

The programs/scholarships listed in JUNIOR NEWS are for current Juniors unless noted specifically in the program description.

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Welcome to the first **JUNIOR NEWS** of 2004-2005. College information and other items of interest for you and your parents will be published every 6 to 8 weeks through the newsletter. Juniors will receive a copy of **JUNIOR NEWS** through English classes. As a part of Stanton's College Planning Program, counselors will visit the eleventh grade research classes beginning in November to present information on the college selection process, college admissions, scholarships/financial aid, and other related topics. During the class presentations, juniors will receive the booklet: *Pathways to the Future*. This publication from the Stanton Guidance Department contains information to help you and your parents with the college admissions process. Please share this valuable resource with your parents. You will find timelines, specialized information, Internet addresses for college, career and financial aid resources and answers to questions you and your parents may have regarding college admissions. *JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS MAY SCHEDULE A JUNIOR INTERVIEW WITH THEIR COUNSELOR AFTER JANUARY 1 (use the form on page 3 of the Pathways booklet or available from <http://cyberguidance.net> to request an interview)*. Meanwhile, juniors should make good grades a top priority, work on researching colleges, visit with college reps at Stanton, begin planning for college visits during spring break, and schedule to take both the SAT and the ACT by the end of your junior year.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

- Applications for the Discover Card Tribute Award are available at <http://www.discovercard.com/tribute.htm>. Who should apply? Juniors who are multi-talented and who take the lead in their endeavors, and who may have overcome obstacles, and are making life better for those around them. Applicants must also have a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.75. State winners (9) receive \$2500; national awards (9) are \$25,000. Application requires a criteria statement of 1-2 pages, goals paragraph, list of activities and awards, 3 reference letters, and a transcript. Applications must be received in Virginia no later than 5 P.M. on January 7, 2005.
- Ayn Rand's Fountainhead Essay Contest for Jr.'s and Sr.'s – Essay on *The Fountainhead*. Prizes range from \$50 to \$10,000. Lauren Davis, a 1999 Stanton grad, won a thousand dollars. Select one of three topics. Info available <http://www.aynrand.org> Deadline is April 15, 2005.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

- Leadership Education and Development Program in Business (LEAD) – a 3–4 week Summer Business Institute for some of the "best and brightest" minority high school juniors held at ten participating colleges. Highly competitive; application requires essays, transcript, test scores, and two recommendations. Looking for academic excellence and leadership skills. ALL PROGRAM COSTS ARE COVERED BY SCHOLARSHIP. Applications from www.leadnational.org due 2/1/05.
- MIT's MITES Program - six-week residential program for talented minority juniors interested in careers in science, engineering and high-tech entrepreneurship. The only cost to students is their transportation to and from MIT. Visit <http://web.mit.edu/mites/www> or call (617) 253-3298. You may apply online. Deadline is February 1, 2005.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- U.S. Air Force Academy Summer Seminar – one-week program for rising seniors who excel in math/science/engineering and have an interest in attending the Air Force Academy. Cost includes registration fee of \$300 plus airfare. Applications are accepted online between January 1 and March 15 – www.academyadmissions.com
- U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar 2005 – one-week program for rising seniors interested pursuing an appointment to a service academy. Apply after February 1, 2005 at www.usna.edu/Admissions/nass.htm
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy AIM Week – one-week program for rising seniors interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy. www.cga.edu (admissions/summerprogramsforjuniors) or see your counselor. Applications available online December through April 15.
- U.S. Military Academy Invitational Academic Workshop – one-week program (June 2005) for rising seniors. Must be nominated by your counselor; very competitive (rank in top 20%, PSAT Verbal and Math scores above 62, leadership and recognition in athletics). Application deadline is February 2005. More information <http://www.usma.edu/admissions>
- World Affairs Seminar @U of Wisconsin-Whitewater – forum for future leaders from all over the world (June 11-17). \$445 plus transportation; scholarship may be available. <http://www.uww.edu/conteduc/world.htm> or call 888/404-4049.
- Cornell University Summer College Programs for High School Students – six-week or three-week programs for student in grades 10-12. www.summercollege.cornell.edu
- Brandeis Summer Odyssey - four options available for rising 10-12th grade students, length and cost vary. www.brandeis.edu/odyssey
- Washington and Lee University Summer Scholars Program – four-week (July 3-29) program in a variety of curricula. Cost: \$2500 plus books, personal expenses and transportation. (540) 458-8727 or <http://summerscholars.wlu.edu>
- Sea Education Association (1-8001552-3633) or www.sea.edu

- Smith Summer Science and Engineering Program – four-week program for girls (9-12) with strong interests in science, engineering, or medicine. www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep or call 413-585-3060.
- College for Creative Studies Camp Portfolio/Summer Exploratory 2005 – a two-week pre-college program teaching foundation art and design skills for students currently enrolled in grades 10-12 www.ccsad.edu or call 313-664-7456.
- Earlham College Explore-a-College 2004 – two-week (June 19-July 2) pre-college program for rising sophomores-seniors. \$1450 plus transportation and personal expenses. 1-800-Earlham or www.earlham.edu/~eac
- U of Miami Summer Scholar Programs – June 26-July 15 Broadcast Journalism, Filmmaking, Global Politics, Art, Marine Science, Sports Management, Health and Medicine and Young Writers. \$3950. Call 1-800-Study-UM www.miami.edu/precollege for rising juniors and seniors.

Additional summer programs include: summer school at Phillips Exeter Academy www.exeter.edu/summer and Phillips Academy Andover summersession@andover.edu Academic Study Associates – Language study in France and Spain, pre-college enrichment at Oxford University. 1-800-752-2250 or www.asaprograms.com or e-mail summer@ASAPrograms.com

FOREIGN STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- The Oxford Tradition – July , for students currently in grades 10-12. Also available, The Cambridge Prep Experience and Academie De Paris. For information on all three programs: 1-800-828-8349 or <http://www.oxbridgeprograms.com>
- Studio Art Centers International Florence www.saci-florence.org
- Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program – scholarship opportunity for a yearlong study program in Germany. Funded jointly by the German Bundestag and the U.S. Congress. Application deadline is Dec. 16. Call 1-800 448-9944 or www.USAGermanyScholarship.org.
- ASSE International Student Exchange_- call 1-8000-333-3902 x219 or www.asse.com

CAREER INFORMATION

- www.highschooljournalism.org - a new web site for high school students interested in newspaper careers.
- www.fullsail.com - FULL SAIL Real World Education – offers Associate of Science Degrees in Recording Arts, Film & Video Production, Digital Media, Game Design, Computer Animation and Show Production & Touring.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- LET'S VOLUNTEER - a booklet of approximately 50 volunteer opportunities, which meet the guidelines for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship requirement. Gives contact person and phone number, description of work, training required, age requirement and time needed. May be checked out from the guidance office. CREATED BY '97 GRADS PATRICIA ROSS AND ANNETTE HARTLEY as a Girl Scout Gold Award Project.
- Volunteer Jacksonville, Inc_ – has a monthly meeting for Jacksonville's Youth Volunteers (JYV). Call 398-7777 if you would like to get involved.

WEBSITES FOR YOU AND YOUR PARENTS

<http://cyberguidance.net> - for information on colleges, careers, scholarships, newsletters and links to internet resources
<http://cyberguidance.net/transcript.htm> - to request a transcript; go to this site and complete and submit the form (all transcripts must be requested electronically)
www.Facts.org - maintained by the Florida Department of Education; provides students access to their transcripts, Bright Futures Scholarship evaluation, and college and career planning/advisement
www.collegeboard.com/ - check out the new SAT
www.fastweb.com - for a scholarship search, information on financial aid, and scams to avoid like.....

The American Scholars National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, The National Academy of Excellence, College Funding Group, and many other organizations that either entice you to come to a meeting to get financial aid or scholarships, or want to put your name into a book or "national registry, are questionable as to their benefits to you. Please see your counselor for any specific questions before you sign on the dotted line. The Federal Trade Commission has scam information at 877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams. Information about financial aid and scholarship scams is available at www.finaid.org.

Juniors should use the websites given in the newsletter to access more detailed information and/or to request applications. Folders for some information in Junior News are in the guidance office. See Mrs. Waters to view these.