

# COLLEGE CORNER

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**Seniors:** Fill out and send in the FAFSA. This is the important first step in obtaining any financial aid, even loans! The form must be in by March 2 for Cal Grants. All of your verified GPA's have been sent in online. Keep me posted on your college acceptances! You will be hearing from the UC's in March. Congratulations to those who are now CSF Sealbearers! Several colleges offer scholarships for that.

**Juniors:** Plan on taking the SAT Reasoning Test (and maybe the ACT with Writing) in April, May or June. Please schedule appointments with me to start your college application planning. April 7 is your special day when presenters from various colleges/universities will come to Connelly for you and your parents.

**Sophomores & Juniors:** A practice SAT exam will be given on a Saturday in March. More information will be coming later. Don't miss this opportunity.

**Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors:** Sign up forms for AP Exams will be given to you by your teachers. That form listing each Exam you plan to take and payment (\$82 per Exam) should be turned into the school office (Mrs. Cary).

**All students:** Don't forget to check on summer academic programs in the United States and abroad - many brochures are available in the College Center.

**Helpful websites:** **Financial Aid:** [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov), [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com) - **Scholarships:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com), [www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com), [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com), [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), [www.mach25.com](http://www.mach25.com), [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com)

## **Important Dates:**

<b>February 24</b>	4/1 <b>SAT Reasoning Test</b> registration deadline
<b>March 3</b>	4/8 <b>ACT</b> registration deadline (sign up for optional Writing)
<b>March 15</b>	deadline for <b>AP Exam</b> registration and payment (\$82) to school office
<b>April 1</b>	<b>SAT Reasoning Test</b>
<b>April 3</b>	5/6 <b>SAT Reasoning Test</b> & <b>SAT Subject Tests</b> registration deadline
<b>April 7</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> College Information Day
<b>April 8</b>	<b>ACT</b> with writing

## **Scholarships/Opportunities (see Mrs. Anderson if interested):**

- **Junior League of Orange County Scholarship Program** – 2.5 or higher GPA – citizen/permanent resident – former or current participant in a Junior League of Orange County (check list @ [www.jlocc.org](http://www.jlocc.org)) - requires letter of recommendation – postmark deadline **March 1**
- **USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships** – details & application at [www.usafunds.org](http://www.usafunds.org) - select “Scholarship Information” from the “Express Links” menu – application deadline **March 1**
- **The California Association of Collectors Educational Scholarships** – one page application & essay on “The Proper Use of Credit in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” – see: [www.cacesf.org](http://www.cacesf.org) - mail or email entries – entry deadline **March 1**
- **Central Orange County Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship** – must live in central OC – going to 4-year institution that has national sororities on campus – requires recommendation – Santa Ana delivery deadline **March 6**
- **Centennial Babies Scholarship** – requires copy of birth certificate issued in Orange County dated between 8/1/88-8/1/89 & letter of recommendation – [www.oc100.org](http://www.oc100.org) - postmark deadline **March 15**
- **Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship** – requires good grades, financial need, leadership, activities, recommendations, Catholic, Italian descent – reception deadline **March 15**
- **Yorba Linda Woman's Club Scholarships** – for students residing in Placentia or Yorba Linda – requires minimum GPA 2.5 – postmark deadline **April 7**
- **KFC Colonel's Scholars Program** – 2.75 or higher GPA – planning to attend public college/university – U.S. citizen/permanent resident – applications online ([www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org)) **February 15 through March 31**
- **Peterson's Scholarship – juniors & seniors** can register – for official contest rules visit [www.petersons.com/gaj/scholarship](http://www.petersons.com/gaj/scholarship)

