



SENIOR NEWSLETTER March 2017



The semester is almost half-way over. Don't forget midterms on March 9 (2nd & 4th) and March 10 (1st & 3rd). Make sure you are doing what needs to be done so you can walk across the field to receive your diploma on May 12. You will **NOT** participate in graduation or receive your diploma if you have not met graduation requirements.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE OR VO-TECH

1. Set up FSA ID for both parent and student at www.pin.ed.gov.
2. Complete FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for financial aid and TOPS.
3. Apply for scholarships
4. Touch base with college or vo-tech that you plan to attend to make sure everything is squared away.
5. Touch base with financial aid office of college or vo-tech to see what is available for you.
6. Complete LOSFA Consent Form in counselors' office if you haven't done so.
7. Retake ACT if need higher score for TOPS, college. (April test is last date to get 8 semesters of TOPS.)

CPR TRAINING – All Seniors must take CPR before they graduate. CPR training will be offered by Coach Henagan at 1st and 3rd blocks on the following dates: March 8, April 5, May 3 Sign up in main office if you need this.

ACT – April is last day to take test to qualify for TOPS without receiving a penalty. If you need to take this test but missed the March 3rd deadline, you can register until March 17 by paying a late fee. Pick up ACT brochure for registration information in the counselor's office or go to www.actstudent.org.

IMPORTANT ACT INFORMATION

Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

- Cost – Basic \$42.50, Plus Writing \$58.50
- 11th or 12th grade students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can use a total of 2 fee waivers
- Grant's School code is 190740 (Put this so ACT will send us your scores.)
- TOPS Code: 1595 (Use as one of your college choices to have your scores sent to TOPS.)
- Grant's Testing Center Code: 154700 (Put this only if testing at Grant.)

NCAA - To play college sports, you must register with NCAA. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, there is a waiver for the registration fee. You need to also use the ACT code 9999 as one of your college choices to have your scores sent to NCAA. You can register at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

LSU SUMMERS SCHOLARS PROGRAM – Eight-week summer program for minority seniors who have applied and are eligible to enroll at LSU for Fall 2016. Visit **Summer Scholars** at lsu.edu/ssp for more info. Deadline is March 10, 2017.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP? - If you have received ANY scholarship offers, please get a copy of the award letter to Ms. Sharbono or Ms. Mercer so we can announce at graduation.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES ON THE WEB –

www.osfa.la.gov

<http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/scholarship-contests.html>

www.lela.org

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SUN TRUST EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS -Award Amount \$500 (2 winners every 2 weeks for 30 winners.). Visit <https://www.suntrustededucation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes/index.html>. You may resubmit an entry every 2 weeks until May 12.

LHSAA and LHSCA SCHOLARSHIPS - If you are a student-athlete, visit <http://lhsaa.org/schools/students-and-parents/scholarships-and-awards> and <http://www.lhsca.org/scholarships> for various scholarship information.

KENNY DONNELLY JR SCHOLASHIP – For seniors with 3.5 GPA or higher who demonstrates positive impact involvement. Visit <http://www.kdjmsf.com> to apply. Deadline: March 15.

EMC BIG BASS BLOWOUT SCHOLARSHIP - One time scholarship for a senior who exhibits good character, is goal oriented, has excellent grades, and is pursuing a career in the following fields: Marine Biology, Wildlife and Fishery, Law Enforcement, Forestry, Agriculture or College Team Bass Fishing. Deadline: March 15. Visit <http://www.bigbassblowout.com/application.html>.

LOUISIANA LIFE SAFETY AND SECURITY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - Parent must be active duty law enforcement or fire service personnel. Application and guidelines at www.llssa.org. Deadline is March 24.

LELA QUARTERLY SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING – Register at www.asklela.org by March 31.

COLFAX LIONS CLUB - Any senior interested in the medical field or educational field, see counselors for application. Deadline is March 31.

LOUISIANA SHERIFF'S SCHOLARSHIP - Must attend a Louisiana institution of higher learning as a full time student. Scholarship is based on scholastic achievement, activities, honors, and financial need. Due to the sheriff's office by April 1. See counselors for application.

BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP – For any male senior who plans to attend LSU in the fall and is a leader, scholar, athlete, and gentleman, apply online at www.lsusigep.com. Deadline is April 1.

HERMAN "BUDDY" COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Any senior who is involved in school and community. Essay is required. See counselors for application. Deadline: April 1.

LOUIS P. LEDET, SR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Any senior who has been a member of a WoodmenLife chapter for at least 2 years and is planning to attend a Louisiana college or university. Deadline is April 1. Contact Woodman Rep or Chapter Secretary.

STUDENT VIEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Any high school senior who plans to attend 4 yr, junior college, or career school. Complete survey at www.student-view.com to be entered into scholarship drawing. Due: April 2.

SUZANNE EASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Senior Girl with GPA of 2.5 or higher who is active in school, community, church, etc. Deadline: April 7

PELICAN STATE CREDIT UNION – For seniors who are Pelican State Credit Union members. Visit www.pelicanstatecu.com/teampelican for details. Deadline is April 15.

CHAD CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP - For four year athletes with a 2.5 GPA who plan to go to an in-state college or technical school, see counselors for application. Deadline: April 15.

NSU LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST - 1,000 -2,500 word essay about "Louisiana Landscapes" is

required. Three winners will be awarded cash prizes and scholarship to NSU. Deadline is May 19. See counselors.