

senior spotlight

January 2012

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Awards Day

Awards Day is May 22nd.

If you have received a scholarship, bring a copy to the Counselors' Office so you may be recognized

Selective Service

All males must register with the Selective Service at age 18. Go to the Post Office or register online @ www.selectiveservice.com

TAKS Re-testing

Senior retest dates:
March 5 – Social Studies
March 7 - ELA
March 8 - Math
March 9 – Science

Cap and Gown Info

Contact Balfour:
972-495-2440

Graduation

June 1, 2012
5:00 p.m.
Special Events Center

What should I be doing NOW?

- Complete your FAFSA now for the 2012-2013 school year. (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Submit applications. Go online to check deadlines
- Complete scholarship applications
- **Local Scholarship** packets due to Counselors' Office by March 6th at 3:00 p.m.
- Visit college campuses (arrange with Mrs. Satagaj)
- Attend Financial Aid Workshop, February 1st, 6 p.m., Special Events Convention Center.
- Richland and Eastfield colleges will be on the campus to enroll students in April, dates to be announced.

SGHS FAFSA Workshops

February 23rd and March 1st
5 – 7 P.M.

Sign up in Counselor's Office

SAT / ACT Testing

SAT: \$49.00

(www.collegeboard.com)

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline (+\$24)
March 10	February 10	February 24
May 5	April 6	April 20
June 2	May 8	May 22

ACT: \$34.00 (no writing); \$49.50 (with writing)

(www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline (+\$21)
February 11	January 13	January 20
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18

Important Information

Be aware of deadlines! Make sure you are giving the people writing your recommendations at least two-three weeks to put together a great letter of recommendation for you.

Interviews for local scholarships will begin after Spring Break. Be prepared and dress accordingly.

You will begin receiving financial aid offers and acceptance letters by mid-April.

Speak with financial aid advisors at the colleges and/or universities you are considering.

Make final decisions on your college of choice and notify that college of your acceptance.

What if college is not for me?

Military

Recruiting offices (near Bally's Fitness):

Marines: 972) 840-9043
1215 NW Hwy

Air Force: 972) 271-8731
1231 NW Hwy

Army: 972) 926-9126
1229 NW Hwy

Navy: 972) 864-0998
1217 NW Hwy

Certificate Programs and Apprenticeships:

Visit with your counselor about these opportunities and for more information.

College reps and campus visits

- ü UT ARLINGTON Preview Day, Feb. 4th & March 31st, Financial Aid Night, January 24th & March 6th
- ü TEXAS A&M COURPUS CHRISTI Island Day, Feb. 11th and March 24th
- ü MIDWESTERN STATE "Mustangs Rally," Feb. 4th
- ü TWU Denton Campus Open House, Jan. 28nd and Feb. 18th, register 866-809-6130
- ü KANSAS UNIVERSITY "Engineering Expo," Feb 24-25th, www.kuesc.engr.ku.edu
- ü UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA University Days, Feb. 3rd and Feb. 20th
- ü UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS Preview day, Mar 3rd
- ü McMURRY UNIVERSITY Preview Day, March 30th, www.mcm.edu3
- ü TEXAS STATE "Bobcat Days," Feb. 25th and April 21st

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Scholarships

- LECROY SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Deadline: April 6, 2012. Up to \$4000. Must have strong leadership and academic records (3.0 grade point on 4-point scale). Must attend a Dallas Community College. Essay, transcript, and letter of recommendation required. www.foundation.dcccd.edu
- MUSE SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Deadline: April 6, 2012. Scholarship for tuition, books, and required fees for up to six consecutive semesters at a Dallas Community College. Must have strong leadership and academic records (3.5 grade point on 4-point scale). Must maintain a 3.5 minimum GPA while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester at a Dallas County Community College. www.foundation.dcccd.edu
- KRAMP ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
Deadline: April 6, 2012. Tuition and books for four semesters. Exemplify courage and perseverance in face of adversity; leadership and scholarship qualities as evidenced by academic standards. Attend DCCCD college. www.foundation.dcccd.edu
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS, INC.
Deadline: January 31, 2012. Must be an ethnic minority graduating senior enrolling as a full-time undergraduate student majoring in the field of business for 2011-12. Must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. <http://www.nabainc.org/MembershipPrograms/NationalScholarshipProgram>
- AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMENS' - Vanguard Chapter
Deadline: February 15, 2012, for all seniors who are achievers and need financial assistance.
- DALLAS JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Deadline: February 1, 2012. Several scholarships available for students who are not of the Jewish faith.
- KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLARS
Deadline: February 8, 2012. 2.75 GPA and financial need.
- RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIPS
Deadline: January 27, 2012. Includes RMHC Scholars, RMHC African American Future Achievers, RMHC Asia and RMHC HACER. Financial need and a 2.75 GPA required.
- SAMMY 2011 "Got Milk?"
Deadline: March 9, 2012, scholar athlete, academics, leadership, community service and essay on "milk experience."
- TEXAS ENGINEERING FOUNDATION
Deadline: January 13, 2012, major in engineering and attend an ABET accredited university.
- TEXAS STUDENT HOUSING SCHOLARSHIPS
Deadline: January 31, 2012. For student housing off-campus in Austin and College Station.
- SCHOLARSHIP EXPERTS
Many scholarships available with different deadlines and requiring short essays on specific topics. www.scholarshipexperts.com
- CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International)
Deadline: January 13, 2012. Short essay about goals and plans for the future.
- UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Many scholarships available for incoming freshmen with varying deadlines. www.uh.edu/financial/
- HAZEL HATCHER SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline: July 31, 2012. For LGBT seniors of color with a 3.0 GPA, two essay questions and a head shot photo.
- ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline: June 15, 2012. 500-1000 word essay on specified topic, www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.
- AL'S FORMAL WEAR
Deadline: May 31, 2012, rules at Al's stores or www.alsformalwear.com/Scholarships.
- BIG SUN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline: June 22, 2012. Essay, "How has your participation in sports affected the person you are becoming?"
- MYRA HASTY & DR. PAT MCLEAD SCHOLARSHIPS
Deadline: March 30, 2012. Scholarship program for outstanding career and technical education students www.ctat.org/images/uploads/CTAT_Scholarship_Form_2011-2012.pdf
- GARLAND CLUB OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB
Deadline: March 12, 2012. Applicants can be either male or female and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- TZU CHI SCHOLARS
Deadline: March 9, 2012. Financial assistance for outstanding college-bound high school graduates. Scholars are selected on the basis of their financial need, academic achievement and community involvement. www.northerncal.us.tzuchi.org/

✓ **DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP A LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ON FEBRUARY 1, 2012!!!**