

## COLLEGE CORNER

by Mary Pat Anderson

**Seniors:** Most of your remaining applications are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure all necessary materials (SAT scores, etc.) have been sent to your chosen colleges. Fill out and send in the FAFSA. **All financial aid/loans** are dependent on this. Don't **get senioritis: colleges want to see strong second semester grades!** If you are thinking of changing your second semester schedule, be sure to check with the colleges you have applied to first. Congrats to those of you who have already heard from a college/university!

**Juniors:** It's time to start meeting with me to start your college application process. I will be scheduling you during free blocks, during lunch/conference, before or after school and if necessary during class. Start looking at colleges this spring. Don't get hooked on just one school – it might not be a realistic choice. Your ideas about what you want will change over time. Don't obsess over the college process – you still need to do well in school. Focus on your academics but find an activity you love. Start forming good relationships with teachers now so you have people you can ask to write recommendations for you. **Connelly is offering a SAT test prep course on campus for the March Test. (See Flyer)** Plan on taking the SAT Reasoning Test in March or May, and some SAT Subject Tests and maybe the ACT in April or June. Take advantage of free online ACT and SAT practice tests at <http://www.petersons.com/gaj/testprep> and SAT prep at <http://www.collegeboard.com>.

**Sophomores & Freshwomen:** You have completed the first semester. Now is the time to turn things around if that semester is not as good as it could be. Colleges do look at improvement! There are lots of great summer programs available as well for enrichment. Materials are available in the College Center. I will be coming to your Religion or English classes to meet with you.

### Important Dates:

**Jan. 26** SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests

**Jan. 26 – February 28** SAT Test Prep course by Princeton Review at Connelly (see flyer)

**Jan. 29** Registration deadline for 3/1 **SAT Reasoning Test**

**Jan. 30** U. S. Air Force Academy & Air Force ROTC informational meeting at Connelly, 11 am

**Feb.9** ACT

### Scholarships/Opportunities (for seniors):

- Scholarship information available at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com), [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), [www.lunch-money.com](http://www.lunch-money.com), [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) and [www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com).
- **President's Scholars, CSUF** – above average SAT or ACT – GPA 3.75 or higher – community service + school activities – [www.fullerton.edu/scholars](http://www.fullerton.edu/scholars) - application receipt deadline **Feb. 1**
- **St. Edward's University** in Austin, TX, is offering a special scholarship for the academically gifted student with high test scores, called the Holy Cross Scholar Award. Application reception deadline **Feb. 1**
- **California Association of Collectors Educational Scholarship** – essay required – “Importance of Establishing & Maintaining good Credit During Your College Years” – [www.cacesf.org](http://www.cacesf.org) - deadline **Feb. 1**
- **Hispanic Education Endowment Fund scholarships** – U. S. citizenship, Hispanic heritage, live in Orange County, demonstrate financial need – [www.heef.org](http://www.heef.org) - postmark deadline **Feb. 15**
- **Best Buy Scholarship** – for students with good grades & outstanding community service – apply at [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships) - application deadline **Feb. 15**
- **USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships** – apply online at [www.usafunds.org/scholarship](http://www.usafunds.org/scholarship) by **Feb. 15** - based on financial need and minority status.
- **KFC's Colonel's Scholars Scholarship** – U. S. citizenship, GPA of 2.75 or higher – go to [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org) - deadline **Feb. 15**
- **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**

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- **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 2007 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**
- **Italian Catholic Federation Scholarships** – for Catholic seniors of Italian descent with at least a 3.2 GPA – Mrs. Anderson has applications – deadline **March 15**
- **The Orange County Community Foundation** is offering 8 different scholarships with applications due **between March 15 and May 4**. 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 arts majors, three for academics, three for financial need, one for journalism majors, three for well rounded, involved students, one for restaurant/hotel management majors. See Mrs. Anderson for forms.
- **Army ROTC Scholarships** – apply at [www.armyrotc.com](http://www.armyrotc.com).