

# VHS Senior Newsletter

October / November 2009

## Mark Your Calendars... VHS College Night

On **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**, students and parents are invited to attend a parent / college night in the VHS Library. The following colleges will have representatives on hand to provide information and answer questions:

Lamar State College Orange  
Lamar University (Beaumont)  
Lamar State College Port Arthur  
Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT)

**There is money out there for college.....** But, you can't get a scholarship if you don't apply!

Don't think your Rank and GPA are too low to get a scholarship... **Come out and hear what these colleges have to say!**

## Project Graduation

Project Graduation meetings are held every **Monday night @ 6:30 pm** in the VHS cafeteria. Laura Brewer has graciously volunteered to be the 2009-10 President for Project Grad! Information about Project Graduation can be found on the Vidor website.

Here are some fundraisers that are going on in Project Grad:

- Split-Pots during the varsity football games
- Sponsor T-Shirts
- Yard Signs
- Spirit Ribbons

- Stadium Seats
- Novrosky's 10% sales Donation
- Spirit Table
- Yard Sale (donations needed)

**Remember: Senior students and/ or their parents earn points toward Project Graduation for every fundraiser that they participate in....**

# COLLEGE BOUND... TAKE IT IN STEPS:

Step # 1: Take the SAT / ACT (If you are on free / reduced lunch, you qualify for a fee waiver. See your Counselor.)

Step # 2: Apply for College. Early admission is usually in December. If you are applying to a college in the state of Texas, you can apply using the APPLY TEXAS applications. Check on-line at [www.applytexas.com](http://www.applytexas.com) or in the Go Center for an application.

Step # 3: Apply for Financial Aid. In February, you can begin filling out the FAFSA application. VHS will host a financial aid night in February in the VHS Library. More information will follow at a later date.

Step # 4: Take the THEA, if you are going to a college in Texas.

## You should be on Steps 2 and 3.

Register Now if you have not taken the SAT/ACT and you are planning on attending a 4 year University or College...

SAT = [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

ACT = [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

You must put in the VHS code on the registration form. This code # is 447275. you can send your scores to 4 colleges of your choice...

Mrs. Parker in the Go Center is available for SAT/ACT Registration assistance.

Students interested in **DeVry University, Oral Roberts University, St. Edward's University** or **Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art** Please see Mrs. Patterson for information.

## Scholarship Information Update

**Mirabeau Scholars Program:** Students interested in Lamar University Information in the Go Center. **Deadline Jan 15, 2009**

**SFA Army ROTC Scholarships:** Must have 2.5 GPA, Min. score of 920 on SAT or 19 on ACT, meet physical standards, agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army (active or Reserve) Apply online: [www.goarmy.com/rotc/](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/) Incentives for ARMY Nursing Program

**Terry Foundation Scholarship** – Up to a full ride for TX graduates who wish to attend: The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University at College Station, The University of Houston, Texas State University - San Marcos, The University of Texas at San Antonio, and The University of Texas at Dallas. Must be financially needy, possess a record of leadership in school and community, and have a strong academic background. More info at [www.terryfoundation.org](http://www.terryfoundation.org).

**Al's Formal Wear** – Two \$2500 college scholarships essay contest. Pick up an application at Al's formal wear. **Begins September 28<sup>th</sup> – Ends May 5<sup>th</sup>.** [www.alsformalwear.com/scholarship-rules.asp](http://www.alsformalwear.com/scholarship-rules.asp).

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** – Who? Any student who is a US citizen and has engaged in a volunteer activity in the last year. Apply online at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit), click on Apply Now, print out application and submit to K. Clark for review. If selected, you will be nominated for this scholarship of \$1000. **Apply by October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** – Gives 50 (\$20,000) and 200 (\$10,000) scholarships based on character, personal merit, and commitment. For details visit [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). **Apply by October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**American Legion Oratorical Contest** – For high school students no older than 18 and residing in Texas. Four awards from \$500 - \$2,000. First place winner enters state contest. State winners compete in national contest. Two speeches required. [www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org). **Apply by November 3, 2009**

**Voice of Democracy Competition** – Compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on the theme: "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by..." Interested students should go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) for details. **Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Horatio Alger Texas Scholarship Program** – There are 28 (\$5,000) scholarships awarded annually in Texas

**Academic Scholarship Program at Lamar University** – Awards over \$250,000 in scholarships each year. Range from \$500 - \$15,000. Applications can be picked up in the Go Center, room 609. **Priority Application Deadline is February 1, 2010.**

**McNeese State University** – Scholarship each year McNeese awards over \$5 million in scholarships to students. Range is from \$400 to \$8,000. Priority deadline is December 1, 2008. Apply on-line at [www.mcneese.edu](http://www.mcneese.edu). **Priority Deadline is December 1, 2009.**

**McNeese State University Honors College** – Scholarship applications for this program can be picked up in the Go Center, room 609. **Priority Deadline is February 2, 2010. Second Deadline is March 2, 2010.**

**Navy Scholarship Program** – NROTC scholarship information is available at <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>. For information locally, please contact Andrew Warren at [andrew.warren@navy.mil](mailto:andrew.warren@navy.mil) or call (713) 953-5959.

**Burger King Scholars Program** – Scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,000 each may be used for educational expenses, such as tuition, books, during the first year of college or vocational / technical school. For applications visit the Go-Center or [www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars). **Application Deadline is February 2, 2010.**

**Myra Hasty & Dr. Pat McLoed Scholarships** – 10 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for high school seniors involved in a CATE / Vocational organization and continuing their education at an accredited institution of higher learning for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters. [www.ctat.org](http://www.ctat.org) **Deadline March 26, 2010**

**Abbott & Fenner Scholarship** - \$1,000 scholarship. Write an essay on one of two topics. **Deadline is June 20, 2010.** [www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm).

**Texas Student Housing 2009-10 Scholarship.** – Housing scholarships of \$2,500 per year and renewable for up to 4 years for deserving and needy students seeking a higher education at universities in Austin, College Station, Denton, or San Marcos, Texas that have NOT signed off-campus housing leases with a TSH facility managed by Asset Campus Housing. Applications can be found at [www.texasstudenthousing.net](http://www.texasstudenthousing.net) or in the Go Center, room 609. **Deadline is January 31, 2010.**

**AXA Achievement Scholarship** - \$10,000 scholarship to 52 students (one in each state.) \$15,000 additional scholarships to 10 national recipients from a pool of the 52 winners. Scholarship applicants should be students who set and reach ambitious goals, demonstrate drive, determination and ability to succeed in college and who have respect for family, self, and community. [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com). **Deadline is December 15, 2009.**

**Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Interest Free Loan Program** – This foundation is a zero-interest educational loan program available through Frost National Bank of Galveston, Texas. (Yes, even after IKE!) Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> qualified applicants may contact the office by telephone or mail to request an application packet(s) for the upcoming 2009/10 long-term school year. (409) 770-5665.

**SAE Engineering Scholarship Application** – Students who are interested in the study of engineering and the related science. Range from \$1,000 - \$10,000. Pick-up an application in the Go Center or visit [www.sae.org/students](http://www.sae.org/students). **Application Deadline is December 1, 2009.**

**Texas State University San Marcos** – Applicants interested in TSU should apply via the ApplyTexas scholarship application available @ [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). Deadline is December 1, 2008.

**Eugene McDermott Scholars Program (University of Texas at Dallas)** – Scholarships help cover tuition and fees, book stipend, travel home assistance, monthly stipends, study abroad assistance. Qualifications: Top 5% of class, 2100 + on 3 part SAT or 32+ on ACT, interests in science, literature, and the arts. Apply On-line @ [www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott](http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott). **Priority Deadline is November 15, 2009. Second Deadline is January 1, 2010.**

**TCU Scholarships** - If you wish to be considered for academic scholarships, you must have your application postmarked by **December 15**. You must take the SAT or ACT no later than January 1 for merit scholarship consideration. Admission notification will be late February, with scholarship award notification in mid-March. [www.Applytexas.org](http://www.Applytexas.org).

**Lamar University Society of Women Engineers Scholarship** – \$250.00 scholarship for the Fall semester. Interested students need to contact the Lamar University Financial Aid department for more information.

**MeritAid.com** is a new, FREE resource that helps students find merit aid scholarships from colleges before they apply. \$11 BILLION in MERIT AID SCHOLARSHIPS, THOUSANDS of COLLEGES, ONE SITE! [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com).

**Wal-Mart Scholarships** – Email <http://www.scholarshipadministrators.net> to request information. Watch the website in **October** for information:

Sam Walton Community Scholarship, Higher Reach Scholarship, Wal-Mart Associate Scholarship, Walton Family Foundation Scholarship: [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org) or call 1-866-524-7385.

**Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth (TCU) –Neely School of Business**. One scholarship Of \$5000 and five scholarships of \$ 1000 Go to [www.tcueya.org](http://www.tcueya.org) and complete the application or call 1-817-257-6544 for more info. **Apply by November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Lamar Institute of Technology Scholarship** Range of scholarships are \$200- \$5000. If you are interested in attending LIT please apply to LIT (applications are in the GO Center) and also apply for LIT scholarships. Priority **Deadline: February 15, 2009**

**The National Co-Op Scholarship Program:** If you are interested in attending :Drexel University, Johnson & Wales, Kettering University, PACE University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute Of Technology. Students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Application online: [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) or in the GO Center. **Deadline February 15, 2009**

**2010 Best Teen Chef Competition:** Release form due **February 5, 2009**. More information in the GO Center.

**FIRE Essay Contest:** Essay on Freedom of Speech. Scholarships for \$5000, \$2500 & \$1000. Information in the Go Center or [www.thefire.org/contest](http://www.thefire.org/contest) **Deadline November 6, 2009**

**Hispanic Heritage Foundation and Colgate- Palmolive** 16 Educational grants for Hispanic students. 1- \$10,000 grant and 15- \$1,000. Apply at [www.colgate.com/hazlau](http://www.colgate.com/hazlau) Short essay. **Deadline November 30, 2009**

**Principals Leadership Award/ Scholarship:** Interested students can pick up information in the Go Center. **Deadline November 30th**

### **Cappex Scholarships**

- Class of 2010 **Deadline 10-31**
- GPA Isn't Everything **Deadline 11-30**.
- Cutting Edge Careers **Deadline 11-30**
- "I Don't Want to Pay for College"  
**Deadline 11-30**
- Business Careers **Deadline 12-31**
- Health Careers **Deadline 12-31**

### **Scholarship Searches:**

- [www.Cappex.com/scholarships](http://www.Cappex.com/scholarships)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

### **United States Military Service Academy**

Students interested in attending a military service academy and desire to receive a congressional nomination need to see Mrs. Clark in the senior counseling office.