Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! This is the first edition of the Guidance Department’s scholarship newsletter. Most of the information is relevant to seniors, but sometimes there are contests open to all grade levels. We encourage you to stay in close contact with your school counselor to learn about these opportunities.

For all students, this is the beginning of what we expect will be a very successful year. Your counselors are ready and eager to help you achieve your goals.

Our 12th Grade Student & Parent Night took place on September 17th, 11th Grade Student & Parent Night took place on October 6th, and 9th Grade Parent Night took place on October 16th. A copy of all presentations can be accessed on the district guidance website, and extra copies may be obtained in the guidance offices.
Upcoming presentations include:

10th Grade Student & Parent Night: November 19th, 7pm
Financial Aid Night: December 10th, 7pm

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 online as well as from teachers and your school counselors. Additionally, there are peer tutors through the National Honor Society. Don’t hesitate to seek out those resources that can help maximize your success.

UPCOMING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

SAT…………………………………Saturday, Dec. 6th
   Registration deadline is Nov. 6th
   Late registration deadline is Nov. 24th

ACT…………………………………Saturday, Dec. 13th
   Registration deadline is Nov. 7th
   Late registration deadline is Nov. 21st

Mock ACT…………………………..Saturday, Jan. 10th
   Registration deadline: Dec. 5th
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CLUB Z! ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is open to students in grades 5 through 12. $10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded. Students will be able to showcase their talents and abilities, their character in the classroom, how they have 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 at www.clubztutoring.com. DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 14th.

HUGH O’BRIEN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (HOBY) for 10th grade students provides an opportunity for two students from each high school to attend a leadership seminar in the spring which takes place at Adelphi University in June. Interested students who have demonstrated leadership activities and potential in this area should see their guidance counselor to apply. DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21st.

NEW YORK STATE PTA JENKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHER EDUCATION will award $3,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who exhibit the potential to be outstanding classroom teachers and are pursuing a degree in education. Each high school may send two applications for consideration. Return completed forms to Mrs. Brunoni in Guidance by December 4th. http://www.nyspta.org/YourPTA/AwardsRecog_TwinProjectsJenkins.cfm

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST and ROGER E. TETRAULT-HUNTINGTON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is open to seniors who are United States citizens and are planning to earn a four-year college degree. Awards range from $1,000 to $50,000. Applications and instructions are to be accessed at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm. DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 6th.
AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS will award $10,000-25,000 to fifty-two seniors nationwide who demonstrate ambition and self-drive through school, community, and work-related activities. Apply at www.axa-achievement.com. DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15th.

FOOT LOCKER SCHOLAR ATHLETES PROGRAM honors high school athletes for demonstrating academic excellence and flexing their hearts on their sports team and in their communities. Twenty $20,000 scholarships will be awarded. Minimum GPA of 3.0, three essays and one recommendation required. Go to www.dosomething.org/footlocker/application. DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 18th.

ODENZA MARKETING GROUP VOLUNTEER AWARD of $500 for students 16-22 years old who possess a GPA of at least 2.5/4.0 and have contributed at least 50 hours of volunteer (non-paid) service within his/her community over the past twelve months. Apply at www.studentscholarships.org/college.php. DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 30th.

JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, for high school students. Up to $10,000 will be awarded. Go to www.jfklibrary.org. DEADLINE IS JANUARY 5th.

RON BROWN SCHOLARS PROGRAM awards scholarships to academically talented, highly motivated African American seniors who plan to pursue undergraduate degrees full-time. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Up to twenty students will be selected nationwide to receive $10,000 for each of four years. Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. Go to www.ronbrown.org. DEADLINE IS JANUARY 9th.
**BK Scholars Program** scholarships of $1,000-50,000 to graduating seniors with a GPA of at least 2.5/4.0. Community service, athletics, leadership, and work experience are factors in selection for some of the scholarships. Applications can be accessed at the following website: [www.bkclemorefoundation.org](http://www.bkclemorefoundation.org). **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15th.**

**The APAISF Scholarship** for students of Asian and/or Pacific Islander descent and will be attending college at a U.S. accredited college or university for the first time during the 2015-2016 academic year. Minimum GPA of 2.7/4.0 required. 200 recipients will be awarded $2,500-$15,000 each. Go to [www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html](http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html). **DEADLINE IS JANUARY 9th.**

**SAE Engineering Scholarships** for seniors planning for careers in engineering, math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies and computer science. Minimum requirements with regard to GPA and SAT vary with individual scholarships. Applications and FAQs @ [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm). **DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15th.**

**Washington Crossing Foundation** offers national scholarships of $500 to $5,000 to graduating seniors who enjoy history or politics and are planning a career in government service. Go to [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org) for information. **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS JANUARY 15th.**

**RMHC U.S. Scholarships** of $1,000 or more for graduating seniors. Criteria include financial need, community involvement, essay content, and academic achievement. Go to [https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC](https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC) (Program Key: RHMC) to create an account and apply. **DEADLINE IS JANUARY 20th.**

**N.Y. Women in Communications** offers internships and 15-20 scholarships of $2,500-10,000 to seniors based on academic excellence, extracurricular activities and demonstrated commitment to the field. Apply @ [www.nywici.org/foundation/scholarships](http://www.nywici.org/foundation/scholarships). **DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31st.**
Scholarship Search Websites:

- fastweb.com
- studentscholarships.org
- BrokeScholar.com
- scholarships.com
- Collegenet.com
- srnexpress.com
- Finaid.com
- Collegeanswer.com
- MeritAid.com
- WeeklyscholarshipAlert.com
- StudentRewards.com