



# **GUIDANCE NEWS**

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Welcome to the 2011-12 school year! This first edition of the Guidance Department's scholarship newsletter is being sent to all students, grades 9-12. Most of the information is relevant to seniors, but we are sending this first edition to all grade levels so that you can get a preview of the opportunities that will be open to you later on.

Sometimes there are contests that are open to all grade levels and we encourage you to stay in close contact with your guidance counselor to learn about these competitions. These newsletters are also posted on the school district website each time they are published ([www.hufsd.edu](http://www.hufsd.edu)).

For all students this is the beginning of what we expect will be a very successful year for you. Your counselors are ready and eager to help you to achieve your goals. The sooner we are able to get to know you, the sooner we will know what you need and how we can help you.

We will be having small group meetings with our own 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in early October. Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents have been invited to a “Meet the Counselor Night” October 5<sup>th</sup> followed by a Junior Night October 12<sup>th</sup> and Sophomore Night November 15<sup>th</sup>. We are eager to get to know all of you and to help all families in any way that we can.

**All students are encouraged to utilize the extra help that every teacher offers, either before or after school or during the school day whenever the need arises. Extra-help schedules are available from all the teachers and from your guidance counselor. Additionally, there are peer tutors through the National Honor Society. Don't hesitate to reach out to help yourself to do the very best you are capable of. Good luck to all of you!!!**

## **UPCOMING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS**

**PSAT.....October 15th**  
*Registration is ongoing through Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>*

**ACT.....October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Late registration through Sept. 30th*  
*Walk-in registration not guaranteed*

**SAT.....November 5th**  
*Registration Deadline is Oct.7th*  
*Late Registration deadline is Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>*

**ACT.....December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Registration deadline: Nov 5th*

***There are SATs October 1<sup>st</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and January 28<sup>th</sup> at other test sites, not HHS. Check with the College Board for other locations if you want to take the test on any of these dates.***

## ***CONTESTS & PROGRAMS FOR ALL GRADES***

**PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS** for students in *all grades* who have taken part in community service activities over the past year. Fill out an application at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit). Once the form is completed online, it must be printed out, signed and submitted to Mrs.Hallett in Guidance West by **November 1st**. Huntington High School may nominate one student with exemplary volunteerism for consideration.

**V.F.W. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP** open to all students in **grades 9-12** is an audio-essay contest leading to a national winner of a \$30,000 scholarship. This year's theme is *"Does my generation have a role in America's future?"* For entry forms and more information contact VFW National Headquarters at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Go to: programs, VFW Scholarship Programs. Students submit their entry to the local post, VFW Nathan Hale Post 1469. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1<sup>St</sup>**.

**CLUB Z! ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** open to grade levels 5-12, \$10,000 in cash prizes awarded for school, allows students to showcase their talents and abilities. Strong character in the classroom, overcome obstacles at school, shown leadership among peers, or simply improved since the beginning of the year. You can be nominated by teachers or apply online @ [www.clubztutoring.com](http://www.clubztutoring.com). **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**.

## ***SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS***

**AES ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP** in the amount of \$500, based on an essay of no more than 1,000 words in answer to the question: *What impact will the Natural Disasters of 2011/12 have on the global economy? How should these events affect future political, business and personal decisions?* Submission @ <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** for graduating seniors who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, substantial financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursuing a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Applications online @ [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program\\_national.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_national.cfm) and must be submitted by **OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.**

**COCA COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM** for seniors with highly developed interests in their community, demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, commitment to community and employment. Two-hundred awards of \$4,000 and twenty awards of \$20,000 will be given across the country. Applications must be done online at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) by **OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

**THE FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION (FIRE)** announces its fourth annual “Freedom in Academia” student essay contest for high school seniors. The essay should be an in-depth explanation of why free speech and first amendment rights are crucial to higher education and how abuses of these rights harm the college experience. Details are available @ [www.thefire.org/contests](http://www.thefire.org/contests). Prizes range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SUFFOLK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE “DOCTORS OF TOMORROW” PROGRAM** for graduating seniors interested in entering the field of medicine. Required introductory symposium on November 30<sup>th</sup>, essay contest, a day with a doctor, and \$3,000 in scholarships will be disseminated. **You must let Mrs. Hallett know that you will be participating by NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**PRINCIPAL’S LEADERSHIP AWARD** for graduating seniors active in service organizations and clubs, achievement in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record, with extensive demonstrated leadership experience. One student from each high school may be nominated and at least one from each state will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. **See Mrs. Hallett if you meet the criteria and would like to be considered. DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ELKS CLUB MOST VALUABLE STUDENT PROGRAM** will award 500 scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$60,000 across the country. New York State will award several \$1,000 scholarships additionally. Applications are available online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). Huntington Elks also awards several Roger E. Tetrault Scholarships of \$4,000 each, which are open to seniors in the Town of Huntington. See Mrs. Hallett for additional paperwork required for the Huntington scholarship. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> for the national scholarships and JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup> for the local awards.**

**JENKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHER EDUCATION** sponsored by the New York State PTA. Each High School may nominate two (2) students. Applicants must be planning to attend a SUNY school or a community college and transfer to a four-year SUNY school to pursue a career in teaching. Go to [WWW.NYSPTA.ORG](http://WWW.NYSPTA.ORG). **RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO MRS. HALLETT BY DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

**AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS** of \$10,000 for graduating seniors planning to attend college full-time next year. Ambition and drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities are the critical characteristics of AXA Achievers. Information and applications at [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com). **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**“MAKE THE U” (HAZ LA U) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. A total of 11 grants will be awarded in the amount of \$2,500 to \$15,000 to graduating seniors of Hispanic descent. Essay required. Go to [www.colgate.com/hazlau](http://www.colgate.com/hazlau). **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**.

**GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM** for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American seniors who are citizens/legal permanent residents or nationals of the United States. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, demonstrated leadership skills through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities, and eligibility for Federal financial aid (Pell Grant). This is an extremely competitive program which selects 1,000 students to receive the full cost of attendance at a college or university. You must be nominated by your school principal, teacher, or guidance counselor. Apply online at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) or by paper application. **The process is lengthy and must be completed by JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**.

**FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** see Mrs. Hallett in Guidance West, Mrs. Walsh in the College Center (room 120) and check the scholarship bulletin board in the main hallway. The attached list of websites has been compiled for you as another resource for your scholarship search. **GOOD LUCK!**

## **WEBSITES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES**

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com)

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

[www.scholarshipamerica.org/students](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/students)

[www.StudentRewards.com](http://www.StudentRewards.com)

[www.BrokeScholar.com](http://www.BrokeScholar.com)

[www.Collegenet.com](http://www.Collegenet.com)

[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

[www.WeeklyscholarshipAlert.org](http://www.WeeklyscholarshipAlert.org)

[www.MeritAid.com](http://www.MeritAid.com)

[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.absolutelyscholarship.com](http://www.absolutelyscholarship.com)

