

Guidance News
November 8, 2010

Opportunities:

Financial Aid Workshop: A representative the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) will be at SHS on **November 16** from **7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** to present on financial aid. The targeted audience is for seniors and their parents, but all parents and students are welcome to attend.

PLAN Test: The PLAN Test (pre-ACT) will be given to all **sophomores** on Dec 2 and 3 from 8:20 – 11:20. Students will take the test on one of the two dates. The PLAN Test will help sophomores to experience taking the ACT Test and it will also give a predicted ACT score range.

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Test: This test is open to all juniors and seniors on Nov 16 at SHS beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please notify Mrs. Zeutenhorst if you wish to take the exam.

Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award: This scholarship competition is open to **juniors** only. Students must submit a proposal for a project. Many steps of the proposal must be completed for a project to be considered. The application deadline is March 31, 2011. See www.hooverassociation.org or contact Delene McConnaha at 800.828.0475 or scholarship@hooverassociation.org to answer any questions you may have. \$1000 and \$5000 scholarships are available.

South Dakota State University is hosting Ready SET (Science Engineering & Technology) Go! This is a one day workshop for high school females (grades 9-12) to help them explore interests in science and technology. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 13. The cost is \$10 per student which includes lunch.

College Representatives to visit SHS:

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| Oct 9 | Wayne State College at 9:00 |
| Oct 10 | La James Cosmetology (Mason City) at 11:00 |
| Oct 11 | Midland University (Fremont, NE) at 11:25 |
| Oct 17 | SDSU (Brookings, SD) at 11:25 |

COMPASS ASSESSMENT (entrance exam for NCC and other community colleges)

This is a free exam. Test dates include (and can be scheduled on an individual basis as well):

Nov 1, 15
Dec 6, 20
Jan 3, 17
Feb 7, 21
Mar 7, 21
Apr 4, 18
May 2, 16
June 6, 20
July 18

ACT Test Prep:

Be sure to check out www.actstudent.org for test prep opportunities.

College Information:

SDSU is offering several TGIF visit dates on: (register at www.sdstate.edu)

Nov 19
Dec 3, 10
Jan 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18
Mar 4, 18, 25
Apr 1, 8, 15, 29

Minnesota West offers these group visit dates:

(campuses at Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone, Worthington; centers at Fairmont, Luverne, Redwood Falls)

Nov 17
Dec 15
Jan 19
Feb 16
Mar 16
Apr 20

Morningside College (Sioux City) offers these senior group visit dates:

Nov 12, 19

Southeast Tech (Sioux Falls) offers these group visit dates:

Nov 19

Jan 28

Feb 25

They also offer Friday FYI Visitation Days from 11 – 2 p.m.

Wayne State College offers these group visit dates:

Fridays @WSC

Nov 12, 19

Dec 10

Jan 28

Feb 11, 25

Mar 4, 25

Apr 1

Scholarship Information:

2011 Profile in Courage Essay Contest is available through the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. Visit www.jfklibrary.org for more information. Deadline to apply is January 10, 2011.

ISU is offering the **Christina Hixson Opportunity Awards**. Students must demonstrate financial need and must have faced personal and/or financial hardship. Students must apply for admission to ISU and for this scholarship by February 1. They also must complete the FAFSA by March 1 at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Hixson scholarship application is available at www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/.

The Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) is hosting a **video contest** for **juniors** and **seniors**. The video must be submitted by December 15, 2010. The winner will earn a \$1000 scholarship. See rules at www.ICANsucceed.org/videocontest.

Be sure to check out other scholarship opportunities at www.sheldon.k12.ia.us "Scholarship List".

Also, check out www.fastweb.com and www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov for other scholarship possibilities.