixteen locations throughout the state.

Registration Deadlines: October 7, 2011 & February 3, 2012

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

KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship requires an obligation to practice as a LPN or RN in Kansas and work for a sponsor. A sponsor means any adult care home, psychiatric hospital, medical care facility, home health agency, local health department or any state agency, which employs LPNs or RNs, licensed by the State of Kansas. The sponsor will provide partial scholarship funding and provide employment upon licensure of the recipient. Recipients must sign an agreement to practice nursing for a sponsor one year for each year of scholarship support. See Mr. Sager for more details.

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

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

"Rumble in the Jungle" Senior Saturday	September 10, 2011
Technology Day Open House	October 7, 2011
Opportunities in Business Day	October 20, 2011
"Rumble in the Jungle" Senior Saturday	November 12, 2011
Art Day	November 17, 2011
Family & Consumer Science Day	November 21, 2011
Technology Day Open House	February 17, 2012
Tour Pitt State	March 10, 2012
Junior Jungle Day	April 7, 2012
Nursing Career Day	March 29, 2012

PSU Scholarship Deadline - February 1

Financial Aid Priority Deadline - March 1

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

Academic Achievement Awards

ACT	22-23	24-25	26-27	28+
3.2 – 4.0	\$500	\$700	\$900	\$1200
GPA				

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 5, 2011.

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

November 12, 2011.

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, Spirit, 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 5, 2011:

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

November 11, 2011

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 5, 2011.

- 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 11, 2011

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 12, 2011

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, 2011**

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

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 2012 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, 2011**. See Mr. Sager if you have questions.

Wendy's High School Heisman Award

SENIORS of 2011-201112, 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 5 pm (CST) on October 2, 2011.

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, 2011**. See Mr. Sager for more details about the online registration form.

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

Scholarship Priority Deadline

Dec. 15, 2011

Scholarship Final Deadline

Feb. 15, 2011

FAFSA Priority

March 15, 2011

GCCC Exploration Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011 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: "Who is the most prominent Kansas figure from its 150 year history? Explain."**

DEADLINE: November 7, 2011(?) 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. (I have not received information on this scholarship at the time of this printing.)

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.

You can [chat online with a K-State representative](#). Reps are online from 1 to 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday

November 1

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

February 1

Submit K-State's scholarship application for college and department scholarships.

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. Starting September 1, applications for

the Elks National Foundation's 2012 Most Valuable Student contest will be available online and at local Elks Lodges.

DEADLINE: MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE LOCAL ELKS LODGE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2011 (I have not received the official deadline date as of this printing).

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 SCHOLARSHIPS 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 September 30, 2011.

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/scholarships; including all required supporting materials
- Submit your application packet by Monday, December 12, 2011. Finalists are required to participate in an on-campus interview and recognition ceremony on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

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, 2011-12 for high school seniors and their families are scheduled for:

All Majors: Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 31, Nov. 11, Nov. 18

Sept. 23 – Journalism

Sept. 23 – Education

Oct. 3 – Engineering

Oct. 21– Architecture, Design & Planning

Oct. 28 – Creative Arts Professions

Oct. 28 – Business

FALL 2011 VISITS (Sept. 6—Dec. 8)
Mon., Tue., Thur., & Fri.
(8:30-11:30) or (12:30-3:30)

Students should schedule a personalized campus visit through Mr. Sager. It is best when we can schedule at least two weeks in advance.

Nov. 1 Priority Deadline (Scholarships)
Dec. 1 Final Deadline (Scholarships)
March 1 Priority Deadline (Schol. Hall App.)
April 1 Final Deadline

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.

FASTWEB

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

Northwest Kansas Technical College Goodland, KS

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

- September 24, 2011 Flatlanders Fall Festival
 - October 10, 2011 Family Day
 - November 10, 2011 Fall Tech Expo
 - February 1, 2012 Student Appreciation Day
 - March 7, 2012 FFA Day
- www.nwktc.edu

Kansas Wesleyan First Freedom Student Competition

Some important Days for Seniors at Kansas Wesleyan: SENIOR DAYS for seniors and their families.

- October 28, 2011 Senior Day Only
- November 11, 2011 Junior/Senior Day
- January 19, 2012 Junior Day

See Mr. Sager for registration for a campus visit.

1-800-874-1154 ex.1285 or visit:

www.kwu.edu

The First Freedom Student Competition is a first-semester national essay and video contest. It offers high-school students an opportunity to compete for \$2,500 awards as they examine the history and current-day relevance of religious freedom, and then, by written essay or video production, present their evaluation. 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 14, 2011. Postmark entry **DEADLINE:** Saturday, November 26, 2011.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE at:
www.usd395.org

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The Hagan Scholarship Foundation

The Hagan Scholarship Foundation has recently approved the awarding of scholarships in the State of Kansas to high-achieving and highly-motivated students graduating from rural schools. The scholarship amounts will vary from \$2,000 to \$10,000. The Foundation is anticipating awarding approximately 20 scholarships in the 2012-13 school year.

Academic Criteria:

- * Must have a HS GPA of 3.5 or higher
- * Must score 23 or higher on the ACT

The application will be available online after September 1, 2011. **DEADLINE: November 15, 2011.** **NOTE: Each applicant must complete their FAFSA this year (2011) using 2010 financial information, and include a complete copy of their FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) as a part of the scholarship application package.**

The Hagan Scholarship Application can be completed online then printed out, or students can print out the Application first and the complete it.

www.hsfmo.org, Scholarship Process, Application

See Mr. Sager for more details

US Senate Youth Program

The US Senate Youth Program brings the highest-level officials from each brand of government together with an outstanding group of high school students. In addition, each student receives a one-time \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. Two student delegates and a first and second alternate will be selected from each state the District of Columbia by the Chief State School officer in each state. The Hearst Foundation will provide \$1,000 to each state level department of education to assist with the selection expenses for the program. Selection will be based solely on the student's outstanding abilities and demonstrated qualities of leadership in an elected or appointed high school student office for the 2011-2012 school year. **DEADLINE: Oct, 10, 2011.** See Mr. Sager for more details.

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OF
DEMOCRACY

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 **"Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?"** **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 13th annual **HCC FIRE STUDENT FIELD DAY** is being held October 12, 2011. The program will start at 9:00 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 barbecue 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.

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