

## COLLEGE CORNER

by Mary Pat Anderson

**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 will be 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!

**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 4 is your special day when presenters from various colleges/universities will come to Connelly for you and your parents.

**Sophomores & Juniors:** Flyers are included in this Courier regarding two Princeton Review test prep courses to be offered at Connelly this spring. The ACT prep course starts on March 1 and is for the April 12<sup>th</sup> test. The SAT prep course starts on March 29 and is for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> test.

**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 (\$84 per Exam) should be turned into Mrs. Anderson in the College Center by March 15.

**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>March 7</b>	4/12 <b>ACT</b> registration deadline (sign up for optional Writing)
<b>March 15</b>	deadline for <b>AP Exam</b> registration and payment (\$84)
<b>March 1</b>	<b>SAT Reasoning Test</b>
<b>April 1</b>	5/3 <b>SAT Reasoning Test</b> & <b>SAT Subject Tests</b> registration deadline
<b>April 4</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> College Information Day
<b>April 12</b>	<b>ACT</b> with writing

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

- **Asian Pacific Fund Scholarships** for Engineering, Computer or Physical Science for students of Filipino heritage – based on grades, motivation and financial need – forms available at [www.asianpacificfund.org/awards](http://www.asianpacificfund.org/awards) - postmark deadline **Feb. 29**
- **Central Orange County Alumnae Panhellenic** is offering scholarships to girls planning on attending a college that has sororities. You must live in Santa Ana, Tustin, Orange, Villa Park or North Tustin area. Mrs. Anderson has applications. They must be received by the chairperson by 5 pm on **March 1**.
- **Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation** scholarships if you are the daughter of a Marine on active duty, in the Reserve, retired or deceased. Application forms available to download at [www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org). Submission deadline **March 3**.
- **Sammy 2008 Awards** for senior scholar athletes – based on academics, athletic performance, leadership, community service and milk experience (got milk?) – applications only accepted online at <http://sammy.bodybymilk.com> until **March 7**
- **Bernard C. Harris Memorial Scholarship** – minimum 3.0 GPA, recognizes entrepreneurial spirit, strong family values, financial need – [www.harrisconnect.com/scholarship](http://www.harrisconnect.com/scholarship) - or see Mrs. Anderson - application deadline to Mrs. Anderson **March 14**

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- **Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards** – apply online at [www.HispanicHeritage.org](http://www.HispanicHeritage.org) – awards in Business, Education, Engineering & Mathematics, Journalism, Leadership and Sports – for Hispanic/Latino high school seniors – requires application, transcript and letter of recommendation – must be citizen or permanent resident with 3.00 minimum GPA - postmark deadline **March 14**
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities** (RMHC) & McDonald’s Operators’ Association offer four college scholarships for high school seniors.
  1. RMHC/African American Future Achievers
  2. RMHC/Asian Pacific American Students Increasing Achievement
  3. RMHC/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources
  4. RMHC/Scholars
 The amounts range from \$2000 to \$8000. Students may apply to more than one but if selected, will be awarded only one. A transcript, personal statement and letter of recommendation must also be submitted. The application deadline is **March 14**.
- **Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship** – requires good grades, financial need, leadership, activities, recommendations, Catholic, Italian descent – reception deadline **March 15** – see Mrs. Anderson
- **The Orange County Community Foundation** is offering 7 different scholarships with applications due **between March 15 and March 28**. Some require residence in Orange County, some just require graduation from an Orange County high school. One is for a 2-year vocational program, one for art majors, one for academics, three for financial need, one for journalism majors. See Mrs. Anderson for forms.
- **Yorba Linda Woman’s Club** - \$1,000 scholarships – minimum 3.00 GPA – must live in Placentia-Yorba Linda School District – applications in College Center – postmark deadline **April 4**
- **2008 Edison Scholars Program** – scholarships reward students with potential and financial need – applications and information at <http://www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/edison> - application deadline **April 14**.
- **Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation** – for students who are legal residents and demonstrate academic ability – can apply anytime but absolute deadline is **May 15** – applications in College Center