

Senior Weekly

April 4, 2011

Yellow graduation cards are coming soon! The cards will be in your classrooms on April 18th and you will be asked to complete the card so that your teacher can return the class set to Mrs. Wade by April 21st. Please make notes about pronunciation as these are the cards used to pronounce your name as you cross the stage during graduation.

Scholarship/College Signs forms were sent home in a letter at the beginning of Spring Semester. Please list all of the scholarships that you have been offered, even if you are not accepting all of them (example: XYZ University offered you a \$5000 scholarship; however, you are not going to be attending that school—you would still list it as a scholarship you were offered.) This form is due to Mrs. Wade by Monday, May 2nd. This is the form we will use to recognize you in the printed graduation program and to post college signs in

For juniors: SAT/ACT Prep for \$45.00—you must register by April 30th at www.kaptest.com/texas or call 1-800-KAPTEST. There are 2 different delivery styles.

Codes: TX45ONDEMAND (self paced program)

TX45ANYWHERE (live online course)

Quote from a parent at the Feb. 24th FAFSA/UT Tyler workshop in the REL Library:

“Is this all there is to filling out the FAFSA? Oh, my, I was so afraid to start the process and now I realize it is not that hard at all!”

...Yes, the UT Tyler Financial Aid Professionals were smiling. They just loved it.

Another quote from a parent about FAFSA: “Mrs. Tucker, I didn’t have to come to the workshop because I started filling out the FAFSA at home and when I called with a question the FAFSA lady on the phone helped me work right through it.”

A reminder to seniors who are filing the FAFSA: Make sure you go to the www.fafsa.ed.gov website to file **NOT** the www.fafsa.com website. The .com website will charge you a fee and the FAFSA is free.

*New additions to the “Senior Weekly” will be highlighted and when deadlines pass information will be deleted.

*Seniors 2011: In planning for next year make sure you have:

1. Ordered transcripts to be sent to the colleges you will be applying to. The ordering process begins in Mrs. Wade's office in the B Unit. Transcripts are \$2.00 each.

2. Completed your college applications and saved each page before you exit.

3. Made sure that SAT or ACT scores have been sent to the colleges you are applying to. Go online (www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org) and click "View/Send Scores. If you forgot your user name or password call Customer Service and tell them what you need to do. ACT: 1-319-337-1270 or SAT: 1-866-756-7346—have a credit card number ready.

**New News: Standby ACT testing no longer requires a paper registration packet. A student can visit this site, <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/standbytest.html>, create an account and print a standby form. A student MUST have ACT ID # and to get that number they have to create an ACT account. ACT will not score the test without ACT ID #. For more information, have students search the actstudent.org website for "standby testing." The first option is the one they'll use.

FYI: A list of ACT test center codes:

All Saints (all test dates) 203970

TJC (all test dates) 042280

R.E. Lee (April only) 220450

4. Written down every User Name and Password for all applications and forms you have filled out to have them at your fingertips! Make a username/password folder.

5. Written a scholarship essay on the following topic: "Why I should be chosen to receive this scholarship and how it will help me reach my goals and dreams". You can tweak it and use it over and over.

6. Established a relationship with a college representative at every college you plan to apply to. Call the Admissions Office and say, "I am _____ and I am applying to _____". Can you tell me who takes care of Robert E. Lee in Tyler, TX because I would like to contact them? (You will be glad that you did.)

7. Filed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). www.fafsa.ed.gov

My favorite button on the FAFSA website is the "Live Help" button under "Contact us". It is like having a FAFSA professional in the room with you! Yes, colleges want everyone to file the FAFSA.

I know that college acceptance letters are beginning to arrive—Congratulations! If you receive an offer of admission from a college that you know you are not going to attend, please contact the Admissions Office and tell them how much you appreciate it, but that you are going to have to decline. This will allow them to turn to the list of students on their Wait List and offer admission to another student in a timely manner.

If you are on the Wait List for a college you really want to attend continue to update Admissions with additional information. Let them know you are VERY interested.

An FYI: The Career Services Center at Tyler Junior College is available for use by students from TISD who are searching for answers to their questions about what career they should pursue after high school.

The Center's phone number is 903.510.2334 and the Director of the Center is Ms. Annie Lan (alan1@tjc.edu). The Career Services Center is located on the 2nd floor in Rogers Student Center. www.tjc.edu/careerservices

From Jim McDaniel's (now attending the U.S. Naval Academy) parents:

If you have any other students/parents who are interested in the service academies I would be happy to talk to them and pass on any words of wisdom I've gained during this process! My email is mcmc4020@suddenlink.net. Applying to a service academy is so different than regular college admissions, and sometimes it's nice just to talk to somebody who's "been there"! Also, I wanted to pass on an online forum that's been a **huge** help for us during this process: www.serviceacademyforums.com. This forum is full of great advice and support for students and parents during the application process and beyond. I would highly recommend it to anybody interested in going to a service academy.

Trying to navigate the whole college process for **selective** schools in Texas as well as in other states? A parent who has recently "been there and done that" is willing to share her experiences with you. [Let me know and I can put you in touch with her.](#)

At a meeting in the District last spring a parent told me that several years ago her son applied to the U.S. Air Force Academy and that she and her husband would be more than happy to serve as a support for anyone going through the process. Their email address is pjp_tex@yahoo.com (pjp_tex if it is hard to read) or patsy.phillips@tylerisd.org and phone is 903-330-2377. Ken and Patsy Phillips.

Help!!! How can I get scholarships?

Some scholarships are larger than others, but perseverance in applying for as many scholarships as you can, many times will pay off. As late as August and October of his college freshman year, one student was still receiving responses as being chosen to receive scholarships. He had continued to send out applications even weeks after he graduated last June. It was laborious to continue to submit scholarship applications, but his efforts were continually rewarded. (He received over \$5,000.00 in local scholarships and even one national scholarship.) Pay attention to announcements of scholarship opportunities, both large and small and apply. Don't forget about the website posted below and the Financial Aid/Scholarship offices at the schools you will be attending.

All local scholarships that we receive will be posted in the *Senior Weekly*. Many will direct you directly to a website and those that require a paper application will be in folders outside my office on the rolling cart. Search websites to see which scholarships you qualify for. Also, talk to the Scholarship/Financial Aid offices at the colleges you have been accepted to. All financial aid begins with the FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid).

Some colleges and universities will require students to complete the CSS Profile, a personalized, very detailed additional financial aid form. Please go to <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp> for a list of schools and more information.

www.collegeforalltexans.com

click “get all the facts”
click “paying for college”
click “types of financial aid”
click “state and federal grants and scholarships”

Read and see if you will qualify for any of the programs!

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| *** http://www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com | Username: tylerlee Password: tylerlee (all lower case) SCHOLARSHIPS!!!! |
| www.studentaid.ed.gov/scholarship | Free online scholarship search |
| www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs | Financial Aid –All topics |
| 1-800-433-3243 | Talk to an expert about Financial Aid |

Websites:

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| www.gentx.org | Generation Texas. A new one stop college access website. |
| www.applytexas.org | Application for state colleges |
| www.commonapp.org | Application for selective colleges |
| http://www.ucan-network.org | Research private colleges across the United States |
| www.fastweb.com | Scholarships |
| www.onetcenter.org | Career Exploration |
| www.number2.com | Test Prep |
| www.CTCL.org | Hints on how to choose the right college |
| www.texasjamp.org | Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) for highly qualified, economically disadvantaged Texas resident students pursuing a medical education. |
| www.latinosincollege.com | Hispanic website |
| www.finaid.org | Financial Aid Information |
| www.aie.org | Comprehensive planning for college website |
| www.princetonreview.com | College search, explore majors |

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| www.profiler.com | Campbell Interest and Skill Survey—small fee |
| www.bridges.com | Sign on: “TISD” plus “student ID #” Password: “D” plus birthdate “mmddyyyy” Parents Click Site ID Site ID: 1222130 p/w: tylerisd College search/Scholarships |
| www.collegeforalltexans.com | College Search/College Information |
| http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/ | College search/OOH handbook |
| www.fafsa.ed.gov | Apply for federal financial aid |
| www.pin.ed.gov | Apply for your PIN # |
| www.mycollegecalendar.org | Comprehensive college website |
| www.texascaresonline.com | interactive world of work website |
| http://www.lmci.state.tx.us/realitycheck/ | The real world \$\$\$\$\$ |
| www.eligibilitycenter.org | NCAA Prospective college athletes must register |
| http://naia.cstv.com/ | National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics click on your sport and then click on “Participating Schools” (over to the right side of the page under “notes”). |
| www.njcaa.org | Junior College Athletics |
| http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp | Colleges/AP credit |
| www.collegeboard.com | SAT/AP information and registration Customer Service: 866.756.7346 |
| www.act.org | ACT information and registration Customer Service: 319.337.1270 |
| http://www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com | Username: tylerlee Password: tylerlee (all lower case) SCHOLARSHIPS!!!! |
| www.salliemae.com/scholarships | Scholarship search site |
| www.eduinonline.com | Common Black College Application. Apply to all 35 member |

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| | Institutions for a onetime fee of \$35.00 |
| www.scholarshipexperts.com | Scholarship Search Engine |
| www.StudentScholarships.org | Scholarship/college search engine |
| www.thea.nesinc.com/practice.htm | THEA practice |
| www.march2success.com | Army sponsored great test prep site. |
| www.texasmonthly.com | Scroll down to: More from the Publishers of “Texas Monthly”. Click on “Texas College Guide” |

To take a look at scholarships on the College for All Texans Website by following these steps:

- 1) Go to www.collegeforalltexans.com
- 2) From the homepage, go to “get all the facts”
- 3) Then go to “paying for college”
- 4) Then, “types of financial aid”
- 5) Then, “state and federal grants and scholarships”

Dates and College visits:

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| April 7 | UT Austin admitted students meeting. Library 6:30-7:30 |
| April 12 | UT Tyler in Career Center all lunches |
| April 16 | Wiley College Open House-Marshall, TX. admissions@wileyc.edu to register |
| April 30 | Apache Preview Day Tyler Junior College 1-800-687-5680 ext. 2523 Register online www.tjc.edu/preview |
| May 1 | Panhellenic Preview Day 2:00/UT Tyler/University Center Ballroom www.me.tylerpanhellenic.org for forms or in Mrs. Wade’s office in the B Unit |
| May 10 | AVID Senior Celebration-6:00 p.m.-Ornelas Activity Center |
| May 12 | TISD’s “Night of Shining Stars” Caldwell Auditorium |

Scholarships:

Words of wisdom from a parent who has been there and done that: “Be sure to watch for scholarship deadlines and scholarship consideration dates so that you do not miss out on opportunities. Many times the scholarship application date and the admissions application date are different. Never let a scholarship deadline pass without applying.”

What is **JAMP (Joint Admissions Medical Program)**? JAMP was created by the Texas Legislature to support and encourage highly qualified, economically disadvantaged Texas resident students pursuing a medical education. JAMP partners with all nine Texas medical schools and sixty-five public and private four-year undergraduate institutions. For a complete list of participating undergraduate schools visit www.texasjamp.org.

As a senior in high school:

Apply to college; Take the SAT or ACT and earn a score not less than the mean for the State of Texas;
Apply for Financial Aid and have an EFC of 8000 or less.

As a freshman in college:

Meet with the JAMP Faculty Director; Apply to JAMP; Complete at least 27 hours earning a 3.25 GPA or higher and a 3.25 GPA in science courses. Consult the JAMP Director for further requirements.

Are you a member of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America? If so, consider applying for the **Johnson and Wales scholarship**. www.jwu.edu/apply

www.etcf.org **East Texas Communities Foundation**-Wonderful scholarship website.

Are you an Eagle Scout? Are you going to attend Texas A & M? If so check into the Aggie Eagle Program. www.aggiecorps.org Click on The Aggie Eagle Program icon for more information.

East Texas Lighthouse for The Blind Scholarship. Student must be legally blind or be an immediate family member of a person who is blind; Texas resident; provide proof of acceptance into college. 1-888-565-ETLB or www.etlb.org

Deadline: July 30

From The University of Houston:

WHAT IS THE TERRY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP?

The Terry Foundation Scholarship is for spring 2011 graduates of Texas high schools who demonstrate scholastic achievement, leadership ability and financial need. The amount of the Terry scholarship is based upon the cost of attendance, including tuition, fees, books, on-campus room and board and miscellaneous expenses. Incoming 2010 Terry Scholars received awards ranging from \$4,000 to \$12,000 for the 2010-2011 academic year.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE TERRY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP?

The Terry Foundation scholarship is a private Houston-based scholarship program founded to provide scholarships to outstanding Texas high school graduates for attendance at Texas public colleges and universities, including the University of Houston. The amount of the Terry scholarship is based upon the cost of attendance, including tuition, fees, books, on-campus room and board and miscellaneous expenses.

The actual specific amount of the stipend will vary for each Terry Scholar, depending on other scholarship awards and the ability of the Scholar's family to contribute to the cost of college.

Students nominated to the Foundation last year possessed an average SAT of 1200 (combined math and critical reading) and were ranked in the top 10% of their graduating classes. Ninety percent of the students nominated attended public high schools and were entering the University in majors ranging from the humanities and business to science, engineering and architecture.

The link for the Terry Foundation Scholarship at the University of Houston is:

<http://www.uh.edu/honors/prospective-students/paying-college/terry-foundation-scholarship/index.php>

NROTC Scholarship: call 713-953-5959 ext. 234 or 275.

www.hsf.net scholarships website for Hispanic students

www.latinocollegedollars.org scholarships for Latino students

Do you have the academics to succeed at an elite American College? Do you have the resolve to succeed at a military academy? Do you have the heart to be a leader in service to your country? If this sounds like you, the Coast Guard Academy might be an option. No tuition. Admission based solely on merit.

1-800-883-8724

Desk and Derrick Club Scholarship: planning a career in the petroleum, energy or allied energy, or research and development of alternative fuels. 3.0 GPA, financial need, US citizen. Mrs. Tucker has paper applications.

Deadline: June 14

Tillman Military Scholarship for students planning to attend Mississippi State University. Military related-service members and dependents with unmet need. Call 662-325-6729 or 662-325-6719 or email mlcox@saffairs.msstate.edu Application opens March 7th and closes April 8.
<http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/scholarships/additional/index.php>

Deadline: April 8

Tyler Lions Club Scholarship. Paper applications in a folder outside Mrs. Tucker's office. They called and said they have no applications yet.

Deadline: April 15

Tyler Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - African American young ladies. Questions? Call Jennifer Cobbins 903-714-4015. Paper applications in a folder outside Mrs. Tucker's office.

Deadline: April 4th

East Texas State Fair Scholarship Program: www.etstatefair.com to read about opportunities and download applications. Deadlines and requirements vary for each scholarship. Information sheet in a folder outside Mrs. Tucker's office.

Gamma Omicron Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship. Young ladies who meet the criteria and who participated in Fashionetta will be given first consideration. Paper applications are in a folder outside Mrs. Tucker's office.

Deadline: April 10

East Texas Piney Woods Cattlewomen and Heritage Land Bank of Tyler are offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior planning to attend a Texas school and major in an agricultural related program. Mrs. Tucker has paper applications.

Deadline: April 15

Smith County Peace Officers Association Scholarship Mrs. Tucker has paper applications. Smith County high school graduate, proof of college acceptance, 3.0 GPA.

Deadline: April 15

Sara Jo Murff Scholarship Application: Softball and baseball players. Mrs. Tucker can email you an application or paper copies are outside her office.

Deadline: April 30

Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals Scholarship: For students pursuing a career in the legal field, 3.0 GPA. Paper applications outside Mrs. Tucker's office. **They called us—NO applications yet!**

Deadline: April 15

Ozarka "Every Drop Counts" Earth Science Scholarship. For students pursuing earth/environmental science. For more information go to www.nestlewaterstx.com . The application and guidelines are in the "Scholarship" section of the website (top menu). Questions about the scholarship? everydropcountsfund@gmail.com

Deadline: April 8

The Gary Hunter Memorial Scholarship for students in Fine Arts. Return application to Mr. George Faber by April 30th.

Deadline: April 30th

The Todd Henry Memorial Scholarship for students in the Fine Arts. Return application to Mr. George Faber by April 30th.

Deadline: April 30th

The Bonnie and Tab Beall Family Scholarship This is a need based scholarship. Complete the application and return it to Mrs. Tucker by April 15th. One student in TISD will receive this scholarship.

Deadline: April 15

FYI: Pass on to someone you know: Operation Home front and the Saban Family Foundation announce the **2011 Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship**. The scholarship is offered to wives of uniformed service members to attend vocational training programs in the medical field. Applications will be accepted March 1 – May 1, 2011. The scholarships will be awarded to recipients on July 1, 2011. The application is available on the Operation Home front website.

(Source: <http://www.operationhomefront.net/scholarship/>)

Will to Win Scholarship: Seniors who have asthma and who have achieved a level of excellence in one of the following: Performing Arts, community service, athletics, visual arts or science. 3.5 GPA, received at least one award in their category, US Citizen. www.willtowinscholarship.com 908-229-2862

Deadline: April 30

Texas Hospitality Association Poster Contest to be used in the fight against underage drinking. www.texashospitalityassociation.com

Deadline: May 6th

Tyler-Smith County Crimestoppers Youth Leadership Scholarship: For seniors planning to major in Criminal Justice. Mrs. Tucker has paper applications in the file box outside of her office.

Deadline: April 15

College contacts: Tell them your Counselor sent you!

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| Arizona State University-Meghan Williams | Meghan.williams@asu.edu |
| 480-727-7503 | |
| Aveda Institute: Thomas Renner | thomasr@aidallas.biz |
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| Emory University: Tim Fields | tlfield@emory.edu |
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Southern Nazarene University: Melissa Conyers mconyers@snu.edu

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St. Mary's University-Eric Rodriguez erodriguez13@stmarytx.edu

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Stephen F. Austin: Ryan Horne horneryan@sfasu.edu

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Texas A & M: Lisa Brown lbrown@oar.tamu.edu

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Texas College: Michael Holochuck mholochuck@texascollege.edu

Texas Tech: Andrea Gage andrea.e.gage@ttu.edu

Texas Women's University: Mia Dallas mdallas@mail.twu.edu

Tyler Junior College: Cody Coe ccoe@tjc.edu

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Tyler Junior College Police Academy jwal@tjc.edu

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Dallas/Fort Worth Area Regional Centers:

Texas Tech: 214.630.8324

Texas A & M 817.375.0960

Oklahoma State University 214-991-2431

New for 2010-2011: UT Austin Longview Office

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SAT: 1-866-756-7346