

## **STUDENT COORDINATOR'S ZONE MARCH-JUNE 2017**

Our MI-College Adviser, Mr. Byron Terrell Williams, would be happy to assist any student with post-secondary questions or inquiries including: college applications, FAFSA assistance, scholarship and financial aid assistance, career and college explorations, understanding the financial aid reward letter, etc. He is at Owen-Gage on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The College Adviser position is made possible through a grant by M-Can (Michigan College Access Network) and Americorps. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Mr. Williams at the school, or leave a message with Mrs. Swiastyn at 989.678.4141.

### **SAT TEST INFORMATION**

All seniors took the school required SAT last spring for the first time. They have all created a College Board Account to view their scores. This account also allows them to choose up to four colleges that they would like their scores sent to. They have also connected their College Board account to Khan Academy where they used personalized practice tests to help prepare them for the SAT.

If any student would like to retake the SAT to try to improve their score and make them eligible for more possible merit scholarships from colleges, the following dates are scheduled at local areas/schools. Cost: \$43 without essay, \$54.50 with essay. To register and learn more about the SAT, visit: [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register).

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>REGULAR DEADLINE</b>	<b>LATE FEE REQUIRED</b>
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	February 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017

All 11<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT/NMSQT this past October and will take the school administered SAT on April 11, 2017. Eleventh graders will also be taking the ACT Workkeys on April 12, 2017. All 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT8/9 on April 11, 2017 and all 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT10 on April 12, 2017. Students are encouraged to be in attendance on their test days, get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast to help make their testing experience more successful!

Students who take one of the SAT Suite tests and provide an email address on their answer document, receive an email from the College Board stating when their scores are available. To view their scores, students can go to <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home> and create an account. Once a student has created a College Board account, they then will be able to go to [www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org) and set up an account on that site and link the two sites to create personalized practice for the SAT. On Khan Academy, you can also get to know about the SAT, stay on top of important SAT dates and news, and practice anytime, anywhere, at no cost! There are 4 official full-length practice tests, plus study and test-taking tips on the website also.

These websites also help students connect to scholarship opportunities when they take the PSAT/NMSQT during the fall of their junior year.

### **GREAT LAKES BAY REGION COLLEGE NIGHT**

Saginaw Valley State University will be hosting a Great Lakes Bay Region College Night on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 pm. It will take place in Curtiss Hall. For more information and to view what colleges will be there, visit [www.svsu.edu/glbrcollegenight](http://www.svsu.edu/glbrcollegenight).

## **OWENDALE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

The Owendale Lions Club, as a community service project, offers a \$500 scholarship to a 2017 graduate of Owen-Gage who is committed to furthering his/her education by attending an accredited college or vocational training institution of higher learning. For an application, please see Mrs. Swiastyn—Student Coordinator. **Deadline is March 31, 2017.**

## **RONALD E. GOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ronald E. Good Memorial Scholarship will be offered to graduating seniors who intend to further their education at a four-year, or two-year, state accredited college or trade school. For an application, please see Mrs. Swiastyn. Applications must be completed and turned into Mrs. Swiastyn by **April 28, 2017.**

## **COLLEGE REP VISITS/COLLEGE TOURS**

Attention Students - Below you will find a list of college happenings for the remainder of the year:

<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Lawrence Tech. University (Jrs/Srs)	Thursday, March 2	1:00
Delta College (Interested Seniors)	Thursday, March 9	2:00
U-M Flint Tour (Sophs/Jrs)	Friday, March 17	All Day
Delta College Tour (Sophs/Jrs)	Thursday, March 23	All Day

## **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are several student scholarships available at the following website: [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org). The scholarships are constantly changing on this website, so check back often and see what scholarships are available!

## **HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Local scholarships are now available to apply for online. All seniors were given directions and information on this process. Seniors are encourage to visit the Huron County Community Foundation website at: [www.huroncountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.huroncountycommunityfoundation.org) to complete their application now and see what scholarships are available to them.

## **TUITION FUNDING SOURCES SCHOLARSHIPS**

Tuition Funding Sources posts a new scholarship on their Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts every day. They have done this for over three years. They only post scholarship opportunities—nothing else! You can find them @ TFSScholarships on social media. Easy to find, follow, and share.

**2016-17 AWARDS ASSEMBLY – MAY 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM!!**

## **SELECTIVE SERVICE**

Just a reminder to all male students to sign up with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to stay eligible for federal student loans, government jobs, and job training. You may register at your local post office or at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

## **MERIT AID**

Merit aid is awarded to students with a broad range of GPA's. Students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher often qualify. MeritAid.com is the first comprehensive website dedicated to helping students with the college search by matching them to merit-based scholarships from colleges across the country. For more information, visit [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com).

## **WELLS FARGO FREE ONLINE RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE PLANNING**

Wells Fargo has several online resources that are **FREE** and will help assist students and parents with the important steps necessary for staying on track with college planning. Please check out the following resources:

### **Wells Fargo's CollegeSTEPS program**

[www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps](http://www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps)

Students and parents can both sign up for the CollegeSTEPS program to stay on track with college planning. You'll receive emails on topics like study tips, financial aid, and campus visits.

### **Your financial aid journey in 5 steps eBook and videos**

[www.wellsfargo.com/fivesteps](http://www.wellsfargo.com/fivesteps)

Journey through the financial aid process with Mr. Fellows and Monty. Through the interactive eBook and videos, you'll get help sorting out the different options to pay for college expenses, including information on how to compare award letters.

### **Tuition Funding Sources (TFS) scholarship search**

[www.tuitionfundingsources.com](http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com)

Save time searching for scholarships with the TFS scholarship database. Create a personal profile, and receive filtered results that match your education and career goals. With TFS, you'll have access to over 7 million scholarships totaling more than \$41 billion to help pay for college, plus information on financial aid and career assessment tools.

### **My Financial Guide**

[www.wellsfargo.com/financial-education](http://www.wellsfargo.com/financial-education)

Get help managing your money before and during college using My Financial Guide. You'll find articles and resources to help you learn more about saving for college, preparing for college costs, repaying your student loans, and more.

## **OTHER HELPFUL SITES FOR FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **FAFSA**

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

### **FAFSA PIN**

<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

### **Federal Student Aid**

<https://studentaid.ed.gov>

Michigan's K-12 Curriculum and Standards web page  
<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753---,00.html>

Huron County Community Foundation  
[www.huroncountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.huroncountycommunityfoundation.org)

### **General Scholarship Searches**

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- <http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- <https://www.michigancap.org/>
- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg)
- <http://www.petersons.com/>
- [www.finaid.org/scholarships](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships)

**Please check with your College Adviser, Mr. Williams, for other possible scholarships!**