

COLLEGE CORNER

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Seniors: Any recommendations or transcripts due January 10 or earlier should have been turned into the College Center by December 10. Nothing will be sent to colleges between December 20 and January 7. Make sure all SAT/ACT scores have been **officially** (from test companies) sent to your college choices including individual UC campuses. You can use one code # (3594) for the CSU's.. File the CSS Profile now and the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. If you missed the financial aid night in November, you can access the program at www.GetCollegeFunding.org/seminar.wmv and you can prefigure your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) at www.GetCollegeFunding.org/free/calc.exe.

Juniors: Your PSAT scores were mailed home. Go to www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and set up your **My College QuickStart** account. It is an easy-to-use and free college and career planning kit for all who took the PSAT this year. Review your score report. See where your strengths are and get help with your weaker areas. Use your test, the correct answers, and your responses to help prepare for the SAT. Juniors should plan on taking the SAT Reasoning Test in March and/or in May. You can take the ACT in February, April, or June. Elect to take the ACT Assessment Plus Writing. Register to take appropriate SAT Subject Tests in June. Princeton Review will be offering prep classes for the March SAT and April ACT at Connelly in the spring. Courses will start in January and more information will be available after the break. Meanwhile, you may contact Kate Doyle at Princeton Review directly at kated@review.com.

Sophomores: Your PLAN scores will be mailed home after Christmas break. Review your score report. See where your strengths are and get help with your weaker areas. Use your test, the correct answers, and your responses to help prepare for future testing. Your score report tells you how you would do on the ACT. Register to take appropriate SAT Subject Tests in June. Princeton Review will be offering prep classes for the March SAT and April ACT at Connelly in the spring. Courses will start in January and more information will be available after the break. Meanwhile, you may contact Kate Doyle at Princeton Review directly at kated@review.com

Freshwomen: You will soon be completing your first semester of high school. Now is the time to turn things around if that semester is not as good as it could be. Colleges do look at improvement! Your NEDT scores were mailed home. Those scores are an indicator of your future performance on such tests.

All Students: Two websites that might help you with your college search are www.collegegrazing.com (free trial, then small cost) www.CollegeView.com.

Important Dates:

Dec. 26 1/26/08 **SAT Reasoning Test/Subject Tests** registration deadline
Jan. 4 2/9 **ACT** registration deadline
Jan. 26 **SAT Reasoning Test/Subject Tests**

Scholarships/Opportunities (see Mrs. Anderson if interested – for seniors unless noted):

- **AXA Achievement Scholarship**, based on ambition, drive and active involvement in community service, go to www.axa-achievement.com, application deadline **December 15**.
- **2008 Sam Walton Community Scholarship** available through www.walmartfoundation.org – postmark deadline for entry **Jan 14**
- **Mensa Foundation Scholarships** – go to www.ocmensa.org, click on Scholarships for information and a link to download an entry form for your zip code – must be resident of Orange County and submit essay postmarked by **Jan 16**
- **CAC 2008 Scholarships** – requires application and 3-4 page essay on “Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Credit during Your College Years” – information and application online at www.cacesf.org – postmark deadline **Feb 1**
- **ACA Achievement Community Scholarship** – for students with ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community – applications available at www.axa-achievement.com – apply by **Feb 15**
- **BURGER KING Scholars Program** – applications available online at www.bk.com/scholars - postmark deadline for submission is **Feb 15**
- **Hispanic Education Endowment Fund** – for students of Hispanic descent who live in Orange County – demonstrate financial need, academic achievement and school/community/volunteer involvement - applications in College Center – postmark deadline **Feb 15**

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- **KFC Colonel's Scholars Program** – for citizens with financial need going to public universities – online application available through **Feb 15** – www.kfcscholars.org
- **The National Co-Op Scholarship Program** – if going to Johnson & Wales University, Northeastern University or Pace University (and others) – based on merit, 3.5 GPA or better – requires essay – submit application online at www.co-op.edu or mail – submission deadline **Feb 15**
- **USAFunds Access to Education Scholarships** – for ethnic minorities with financial need – applications available online at www.usafunds.org/scholarship - applications accepted online between Dec. 15 and **Feb 15**
- **Alumni Scholarships** are available at UCLA for freshmen – to download an application and for further information go to www.UCLAlumni.net/ApplyScholarships - deadline **Feb 20**