



# The Seniors Roar

Dec. 1, 2004

For more information on any of the following please see Mrs. Taylor in the Counselor's Office.

## **ACT Testing Dates** (Packets are in my office or you can register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org))

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<b>FYI</b> -Practice tests and Act software can be checked out in the library to prepare for the test.
February 12, 2005	January 7, 2005	
April 9, 2005	March 4, 2005	
June 11, 2005	May 6, 2005	

**FYI**-Every post-secondary school has their own deadline for admissions, scholarships, and financial aid. Please make sure that you are aware of the deadlines for the schools you are interested in so you don't miss them! They should be listed on their websites. If you have any trouble finding them please let Mrs. Taylor know.

## **Post-Secondary School Visitation Days**

As seniors you will be able to use one school day to visit post-secondary schools. **If the day is to be excused** you will need to get a College Visit Form from Mrs. Taylor, fill it out, get the appropriate signatures, and turn the first page of the form back into Mrs. Taylor at least one day prior to your college visit. The second page of the form must then be signed by the Admissions Office of the school visited and turned back into Mrs. Taylor the day you return.

FYI: If the school you are interested in is not listed below look them up on their website. Upcoming events are usually listed, and you can find out when their Senior Days are scheduled.

Baker University (Baldwin City, KS) They have several days scheduled. Please refer to the poster on the senior bulletin board for specific dates.

Baylor University (Waco, TX) Preview their campus at their Winter Premiere on January 29, 2005 or their Spring Premiere on April 23, 2005. Register ahead of time at [www.baylor.edu](http://www.baylor.edu)

Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg, MO) They are having several senior visitation days; general and in certain major areas. If you are interested come in to get the specific dates.

Friends University (Wichita, KS) They have several times for visitation days. Must register ahead of the date you are going to attend. For more info see the poster on the bulletin board.

Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College (Miami, OK) High school seniors can attend home games free of charge by calling the Recruitment Office at 1-888-Go-Go-NEO prior to the game and requesting their free ticket.

Ottawa University (Ottawa, KS) They have several visitation opportunities beginning with one on Friday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Must register ahead of time. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS) They have several seniors days; some for general and some days for specific majors. Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis. See the poster for dates and Mrs. Taylor for the registration form.

University of Missouri (Kansas City, MO) They are having an Architecture, Urban Planning & Design Open House on Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Mrs. Taylor for more info.

University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO) They have several Preview Days throughout the school year. Check with Mrs. Taylor for the exact dates.

Westminster College (Fulton, MO) They have several visitation days. See Mrs. Taylor for the dates.

## **Post-Secondary School Scholarships**

Allen County Community College (Iola, KS) Their theater department is offering scholarships. If interested see Mrs. Taylor for the details.

The Art Institute (located at several locations throughout the United States) They are offering several scholarships. See Mrs. Taylor for more info.

Baker University (Baldwin City, KS) They have several scholarships based on ACT and gpa that you might qualify for if you are interested.

Barton County Community College (Great Bend, KS) The sports medicine department is looking for students who are interested in joining their student athletic trainers' staff while in school. Scholarships are available for being on this staff. If interested please let Mrs. Taylor know by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bethany College (Lindsborg, KS) I have a booklet of various scholarships they are offering. Deadlines vary.

Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg, MO) If you are interested in attending they now have a grant that will waive out-of-state fees for seniors in several neighboring counties including Cherokee County. See poster for details.

Coffeyville Community College (Coffeyville, KS) If you have a 3.5 cumulative gpa and an ACT Composite score of 24 you qualify for their Presidential Scholarship. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship please see Mrs. Taylor by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. **Also** they are offering the Kansas Breaking Traditions Contest for scholarship monies. This is a state-wide competition to recognize outstanding male and female students who are enrolled in a vo-tech program which is non-traditional to their gender. App deadline is Feb. 1, 2005.

Colby Community College (Colby, KS) Presidential Scholarships are being offered. You must have an ACT composite of 22 or higher and show strong academic promise. Deadline is Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. See Mrs. Taylor if you are interested.

Crowder College (Neosho, MO) If you have a 3.0 gpa or a 21 on the ACT you qualify for their Crowder Connection Scholarship. There will be 100 of these scholarships given on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must also apply for admissions at this time.

DeVry University (There are several locations) They are offering several scholarships based on gpa and ACT scores. Deadline for one of the scholarships is March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Highland Community College (Highland, KS) I have a flyer with several of their scholarships listed. Most scholarship deadlines are Feb. 1, 2005.

Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS) You can apply for their scholarships online at

[www.ksu.edu/sfa](http://www.ksu.edu/sfa) Click on scholarships which will direct you to the app.

**Also** K-State offers a First in Class Guarantee. Any senior who graduates first in their class will receive scholarship monies based on their ACT scores. **Also** to women planning to attend the Smurthwaite Leadership/Scholarship House may be an option. You must apply by March. Housing there is not as expensive as the dorms. Mrs. Taylor has more info on this.

**Also** their Fine Arts Dept. is offering scholarships in several different areas. If interested make sure you see the poster on the senior bulletin board. Deadlines vary.

Kansas Wesleyan University (Salina, KS) They have several awards and scholarships they offer. Please see the poster on the senior bulletin board for the info.

McPherson College (McPherson, KS) Academic and Performance Based Scholarships are being offered. Deadlines vary.

Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, MO) Their Honors Program offers scholarship opportunities if you qualify. To be eligible you must have at least a 3.5 g.p.a. or an ACT composite of 28. Deadline for app and interview is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Neosho County Community College (Chanute, KS) I have a flyer of several of their scholarship opportunities.

Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College (Miami, OK) You can apply online for their scholarships at [www.neoam.edu/prospective\\_students.html](http://www.neoam.edu/prospective_students.html)

Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, MO) They are offering the American Dream grant. There are several restrictions for this grant. If you qualify cost for school will be only \$1,500 per year for the first two years of schooling.

Ottawa University (Ottawa, KS) If you are interested in attending their school, have a 3.5 gpa, an ACT composite of 25, and rank in the top 1/3 of your class you may apply for their Presidential Scholars Scholarship competition. If interested please let Mrs. Taylor know by Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, KS) They have a new Academic Achievement Award scholarship which you automatically get when you apply for admissions if you qualify. It is based on your ACT score and g.p.a. If interested see me for the sliding scale of award. **Also** if you have at least a 3.5 g.p.a. and a 28 ACT composite you may qualify for their Honors College which means scholarship monies! You must apply before Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Savannah College of Art and Design (Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia) I have a booklet of different scholarships they offer.

Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield, MO) I have a booklet of several scholarships they are offering. Deadlines vary.

University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR) The Silas Hunt Distinguished Scholarship is being offered. This is a minority or first-generation college student scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

University of Chicago (Chicago, IL) They are offering Merit Scholarships. To find out more information call them at (773) 702-8650 or visit their web site at [collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu](http://collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu)

University of Missouri (Columbia, MO) They are offering several scholarships. Deadlines vary.

University of Nebraska (Lincoln, NE) Their Department of Geosciences is offering scholarships to students who plan to be geology majors. Deadline for app is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Washburn University (Topeka, KS) I have a booklet of several different scholarships that they offer. Deadlines vary.

Westminster College (Fulton, MO) There are several Freshmen Merit Scholarships being offered.

Wichita State University (Wichita, KS) The Barton School of Business is having their International Business Essay Scholarship Competition. Poster is in the commons area. Deadline is April 4, 2005.

William Woods University (Fulton, MO) I have a booklet of different scholarships that they offer. Deadlines vary.

## **Organizational Scholarships**

The American Legion-They are offering several different types of scholarships ranging from baseball to music. See Mrs. Taylor for the list. Deadlines vary.

AXA Foundation-AXA Achievement Scholarships. Go to [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) to apply. Deadline is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bank of America-Bank of America Financial Aid Sweepstakes. No purchase or loan app is necessary. For complete rules visit [www.bankofamerica.com/studentsweeps](http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentsweeps)

Gates Millennium Scholars-They are offering scholarships to students from traditionally under-represented groups, have a gpa of 3.75, and a record of community service. App can be found at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). Deadline for app is Jan. 14, 2005.

ESA Foundation-Several scholarships are available. Must rank in upper 25% of the class, have at least a 3.0 gpa, or have a 22 on the ACT composite. Deadline for app is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kansas Board of Regents-They are offering the Vocational Education Scholarship Program for students who plan to enroll in designated one or two year vocational programs. In order to qualify for this program you must also take the vocational scholarship test. March 5<sup>th</sup> testing with a deadline of Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kansas Elks Association-They are offering "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for four years. Deadline is Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. The app is rather extensive so make sure you give yourself plenty of time to complete it.

Kansas State Department of Education-Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. Must have a 3.85 gpa and a composite score of 32 on the ACT to apply. Deadline for app is Feb. 7, 2005.

Michael R. LaFerla, DDS, MS, PC-His orthodontic office in Joplin is offering a scholarship to help a patient or former patient further their education. App deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)-They are offering scholarships based on academics, ACT scores, class rank, and gpa. You must also be recommended by a member of the NFIB. You can download the app at [www.NFIB.com/education](http://www.NFIB.com/education). The app deadline is March 15, 2005.

## **MISC.**

Several of the colleges in Kansas are planning to have the College Goal Sunday on Feb. 13th from 2 pm to 4 pm again this year. The closest location for us is Pittsburg State University. This workshop is designed to help students with filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for financial aid. There will also be two \$250 scholarship drawings at the conclusion of the event for those students attending. Check their website for updates on site locations at [www.collegegoal.org](http://www.collegegoal.org)

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact has initiated the Midwest Student Exchange Program. They have done this to increase opportunities and make out-of-state institutions more affordable for students in its member states. This program enables residents from several states to enroll in designated institutions and programs at reduced tuition levels outside their home state. See Mrs. Taylor for the school listings and more information if interested.

## **FYI**

**Seniors-If you are offered a scholarship from a college or organization (whether you are planning to accept it or not) please let me know.** I need to make a copy of the letter that they send you regarding the scholarship for three reasons: 1. I will have an idea of what you have been offered and what you want to accept; 2. I would like to recognize you in this senior bulletin; and 3. I want to also recognize you at the Awards Assembly in May (after all, if you did something to deserve a scholarship you should be recognized for it whether you are going to accept it or not).

If you are interested in playing sports, or participating in an activity in college that requires you to apply for **NCAA eligibility** then you need to see Mrs. Taylor to get the appropriate paperwork done! **The booklets are in!!!**

**“Super Saturday”** will be this Saturday, **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:45 a.m.**

This is a seminar to help students improve their ACT scores. During this time the students will take a shortened practice ACT test, learn test-taking strategies, and have time to practice for specific areas of the test. The seminar will conclude with a pizza and pop party for all those who participated. The party is sponsored by the Kansas Kids Gear Up Program. “Super Saturday” is open to any Baxter Springs High School student who is planning to take the ACT this year. If you want to attend you must sign up with Mrs. Taylor as soon as possible.

**Also** the teachers have kindly offered to have an **ACT Review Week** to help students improve their scores on the different sections of the ACT test. Following are the dates and sessions (you do not have to attend “Super Saturday” to sign-up):

**English/Reading** Session-Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:20

**Math** Session-Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:20

**Science** Session-Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:20

If you want to attend you must sign up in Mrs. Taylor’s office by the day before the session you want to attend.

The **Financial Aids Meeting** for you and your parents is scheduled for Monday, **Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** A representative from the Financial Aids Office at Pittsburg State University will be here to go over different types of financial aid available and an explanation of filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). **Please be sure to mark your calendars.** If you want to apply for some free monies this is a meeting you will not want to miss!!!

If you and your parents are planning to apply for financial aid for your schooling next year then you will need to fill out the **FAFSA** (app you will fill out for financial aid in January). Although you may fill this app out on hard copy the U.S. Department of Education is strongly suggesting that you **apply online**, because the process will be a lot quicker than by mail. In order to apply online the student and the parent **each need to have a PIN number** that is used when filling out the app for the signature page. You need to be applying for the PIN numbers now in order to have it when you need it. Apply for your PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) Once it is after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, you have gotten your PIN numbers, and your income taxes for 2004 you can go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and apply electronically online.