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SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER

GET PASSES!

SEPTEMBER 16

COLLEGE FAIR

SEPTEMBER 18

ACT OCTOBER 24TH
DEADLINE DATE

SEPTEMBER 18

THEA REGISTRATION
DEADLINE DATE

SEPTEMBER 23

SAT DEADLINE FOR
OCTOBER 10TH

SEPTEMBER 28

UT-AUSTIN

SEPTEMBER 30

SOUTH TX VO TECH

OCTOBER 7

TEXAS A&M

OCTOBER 27-28

UTPA APPLICATION
DRIVE-ECONOMICS

GET READY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Begin discussing your budget with your parents for college
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available January 1st
- Get prepared to use your parents 2009 tax returns and your 2009 tax returns.
- Find out about other state waivers and scholarships.

COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

How to apply for college admissions:

For Texas institutions go to:

www.applytexas.org

For out of state colleges go to:

The schools website and either print application to complete and mail or submit directly online.

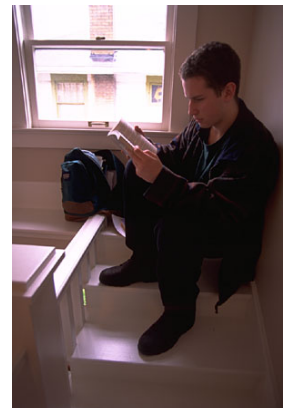
- ⇒ Essays: If applications require essays, please make sure that your English teacher reviews it for you. Give the teacher plenty of time to do this and not at the last minute.
- ⇒ Recommendation letters: If applications requires recommendations, please give them to your coun-

selor or teacher with plenty of time. Provide the recommender with your name, school you are applying to and the date your letter is needed. Also, provide them with a resume and/or activity sheet and a stamped envelope.

- ⇒ College Entrance Exams: Make sure that you have signed up to take your ACT and/or SAT and that you list the colleges in which you are interested. (See back page for dates.)
- ⇒ Placement Exams: If you are planning on attending a Texas school, you must sign up to take the THEA or an Accuplacer test. In some cases your TAKS

scores will exempt you. See page 3 of the newsletter for exam schedules.

- ⇒ Transcripts: Please provide Mrs. Perdue with a book of stamps or \$10.00 to mail your transcripts.
- ⇒ Recruiter visits: recruiters will be coming to visit with students this Fall 2009. Please go by the Go Center or check the website www.beta.stisd.net for specific dates.



GO CENTER INFORMATION

The **Go Center** is available for all seniors to get information on college preparedness, from admissions to financial aid.

Take advantage and find out all you can through the Go Center.

There are G-Force members trained to assist you in your endeavors.

Career Interest Inventories:

If you are looking for a career and still unsure what you want to be when you grow up, you may look at the sites below to help identify a career for you based on your skills and/or interests.

(watch for fees)

- ⇒ <http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/careers/exploring/InterestInventories/Pages/Home.aspx>
- ⇒ http://www.careerkey.org/asp/your_personality/take_test.html
- ⇒ <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/careers/ccciss.htm>
- ⇒ <http://www.careerplanner.com/CareerTest4.cfm>

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The BETA website will begin to get updated in the next couple of weeks with scholarship information we receive in the Counseling Department. Please access the website at www.beta.stisd.net



All students are encouraged to log on to:

www.fastweb.com

On FastWeb you will be asked to complete a questionnaire so that a profile is created for you on that site.

Afterwards you will begin getting information on scholarships you might be eligible for based on your profile.

Keep in mind that once you receive scholarship information, **you are still required to complete separate applications for each scholarship.**

REMEMBER: When submitting applications of any kind whether scholarships or admissions or financial aid, you must make sure that you press the final submission buttons. We strongly encourage you to print a copy for your records.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

- Apply for anything and everything for which you think you might be **eligible**.
- **Complete the Application in full**—note that if something isn't applicable on the application, don't leave it blank.
- **Follow Directions**—Don't supply things not requested (i.e., transcripts, resumes, etc.).
- **Neatness Counts**—make photocopies for working drafts
- **Make sure your essay makes an impression**—be personal and specific. Include concrete details. (Remember the special circumstances essay is optional.)
- **Watch all deadlines**—have a self-imposed deadline 2 weeks prior to actual due date. Use as proofreading time.
- **Take steps to make sure your application gets where it needs to go**—make a copy of entire packet and keep for your files. Name should appear on all pages.
- **Give it a final 'Once Over'**—Proofread (and have someone else proofread) the entire application carefully.
- **Ask for help if you need it**—if you need it, don't hesitate to call the funding organization.
- **Remember, your scholarship application represents you!!** taken from "FastWeb's Tips for College Students" April 2000 www.fastweb.com




COLLEGE BOARD SAT TEST DATES (WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM)

U.S. Registration Deadlines		
2009-10 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

ACT TEST DATES (WWW.ACT.ORG)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2009*	August 7, 2009	August 8 – 21, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19 – October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

THEA TEST DATES (WWW.THEA.NESINC.COM)

Test Date	Regular Registration	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee applies)	Emergency Registration Deadline (additional fee applies)
			
October 17, 2009*	September 18, 2009	October 7, 2009	October 14, 2009
February 27, 2010	January 29, 2010	February 17, 2010	February 24, 2010
April 24, 2010	March 26, 2010	April 14, 2010	April 21, 2010
June 19, 2010	May 21, 2010	June 9, 2010	June 16, 2010
July 24, 2010	June 25, 2010	July 14, 2010	July 21, 2010

College/University	Admissions requirements	Admissions Deadline	Scholarship Deadline	Financial Aid Deadline FAFSA Application
The University of Texas-Pan American www.utpa.edu	www.applytexas.org Official HS transcripts SAT 760/ACT 16 Official college transcripts Graduated DAP/Recommended	Priority deadline date: February 1, 2010	January 4, 2010	Priority deadline date: April 1, 2010
The University of Texas San Antonio www.utsa.edu	www.applytexas.org Top 25% no minimum SAT/ACT score* Second 25% SAT-920/ACT-19 Third 25% SAT-970/ACT-20 Fourth 25% SAT-1020/ACT-21 Other SAT-1070/ACT-21 Official HS transcripts Official college transcripts Non-refundable application fee-	Priority deadline date: March 1, 2010	February 15, 2010	March 31, 2010
Texas State University www.admissions.txstate.edu	www.applytexas.org Official HS transcripts SAT/ACT scores, include writing section Official college transcripts Admissions essay Graduated DAP/Recommended Application fee-\$40	Priority deadline date: March 1, 2009	December 15, 2009	Priority deadline date: April 1, 2010
The University of Texas at Austin www.bealonghorn.utexas.edu	www.applytexas.org Two admissions essays Official HS transcripts Non-refundable application fee-\$60 Other program requirements SAT/ACT scores, include writing	December 15, 2009	December 1, 2009	Priority deadline date: March 31, 2010
Texas A&M University www.admissions.tamu.edu	www.applytexas.org Official HS transcripts Admissions essay Graduated DAP/Recommended Top 25% SAT-1300/ACT-30 Non-refundable fee-\$60	January 15, 2010	December 1, 2009	March 31, 2009

NOTE: These are very brief descriptions of the qualifications for admissions. Please go to the website of the schools you are interested in to find specific admissions requirements. Also, the deadline dates for admissions and scholarships are the final dates for submission. I encourage you to apply ahead of the deadline dates.

FINALLY: Each university has its own college day for students to go and visit the campus. You may look on-line for those dates on each university's website.