



Guidance News

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS.....

Seniors will be given a booklet for the local scholarships (including the Alden Community Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars) on May 1st.

This packet contains over 30 scholarships, most of which can be applied for using the Common Application which will be included in the packet.

The Deadline for all applications to be turned in to the Guidance Office is May 30th.

Quickstart for Juniors

All Juniors planning on attending college should visit this website for SAT preparation: www.collegeboard.com/quickstart. Students who took the PSAT are encouraged to use their unique access code, which can be found on the official paper PSAT/NMSQT Score Report.

What is My College QuickStart?

My College QuickStart is an easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT. This useful tool incorporates student responses that were provided when they took the test. Student information is provided in four parts:

My Online Score Report is an interactive, supplemental PSAT/NMSQT Score Report that includes every test question with complete answer explanations, and the ability to sort answer explanations by difficulty level and by question type.

My SAT Study Plan is for high school students and is a personalized study plan based on how the student performed on the PSAT/NMSQT. It includes:

- Advice and hands-on practice to improve academic skills—students can review PSAT/NMSQT questions they missed and answer SAT practice questions of the same type
- Higher-level math and SAT essay-writing practice
- Official SAT practice test, complete with score report
- SAT test-taking advice
- Express SAT registration

My College Matches is a starter list of colleges in each student's home state that offer the chosen major indicated on the PSAT/NMSQT paper score report. There is a detailed profile for each college that includes specific information on:

- Majors offered
- Admissions (for high school students)
- Tuition costs and financial aid
- Sports, housing, and more

My Major & Career Matches contains a personalized list of majors and associated careers based on the chosen major of interest indicated on the PSAT/NMSQT paper score report. It connects students to profiles of:

- Their chosen major
- Related majors
- Related careers

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Scholarship Opportunities

Here's a list of current scholarship opportunities. Don't let these opportunities pass you by – **applications are available in Guidance or at the website listed.**

- ◇ Air Force Association (Lawrence D. Bell Niagara Frontier Chapter) is offering a \$1000 scholarships to HS seniors within the zip code areas 14001 through 14414—who have excelled in academics, participated in extra-curricular activities and exemplified outstanding leadership traits (Deadline 5/01/08).
- ◇ Amherst Garden Club—is offering up to \$1500 for a student pursuing a two or four year degree in conservation, environmental concerns, floriculture, forestry, horticulture, land management, landscape design, urban planning and/or allied fields. Student must be a legal resident of Erie or Niagara Counties. (Deadline 5/01/08).
- ◇ The Aurora Players is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who is committed to continuing his/her education in the field of theater/performing arts. (Deadline 4/19/08).
- ◇ Buffalo Urban League—Several awards are available, ranging from \$250 to 4-year awards of up to \$4000, based on academic achievement, character, community service or financial need. Scholarships are also available at www.buffalourbanleague.org (Deadline 4/11/08).
- ◇ Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo – Various scholarships available to WNY residents (All residents of Erie County are eligible for these funds); Instructions on how to apply and access the application are available beginning March 1, 2008 at www.cfgb.org (Deadline – May 1, 2008.)
- ◇ Eastern Erie Retired Teachers Association - \$600 award available to a 2008 Alden graduate accepted to a two or four year college (Deadline 4/23/08).
- ◇ Eisenhower College Alumni Association—A \$1000 award is available for students planning on attending Eisenhower College, or students whose parents have graduated from Eisenhower College (Deadline 4/30/08).
- ◇ Engineering Society of Buffalo is offering six scholarships to residents of Erie or Niagara County who will be attending either ECC, NCCC or UB in the Engineering Science or Engineering Technology Program (Deadline 6/01/08).
- ◇ Erie County Agricultural Society Scholarship—Erie County Agricultural Society (Erie County Fair) Scholarship - Eligible applicants must have been active with the Erie County Fair. Applications available at www.americas-fair.org (Deadline 4/18/08).
- ◇ Erie County Association of Educational Office Professionals— Available to any student who has demonstrated academic ability in business subjects; and is planning a career in secretarial/administrative assistant, however, those interested in careers in computer science, accounting, business management, business education, etc., are eligible to apply. (Deadline 4/30/08).
- ◇ FBI National Citizens' Academy Alumni Association (FBINCAAA) - \$1000 is available to an Erie or Niagara County senior in good academic standing who demonstrates leadership, community service and is of good character (Deadline 5/19/08).
- ◇ Greater Buffalo Alumnae Panhellenic HS Awards—\$200 available for an Erie County senior girl on the basis of the applicant's scholastic achievements, activities and a short essay; must be accepted at a college where the Nat'l Panhellenic Conference Fraternities exist; applications available in Guidance (Deadline 5/01/08).
- ◇ Lancaster Elks Lodge 1478—is awarding four \$500 scholarships to motivated HS Seniors with average grades and financial need. (Deadline 4/28/08).
- ◇ The Maderer Foundation Memorial Scholarship—Three \$500 scholarships available to an Alden Senior enrolled full-time in a college or university; applications also available at www.madererfoundation.org. (Deadline 4/15/08).
- ◇ New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs & NYS Show-people's Association Scholarship – \$1,000 available to a student who is currently or has previously been active in a member fair, who intends to pursue a career in an agricultural or fair management related field. (Deadline 4/12/08).
- ◇ Nicholas Patterson Perpetual Fund Scholarship—Awards range from \$500-\$2000; applicants must be Erie County residents and must include a personal statement, two letters of recommendation and complete two financial forms. (Deadline 5/15/08).
- ◇ Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship—\$250.00 scholarship available to a graduating senior who resides in Niagara or Erie County, has a relative who is/was a veteran and will be attending college in Fall 2008 (Deadline 5/01/08).

Scholarship Opportunities (Cont'd)

- ◇ **WNY Suburban Counselors' Consortium Scholarship**—This scholarship is available to students planning to major in psychology or a counseling-related field; an essay is required along with a letter of recommendation from the student's guidance counselor (application should be handed in to the Guidance Office by 5/01/08).

ATTENTION GENESEE COUNTY SENIORS....

Genesee County June '08 graduates attending Genesee Community College are eligible to apply for their summer tuition scholarships.

Students who graduate from high schools this June in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, and Wyoming counties will receive scholarships for tuition for one or two courses at Genesee Community College this summer under The Genesee Promise Plus, a new initiative approved by the College's Board of Trustees

Under The Genesee Promise Plus, students about to graduate from area high schools simply need to complete an application for study, a request for the Genesee Promise Plus scholarship, and submit a residency form to qualify. High school students already registered for Genesee Community College courses only need to complete the scholarship request and furnish the residency form. The request, once signed by a school counselor, then entitles the student to a scholarship which may be used at the Batavia Campus, any of Genesee's six campus centers, or for distance learning courses. The academic credits students earn during the summer can then be used toward a Genesee Community College degree, or transferred to virtually any other college or university in the nation.

The deadline for making an application for *The Genesee Promise Plus* will be June 15.

EASTERN ERIE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Eastern Erie Retired Teachers Association, a group of retired teachers representing Alden, East Aurora, Holland and Iroquois School Districts, will again present four \$600 awards, one for each district. The student must attend either a 2 or 4-year accredited college or university in the fall. Selection will be based primarily on merit, which includes scholarship achievement, co-curricular activities and service to the community. Financial need will also be considered.

Stop in the Guidance Office for an application (Deadline is April 23rd).

**OPEN HOUSE -
ERIE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
TUESDAY,
APRIL 30, 2008
4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

**-For more information,
contact ECC at
851-1ECC or visit
www.ecc.edu**

Check out these websites:

(For SUNY schools): www.suny.edu
(there are links that will give you access to all campuses)

(For private NYS colleges):
www.college-guide-nys.org
www.collegenet.com

(For online campus tours):
www.nymentor.edu (can take you on an online campus tour or allow you to create your own college e-mail account)

(Financial Aid/ Scholarship Sites):
www.wiredscholar.com
www.fastweb.com www.finaid.org
www.salliemae.com www.collegeaid.com
www.highschoolhub.org
www.ed.gov
www.scholarships.com— (for a free scholarship search and an online FAFSA guide)

(Career Web Sites):
www.careerpathsonline.com
www.nycareerzone.org
www.science.education.nih.gov/
LifeWorks www.nycolleges.org

(College Search Information):
www.citizensbank.com/edu (click on resources for students & families; select college search)
www.mymajors.com (can provide useful advice on college and university majors)
www.collegeboard.com

(www.TuitionFundingSources.com):
click on Login and then the "First Time User" link. Select NYS and then Alden HS; enter your email address and create a password.

D'Youville College Open House

D'Youville College is hosting a Spring Open House on Saturday, April 19th, 2008. The day will include faculty presentations on specific majors, financial aid presentations, visiting with current students, faculty and staff and having a campus tour.

D'Youville is still accepting applications from current seniors for Fall 2008. Instant academic and achievement scholarships of up to 50% off (and 25% off room and board) are still available.

For more information, call D'Youville at 1-800-777-3921 or visit www.dyc.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April

- 12-ACT Administration
- 11-Report Cards Issued

May

- 03-SAT Administration
- 08-AP English Exam
- 09-AP US History Exam
- 22-Report Cards Issued

June

- 07-SAT Administration
- 14-ACT Administration
- 28-Graduation

SAT/PREP COURSE

Jantzi Test Prep is offering a "Strategies for Success" SAT Prep Course at the Amherst Pepsi Center in preparation for the May 3, 2008 SAT.

The course consists of six 2-hour modules, held on weekends from April 19th through April 27th.

For pricing and scheduling information, call 1-800-881-4SAT or visit www.4satprep.com

SCHEDULED VISITS:

- April 1 Army
- April 2 Navy
- April 22 Air Force

Representatives come to the Guidance Conference Room during Advisement.

Interested students should secure a pass from Guidance.

Erie Community College Workforce Development SAT Prep

Workforce Development, in partnership with Cambridge Educational Services, Inc. will conduct the new SAT test preparation course starting May 20, 2008 at the North Campus.

This 18 hour preparation course follows the Cambridge Six Step Approach to Score Improvement. These six steps are: Diagnostic Testing & Assessment; Basic Reviews; In-class Problem Solving, Concepts and Strategies, Practice Test Reinforcement; Final Exam Assessment and Review and Personal Study Plan.

Included in the course fee is the latest Cambridge SAT test prep book including pre-tests and post-tests.

The course fee is \$179, including the course book. The ECC North Campus is located at 6205 Main Street, Williamsville, New York.

VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE

Students interested in receiving community service hours are invited to apply to **Landmark Volunteers**.

Landmark Volunteers is a nonprofit organization giving high school students the chance to make a real difference in the world around them. They offer 2-week summer volunteer opportunities with over 50 nationally-recognized cultural, environmental, historical and social services organizations across the country.

The volunteers receive 80 hours of community service hours and a letter of recommendation that can be used in a college application.

Visit Landmark Volunteers online at www.volunteers.com/experience/benefits.html to learn more.

Upcoming test dates for the SAT and ACT:

<u>SAT Dates</u>	<u>ACT Dates</u>
5/03/08	4/12/08
6/07/08	6/14/08
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<i>Proposed Dates for 08-09:</i>	
10/04/08	9/13/08
11/01/08	10/25/08
12/06/08	12/13/08
1/24/09	4/04/09
3/14/09	6/13/09
5/02/09	
6/06/09	

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 Army Visit</i>	<i>2 Navy Visit</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11 Report Cards Issued</i>	<i>12 ACT</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Spring Break—No School</i>						
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22 AirForce Visit</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>			