

Guidance News

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- ◇ One-Hundred Club of Buffalo, Inc. 2007 Scholarship of Excellence—\$2,500 scholarships are available to Erie County HS seniors who are children of active paid or volunteer fire and/or emergency medical service personnel or law enforcement officers, or an officer who died in the line of duty. Applications are available at www.100clubbuffalo.org (Deadline 3/30/07).
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- ◇ University at Albany Goldie Brenner Swartz '51 and Howard Swartz Scholarship Award—Up to \$12,000 per year will be awarded every 4 years to an incoming freshman student with a pronounced disability attending the University at Albany (Deadline 4/01/07).
- ◇ WNY Association of School Nurses Memorial Scholarship—\$500-\$1000 Scholarships available to Erie or Niagara County graduating HS seniors accepted into accredited BS school of nursing in NY State (Deadline 4/01/08).
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- ◇ Who's Who Among American High School Students -Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation is offering numerous scholarships to students listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students – applications available at www.ecisf.org (Deadline 5/15/07).



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(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.

Physical Therapy Assistant Program

Villa Maria College is holding a seminar for students interested in Physical Therapy, titled, "From Classroom to Clinic: Everything You Need to Know about the Physical Therapy Assistant Program" on

This is a great opportunity for all interested students in grades 10-12 and their parents to learn more about the program, talk to current students and graduates and hear about Villa's articulation agreement with Daemen College.

SAT Prep Courses

If you are planning to take the SAT, you may want to consider taking a preparation course. A preparation course will help you become familiar with the various types of SAT questions.

GCC is offering a course on Tuesday evenings (6-9 PM) from March 4th through April 22nd at the GCC Batavia for \$89. Call 585-345-6868 to register.

Erie Community College is offering an 18-hour SAT preparation course at their South Campus from

For further information, call 851-1800.

Trocaire College is also offering a 6-week review course for \$___ to be held on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. beginning March ____.

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3/1/08	4/12/08
5/03/08	6/14/08
6/07/08	
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**Attachment—National College Fair—4/01/08
for Juniors**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March

- 1 -SAT Administration
- 13-Report Cards Issued
- 13-Career Fair-Erie I BOCES,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

May

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

April

- 1-2-WNY College Night—
Buffalo Convention Center
- 11-Report Cards Issued
- 12-ACT Administration

June

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

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dates for the
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SAT Dates

ACT Dates

Alden Central Schools
13190 Park Street

SCHEDULED VISITS:

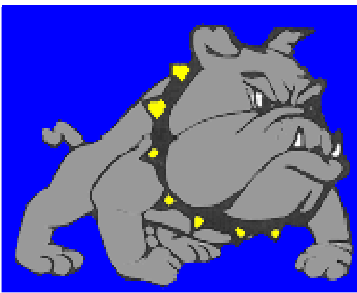
- March 4 Army
- March 12 Navy
- March 19 Marines

Representatives come to the
Guidance Conference Room
during Advisement.

Interested students should secure
a pass from Guidance.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>WELLNESS WEEK</i>	11	12	13	14	15
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(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/

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BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUMMER YOUTH JOB PROGRAM

Applications for this program are available in the Guidance Office, for youth 14-21 years of age. Proof of income is required, as well as other documentation listed on the application.

There are new guidelines to abide by for this year regarding the type of youth eligible for services. Those students in 7th-10th grade will only be eligible if their household income is below the income guidelines. A student with an IEP may be eligible, not because of the IEP, but because they fall below the income guidelines. Students in 11th-12th grade can be eligible if they fall below the income guidelines and/or have an IEP with a determined diploma goal as either Local or Regents. Unfortunately they cannot accept students with IEP's that have an IEP diploma as their stated goal. These are state regulations that need to be abided by.

Appointments for interviews will be arranged in the guidance office after the applications are received.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. McGurn at the Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Development Consortium at 825-2525 ext. 3020.

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11/01/08	10/25/08
12/06/08	12/13/08
1/24/09	4/04/09
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9	10 <i>WELLNESS WEEK</i>	11	12	13 <i>Report cards issued</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19 <i>Marines Visit</i>	20	21 <i>No school</i>	22
23	24 <i>No school</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					