

# SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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#### Make sure to check page 2 & 3 for available scholarships!

# Senior Meetings & Things to Know

We would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year! We look forward to working with you to achieve your academic, career, and personal goals! For the next two-three weeks, we will begin meeting with every senior individually to discuss plans for senior year and after graduation. Parents are welcome to join... just email or call your assigned counselor to coordinate a time and date.

#### **College Admission Testing**

If you have not taken the SAT or ACT yet, want to try it again to improve your score, and plan to attend college after high school graduation, we strongly encourage you to register to take one of these tests immediately. The next SAT date is October 3rd and registration must be completed by September 3rd. The cost is \$54.50. Students who are on free/reduced lunch or who are a 21st Century Scholar can get the regular test fee waived by speaking to their counselor. Also, Ivy Tech and

Vincennes and some other institutions do not require these tests. Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions about admission testing.

#### **College Representative Visits**

College admission representatives travel to high schools during the beginning of the school year. In the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter, many (but not all) of the visits and times are listed. Students wishing to meet with representatives from these schools should sign up in the guidance office before the date of the visit. A complete list is available in the guidance office. All visits will take place in the community room unless noted differently. College admission officers will schedule visits as the semester progresses. If you are curious about a particular college not on this list, please contact us.

# College Applications

Western Boone College Application Process:

Fill out an online application and submit it to the college/university.

Log into <a href="www.parchment.com">www.parchment.com</a> and request to send your high school transcript to the colleges to which you applied. Accounts were created by students last year. Try the "Forgot Password" link if you do not remember your information.

We will then release your official transcript to the college/university.

You can track the process through Parchment to know when your transcript has been downloaded by the colleges.

It should take 4-6 weeks once the college receives all of your application materials to hear back from the college with your admission status

Please make sure that, if your college requires official test scores come from the College Board or ACT Inc, you have scores sent directly from the testing center or your application will not be reviewed.

#### \*We encourage all students to apply to colleges by HALLOWEEN!

After schools receive all of your application materials, they will begin reviewing your information

to make an admission decision. Depending on when you apply, you should give a school 4-6 weeks to make an admission decision and notify you of the result.

Again, we encourage all of our

students to have applications to college or any other training programs completed by Halloween. Please see your school counselor with any questions! We are here to help you with your post-graduation planning

Please do not hesitate to contact your counselor with questions. We are happy to help!

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 9/1—Marian @ 1:15pm
- 9/8—Wabash @
   8:55am
- 9/10—IU Bloomington @ 8:55am
- 9/15—Trine @ 1:15pm
- 9/16—Purdue @ 8:05am
- 9/17—Butler @ 2:05pm
- 9/23—University of Indianapolis @9am
- 9/2 I University of Evansville @ 2:05pm
- 9/25—IUPUI @9am
- 10/6—Ball State @ 1:15pm

#### **Special Points:**

 Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

# **S**cholarships

#### Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation Scholarship

September 30, 2015

Scholarship is in honor of Chick Evans who became the first golfer to win both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open championships in the same year. Open to seniors who have a strong caddie record for a minimum of two years, GPA above 3.0, will take the ACT, demonstrate financial need, and have outstanding character. Scholarship is a grant that covers full tuition and housing in an Evans Scholarship House for one term and may be renewed for up to four years. Application is available at <a href="https://www.wgaesf.com">www.wgaesf.com</a> under the Scholarships section.

Wendy's High School Heisman Recognition Program

October 2, 2015

Open to seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA and participate in at least one school sport. Applicants are recognized with various Wendy's gift cards with amounts ranging from \$10-\$500, awards, and donations to their home school of up to \$10,000. Applications are available online at <a href="https://www.wendysheisman.com">www.wendysheisman.com</a>

**AES Engineers Scholarship** 

October 7, 2015

Open to students who submit an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the question, "When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What people, things and accomplishments do you need?" Scholarship is valued at \$500.00. More information is available at www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

Horatio Alger Scholarship

October 25, 201

Open to seniors who plan on completing a bachelor's degree upon graduation (can start out at a 2 year school), have critical financial need, involvement in community service activities, minimum GPA of 2.0, U.S. citizenship, and have overcome adversity. Scholarships range from \$5,000-20,000. Applications are available at <a href="https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships">www.horatioalger.org/scholarships</a>

Coca-Cola Scholarships (multiple scholarships available)

October 31, 2015

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Visit their website for more information at www.coca-colascholars.org/

**IU Academic Scholarships** 

November 1, 2015

Open to seniors who have applied to and have all of their materials received by IU by November 1st. For more information, visit scholarships.indiana.edu

**Purdue Freshmen Scholarships** 

November 1, 2015

To maximize scholarship consideration from Purdue University, students need to apply and have all academic materials received by Purdue by November 1st.

**IUPUI Honors College Scholarships** 

November 15, 2015

To maximize scholarship consideration from IUPUI, students need to apply and have all academic materials received by IUPUI by November 15th. This includes the Bepko Scholarship, which pay full tuition, fees, two years of housing, and a study abroad stipend at IUPUI. An additional application is required for the Bepko, Plater, and other competitive scholarships. Application is available at honorscollege.iupui.edu

#### Indiana State University Freshmen Scholarships

ege.iupui.edu

November 15, 2015

Seniors who wish to be considered for freshmen scholarships at Indiana State must be admitted by December 1st to be considered.

Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award

November 29, 2015

Open to seniors who have over the past two years completed a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work and maintained a minimum of a 3.5 GPA. An essay is required and can be found on the application page at <a href="https://www.usbbgcommunications.com">www.usbbgcommunications.com</a> Scholarship is valued at \$500.

Indiana State University Rural Health Program

December 1, 2015

The Rural Health program offers students an opportunity to earn a bachelors degree with admission to medical school following completion of undergraduate studies. Applicants must be seniors and have a GPA of 3.5 and SAT score of 1200 (between math and reading) or ACT Composite of 27. The program is specifically designed to prepare students from rural Indiana to return to their hometowns as primary care physicians. Visit <a href="http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/rural.htm">http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/rural.htm</a> for more information and to apply.

Gongaware Center Scholarship at Indiana State University

December 3, 2015

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.5, exhibit significant leadership and potential, are in the top 10% of their class, and a combined SAT score of 1500/2400. Scholarship pays full tuition at ISU, and \$3,000 for professional development. Applications and more information are available at <a href="http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware.htm">http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware.htm</a>

#### Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship

February 21, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who have been accepted and intend to enroll at Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Students must be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Please complete the "General Scholarship Application" available on the Western Boone website in the guidance section or pick up a copy in the guidance office.

#### Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Ivy Tech is considered acceptable in this group. Students must complete the "General Application", and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states 1) acceptance status to school 2) name and location of school 3) program of study 4) future goals 5) statement about why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Scholarship amounts vary, but traditionally the scholarships have been over \$2,000 each.

#### Joey Strong Memorial Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on studying law enforcement after graduation. Applications are available in the guidance office or students can use the "General Scholarship Application" from the guidance website. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

# **S**cholarships

Psi lota Xi Scholarship March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on furthering their education in the areas of art, music, literature, writing, or speech and hearing. The "General Application" from the Western Boone guidance website can be used. The complete application must also include at least 3 letters of reference, official transcript, future goal statement, and a brief essay of 500 words or less describing educational and occupational goals. Applications are available in the guidance office and due back by the deadline above. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

#### Elizabeth Siddall Memorial Scholarship

March 18, 2016

Open to seniors attending a vocational or 2 year program (Ivy Tech/Vincennes is included). A statement describing yourself and why you feel qualified for the scholarship needs to be attached to the General Application that is available in the guidance office and on the guidance website. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applications should be turned into Ms. Query in the guidance office by the deadline above.

#### **Boone County MIBOR Scholarship**

March 25, 2016

Open to students who plan on pursing a vocational career at a two year, trade, or technical school. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Please apply using the "General Scholarship Application" from the guidance website or pick up a copy in the guidance office.

#### Max & Dennis Lough Memorial Scholarship

March 25, 2016

This scholarship is open to Western Boone seniors who will be pursuing a medical career. Applicants should include a statement as to why a career in the medical field is sought. The "General Application" will be used. That application is available on the guidance website and in the guidance office. The scholarship is valued at \$500.

#### Sugar Creek Arts Center Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on pursuing a program of study in an art related career. Students should complete the "General Application" available on the guidance website or in the guidance office. Applicants may attach recommendation letters or supplemental materials such as an essay or photographs/copies of art work. Scholarship is valued at \$400.

### Review scholarships through popular national search engines!

FastWeb	www.fastweb.com
Scholarships.Com	www.scholarships.com
College Board Scholarship Search	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship- search
U.S. Department of Labor Scholarship Search	http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/
Scholarship America	http://scholarshipamerica.org/ open_scholarships.php

We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.