

College and Career News
Winter 2016

Final Semester of Senior Year, Here We Come! Let's Finish Strong!

I'm so proud of the class of 2017. We set a goal to have 100 college applications completed by Nov. 18. Congratulations on completing 137! Many students have also applied to more than one college, which allows students a choice of the "best fit, best deal" next Fall. Some have been accepted to the college of their choice and are confident about next fall. Some, however, are still struggling with these important decisions. Please let me know how I can help!

Now it is time to set a new goal for the Spring Semester!

Last year's Seniors, the class of 2016, set a record for the amount of scholarship money they were offered and the amount of scholarship money they accepted. They were offered a total of 4.6 million dollars and accepted 1.5 million in Financial Aid. Because this year Senior Class is smaller the goal will be adjusted to:

Drumroll.....

Goal: The Senior Class of 2017 will be offered at least \$4,289,189 dollars in scholarship money and will accept at least \$1,398,000 dollars! ☺ Let's go get it!

In order to accomplish this goal students must begin applying for scholarships! I recommend using the habit established in elementary school to improve reading. If you will set aside 30 minutes each day to search for an apply for scholarships, you will be amazed at the results!

Check out other helpful documents at the "Counselors Corner" of the High School website

Events at CHS!!!

Jan. 9	TCC Rep to Visit with Students	Lunch	C306**
Jan. 11	OBU Rep to Visit with Students	Lunch	C306**
Jan. 23	UCO Rep to Visit with Students	Lunch	C306**

**** Potential Student Visits involve a recruiter from the school coming to talk to students about the programs and opportunities the school offers. They discuss admission requirements and financial aid as well. The procedure to participate begins when students sign up in the counseling office indicating their interest. On the day of the visit, students should take their lunch and report to C306 ****

Concurrent Enrollment

Classes at TCC, NSUBA, and NSU Classes on Campus begin the week of January 9. Last minute enrollees need to be enrolled no later than January 6. Students should be familiar with how to log in to their Blackboard account. Students are required to print and turn in their concurrent class grades to Mrs. Bible on Fridays, beginning on January 27th.

Reminder: The Cherokee Nation Concurrent Scholarship deadline is this Friday, **December 16, 2016 at 5:00pm**. The application can be found online at <http://www.cherokee.org/Services/Education/CollegeResources.aspx>

If you have any questions concerning the concurrent scholarship you may contact Brenda Butler at 918-207-3948 or at concurrentenrollment@cherokee.org

College and Career Events and News

Still trying to decide what college to attend and what to study there? The College Board can help! Visit <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

SWOSU -Southwestern Oklahoma State University Honors Program: To qualify for admission into the SWOSU Honors Program, a student must meet these three requirements: a minimum composite score of 28 on the ACT or a SAT score of 1250, have a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 grading scale, and have been admitted into SWOSU. Deadline March 1, 2017

OU:

Planning to apply at OU? Several of our faculty are alumni and have an alumni code that can be used to waive the \$40 application fee. See Mrs. Pierce if you are interested.

OSUITT:

Are you looking for a more “hands-on” career? OSUITT is a technical university that offers associate and bachelor degrees that are centered around applied learning. They offer personalized tours daily. Visit their website at http://www.osuit.edu/tour_request or call Meghan Emerson at 918-293-5218 to schedule a tour or get more information.

College of the Muscogee Nation:

Did you know that this college is open to students from federally recognized tribes and gives significant financial aid and scholarships for students interested in pursuing opportunities in Tribal Services, Political Science, Native American Studies, and Gaming. Visit their website at www.mvsktc.org for more information.

Opportunities

Summer Youth Program

The Muscogee Creek Nation’s Department of Education and Training provides resources for Native American Youth in addition to Summer Employment. Applications are in the Counseling office and are due by March 31st.

ACT Prep Camps

NSU offers Prep Camps before each national testing date. Go to <https://academics.nsuok.edu/continuingeducation/ACTPrepCamps.aspx> for more information and to register. These are also offered at the Broken Arrow campus.

ACT Fee Waivers

Two Waivers are available for students that qualify on free or reduced lunch or are in Educational Talent Search. Come by the counseling office to pick one up! The ACT fee will be reimbursed to those who are on the JOM/Native American rolls. See Mrs. Minter in Room D405 for details.

ACT Tips and Prep

Prepare to do your best by working the program at www.march2success.com. It is a free website that was created by the Army that includes subject area tutorials, games, flashcards and seven REAL practice tests. There is no obligation to be interested in the military. It is free to all and has been proven to raise scores.

SAT

Fee Waivers are now available in the counseling office

Career Opportunities

Oklahoma Society of Land Surveyors wants you to consider a career in Surveying. Find out more at www.surveyoklahoma.com

Alorica is a Telemarketing/Customer Service company that hires students out of high school. Find out more at www.alorica.com

FASFA and Financial Aid

Don't forget to complete your FASFA! It is important to complete your FASFA and apply for college admission in order to be eligible to compete for the highest financial awards.

Here are some step-by-step resources are available to help you file the FAFSA. The following video was created for the 2016-2017 FASFA but because you will file based on 2015 taxes the video contains the correct procedures. Follow the same procedures but choose to file for the 2017-2018 school year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fSeHK4ceGs> Video walk-through of the FASFA

Completing the following worksheet will help you gather all the information needed. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1718/pdf/fafsaws17c.pdf>

Please be aware you should only use the official FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your application. Other sites look alarmingly similar but will charge you to complete your FASFA.

Scholarships and Awards

**** Be looking for another scholarship supplement in January****

Book recommendation: "Winning Scholarships for College" by Marianne Ragins

The UNIGO \$10K Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2016

Is college worth it? You invest your time, money, and energy into getting a college degree. The return could be your education, experiences, relationships, a career, a sense of purpose, or something else entirely. Weighing the expected investment and return, is college worth it for you? In 250 words or less, tell us why. Award amount is \$10,000.

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship>

NEW: PAF Scholarship : Deadline 1-31-17

The Professional Athletes Foundation Student Scholarship is designed for a high school athlete who intends to attend a university, college, or two-year institution that does not provide athletic scholarships. The Scholarship rewards high school athletes for their non-athletic achievements and assists them in achieving their career goals. Requirements include: 2.0 GPA, Accepted at a 2 or 4 year college, nominated by a high school coach, in varsity athletics for at least one year, has not accepted funds to participate in college athletics. Pick up application in the counseling office.

Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholars: Deadline 2-15-17

Award is up to \$10,000 per year. Requirements include a GPA of 3.25 or greater and a demonstrated exceptional ability and achievement in one of the following areas. 1) arts and humanities, (2) science and engineering or (3) community leadership.

<https://occf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1479>

Special Group Scholarships:

Financial Need:

Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholarship-

Deadline 2-15-17 Award is up to \$10,000 per year. Requirements include a demonstrated financial need, a GPA of 3.25 or greater and a demonstrated exceptional ability and achievement in one of the following areas. 1) arts and humanities, (2) science and engineering or (3) community leadership.

<https://occf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1479>

Students with a Parent/Grandparent who Served in the Military:

Legacy Scholarship is an American Legion scholarship that provides a great opportunity for children of post-9/11 veterans. Each award is good for one year for up to \$20,000.

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

Eagle Scouts:

The American Legion honors the Eagle Scout of the Year at the national convention with a \$10,000 scholarship. The three runners-up get \$2,500.

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout>

Nursing: The American Legion also supports a Nursing scholarship. More information can be found at <http://www.8and40.org/programs/nurses-scholarship>

Native American Scholarships:

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarships can be found at www.creeknationfoundation.org

The Native American Scholarship fund posts scholarship opportunities at <http://catchingthedream.org/> Don't miss checking them out! They also have some very helpful articles on their website including, "How to Find and Win Scholarships". The odds are 95% that you will win one of these scholarships if you apply!

Cherokee Students should visit <https://www.scholarships.cherokee.org/> for scholarship opportunities.

The following websites are free and helpful sites. You can find many more scholarship applications. The more time you spend searching the more money you will get toward college. Good luck!

<http://ucango2.org>

<https://www.okcollegestart.org>

<https://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

<http://www.scholarships4students.com>

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://www.scholarships.com>

<http://www.collegeboard.org>

<http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory>

www.studentscholarships.org Like their page on FaceBook for updates on scholarships