### CLASS OF 2018

## COLLEGE BULLETIN

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# TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT

Oct. 7 / Sept. 8

Nov. 4 / Oct. 5

Dec. 2 / Nov. 2

<u>ACT</u>

Oct. 28 / Sept. 22

Dec. 9 / Nov. 3

Registration Fee

\$46

#### CEEB Code 060-251

Register online or pick up registration materials in the College Center.

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

Students interested in highly selective schools need to allow time to take SAT Subject Tests (sometimes required)

#### COLLEGE ANSWERS

he internet can provide all you need to know about the entire college process. From searching for the right college match and applying to figuring out how much your family will have to pay for college and finding scholarships, it is all on the web! Finding the right sources is most of the battle, so here are some tips and useful websites to get you started.

Big Future. This is a huge site from the organization that writes the SAT. Whether you are still looking for a college match, need help writing your college essay, need information about testing or want to find out about the FAFSA and CSS/PROFILE, you can find much of what you need here.

For more college search options, visit <u>College Navigator</u>. If you want the straight facts, check out your schools at <u>College Portraits</u> or <u>UCan</u>.

Education Planner is a good resource for career interest inventories.

College Majors 101 has information about many different majors. Are you wondering how to answer question "What will you do with a major in ?" The University of North Carolina Wilmington's Career Center has organized career options based on col-

If you are limiting your search to Colorado Schools, do not forget about College in Colorado and the College

lege major.

<u>Admission Tool</u>. These sites let you compare schools statistics and research scholarships and financial aid.

Many sites have scholarship searches, but one of the largest is FastWeb. Simply fill out a profile about yourself, provide an email address and FastWeb will do the leg work on locating scholarships. Scholarship database. For a detailed guide on the whole scholarship process, visit Student Scholarship Search.

The FAFSA PIN has been replaced by the FSA ID. Both you and your parents will need to create an <u>FSA ID</u> to complete the <u>FAFSA online</u>. Allow up to 3 weeks for your identity and FSA ID to be approved.

If you need help with any of your college journey, ask the College Counselor for more helpful internet resources.

#### **COLLEGE VISITS**

Oct 2 The Master's Univ.

Oct 3 Northwest University

Oct 10 Thomas Aquinas Coll.

Oct 11 Hillsdale College

#### LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**AXA Achievement Scholarships** A variety of scholarships made available by AXA Financial. Scholarships range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and are awarded based on different criteria. The AXA Achievement Scholarship of \$10,000 is awarded to one student from each state. From the 52 state winners, 10 National winners are selected and receive an additional \$15,000, a computer, and the offer of an internship at AXA. For more information go to: <a href="www.axa-achievement.com">www.axa-achievement.com</a>. Deadline: 12/15 or first 10,000 applications!

**NFIB** Young Entrepreneur Awards are non-renewable scholarship created to recognize young people who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative. Open to any graduating senior who owns and operates his/her own business. Multiple level of awards of \$2000, 3 National YEA awards of \$5000, 1 award of \$15,000 for Leadership, and 1 NFIB YEA of the Year award of \$15,000. Go to <a href="https://www.nfib.com/YEA">www.nfib.com/YEA</a> The application link opens Oct. 1 and closes Dec. 18

National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) A scholarship at the state and national level for girls 9th-12th grade who are active and interested in computing and technology. National award-winners are selected from across the country and awards are also given at the state level. U.S. high-school-level female (grades 9-12). Multiple colleges offer scholarships for award winners. Deadline OCT. 26. Applications are available online at: <a href="www.aspirations.org/ncwit-award-aspirations-computing-info-sheet">www.aspirations.org/ncwit-award-aspirations-computing-info-sheet</a>

#### RESOURCES

#### Websites

<u>Virtual Campus Tours</u> <u>College Week Live</u>

#### **Books**

Fiske Guide to Colleges
Creating Colleges
Colleges That Change Lives
Choosing the Right College

#### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

- Retake ACT or SAT (Oct. 5 is the registration deadline for Nov. 4 SAT)
- Start narrowing your college list to you top 3-4 colleges
- If applying Early Decision, request Letters of Recommendation
- Work on application essays—ask teachers and counselors to read
- Visit with College Reps, attend receptions and college fairs
- If applying to private colleges, check if the CSS/PROFILE is required for financial aid
- Make an appointment with the College Counselor to review your application progress

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

10:00a-12:00p Mountain Vista High School 10585 Mountain Vista Ridge, Highlands Ranch, CO Register here.

Registration Deadline for Nov. 4 SAT: October 5

Christian College Fair: October 2

6:00-8:00 p.m. Colorado Springs Christian High School

Out-of-State College Fair & Workshops: Sept. 30 October 10—pre-ACT for Sophomores

October 11: Juniors take PSAT/NMSQT

Oct. 12-13: Fall Break This is a great time to visit schools in which you are interested. See the previous College Bulletin for information on scheduling College Visits.

Army National Guard Visit: October 19 during lunch.