

MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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Seniors planning to go to college: Please turn in your blue folders with all necessary paperwork by October 15. If you were unable to attend the College Information Workshop on Sept. 17, please see your counselor.

Preview Day at Cal Poly Pomona! Saturday, October 17 from 9am - 3pm.

It's a great way to learn about one of our local universities!

For details, check out the website:

<http://www.dsa.csupomona.edu/admissions/previewday.asp>

**** Selective Service Reminder:** If you are a male 17-18 years old, now is the time to register with Selective Service. Federal Law requires that you register within a month of your 18th birthday. You can register on line at www.sss.gov.

SAT DATES & FEES:

U.S. Registration Deadlines

2009-10 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 31, 2009
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

Check out the Test Prep Resources: Listed below are both websites and print resources related to preparing for the **SAT /ACT**:

www.compassprep.com

www.kaplan.com

www.sylvanprep.com

www.uccp.orgwww.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

www.princetonreview.com

Guidance Department Activities:

Counselors will be conducting 1802 academic review meetings for current seniors.

Remember tutoring is available M - F from 3-5 and 6:45-7:45 am @ MHS in the library & in classrooms on campus. Pick up a schedule from the guidance center or from a teacher for specific locations. Help is available!!! Don't FAIL!!!

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION: HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE!!!

Listed below are just some of the many resources available to help finance the cost of college:

Federal and State Grants: Cal Grants fall into this category. (You do not have to pay these back)

Institutional Grants: provided by a specific college

Work Study programs: The government will compensate your employer for all or part of your wages. The college the student is attending provides the job and wages.

Scholarships: These may be based upon need and merit, or merit alone.

Loans: There are both subsidized (federal gov't pays the interest while you're in school) and unsubsidized (you pay interest from the time loan is granted) low interest loans available. The colleges often help the students coordinate these loans.

Not sure where to apply for college? NO PROBLEM!!!

CSUMentor.edu and UCOP.edu/pathways websites provide helpful information for students still deciding where to apply. If you're not sure *what* to study, perhaps you might want to think about *where* you would like to study. There are so many fantastic college towns right here in Southern California, and even more throughout the state! So, start doing a little research. There is a whole world out there beyond Montclair, CA!!!

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP LISTINGS:

Coca-Cola Scholars Program: Deadline is October 31,2009 Apply at: <https://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/servlet/UserValidateController?programId=1&actionPage=programs>

- Applicants must be **CURRENT** high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the U.S.
- U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents
- planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution;
- have a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school.
- **APPLICANTS MAY NOT** be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, Company divisions or subsidiaries.

The Ron Brown Scholar Program: Deadline is November 1, 2009 Download application at: www.ronbrown.org

- African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card.

Dell Scholars Program: Application available after November 1, 2009 at <http://www.dellscholars.org/public/>

KFC Colonel's Scholars Scholarship: Application available in December at www.kfcscholars.org

- Graduate from high school this academic year (between 12/1/09 and 8/31/10)
- Earn a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.75
- Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public, in-state college or university (start date no later than 9/30/10)
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Demonstrate financial need

Dorothy Harris Endowed Scholarship - up to \$3,000: Deadline is December 31, 2009.

Apply online at:

http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/~media/Files/Grants%20And%20Scholarships/Scholarships/Dorothy%20Harris_Application2010%20writable.pdf

- Any female, American citizen or legal resident, graduate student who will be pursuing a full-time course of study at an accredited postgraduate institution during the 2010-2011 school year is eligible to apply for the scholarship. If you will not have tuition expenses in the 2010-2011 school year, you are not eligible for this scholarship. Scholarship checks will be issued in the summer of 2010.

Burger King Have it Your Way Foundation: Apply between September 14, 2009, and February 1, 2010 http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp_application.html

- The applicant must be a current high school senior with a 2.5 or higher GPA, work part-time for at least 15 hours per week, demonstrate financial need and participation in community service and extracurricular activities.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund/General College : Apply between September 1, 2009 and December 15, 2009.

- Be of **Hispanic heritage**
- Be a **U.S. citizen** or **legal permanent resident** with a permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551 (not expired)
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (**GPA**) of **3.0** on a 4.0 scale
- Have plans to enroll **FULL-TIME** in a degree seeking program at a two or four year U.S. accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands or Guam during the **2010-2011** academic year
- **Must** apply for federal financial aid by completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
- Be pursuing first undergraduate or graduate degree

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) : Paper applications must be postmarked by **January 11, 2010**. Online applications must be submitted by January 11, 2010, 11:59 p.m. EST.

www.gmsp.org.

Please email your questions to **gmsinfo@hsf.net**.

- Outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American with a minimum grade point average (**GPA**) of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, demonstrated leadership skills, and significant financial need.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund/General Motors Scholarship Program - \$2,500 : Applications available in May 2010; Deadline is **July 2010**.

- Be of **Hispanic heritage**
- Be a **U.S. citizen** or **legal permanent resident** with a permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551 (not expired)
- Be enrolled **full-time** in a degree-seeking program at a **four-year** U.S. accredited college or university in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or U.S. Virgin Islands during the 2009-2010 academic year (enrollment is verified in the Fall)
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (**GPA**) of **3.0** on a 4.0 scale
- Be majoring in **Engineering** (*electrical, industrial, manufacturing and mechanical*) or **Business** (*accounting, business administration, economics and finance*) or **Human Resources**
- **Must** apply for federal financial aid by completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**