



# **GUIDANCE NEWS**

**Huntington High School**

**October 2018**

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! This is the beginning of what we expect to be a very successful year, and your counselors are ready and eager to help you achieve your goals.

Our first edition of the Guidance Department's Scholarship Newsletter contains a lot of information that is relevant to seniors, but also includes contests that are open to all grade levels. We encourage you to stay in close contact with your school counselor to learn about these competitions and others to follow. Our scholarship newsletters are available in all guidance offices, as well as online at [www.hufsd.edu](http://www.hufsd.edu).

As you are aware, *Senior Parent Guidance Night* took place on September 20<sup>th</sup>. For those families who were unable to attend, please feel free to download a copy of the presentation from the Huntington website, as well as the Post-Secondary Planning Guide and Student-Athlete Handbook (if applicable).

Upcoming presentations include:

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| Financial Aid Night:   | October 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Guidance Night:                       | October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Guidance Night: | October 25 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm |

All students are encouraged to utilize extra help offered by every teacher either before, during, or after school. Extra-help schedules are available online, as well as from teacher E-boards and your school counselors. Additionally, there are peer tutors available through the National Honor Societies. Don't hesitate to seek out the appropriate resources that can help maximize your success!

## UPCOMING COLLEGE EXAMS

**PSAT/NMSQT (11<sup>th</sup> Graders Only).... Wednesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**ACT.....Saturday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Late registration: Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>*

**SAT.....Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Registration Deadline: Oct.5<sup>th</sup>*  
*Late registration deadline: Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>*

**ACT.....Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Registration deadline: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Late registration deadline: Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>*

**PSAT (10<sup>th</sup> Graders Only)..... Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

There are SAT dates administered at other testing sites on October 6<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup>. Check online with the College Board for other locations if you are interested in taking the test on any of these dates.

## **CONTESTS & PROGRAMS FOR ALL GRADES**

**CLUB Z! ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** is open to *students in grades 5 through 12*. \$25,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded! Students will be able to showcase their talents and abilities, their character in the classroom, how they have overcome obstacles at school, shown leadership among peers, or simply improved since the beginning of the year. You can be nominated by teachers or nominate someone special @ [www.clubzaward.com/](http://www.clubzaward.com/). **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### **HUGH O'BRIEN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (HOBY)**

for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, provides an opportunity for students from each high school to attend a leadership seminar. Interested students who have demonstrated leadership activities and potential in this area should see Ms. Bonilla or Ms. Wallace in Guidance West for more information. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### **OPTIMUM COMMUNITY'S HISPANIC HERITAGE ESSAY**

**CONTEST** is open to students in grades 6 through 12. Students must submit an original essay that answers, in 500 words or less, "Name a Latino, past or present, with whom you would choose to spend the day with, and explain why." Prizes include a \$1,500 scholarship, a mini tablet and more. Please enter online at [www.optimum.net/community](http://www.optimum.net/community) by hovering over "Programs" on the top right and selecting "Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest". Essays must be received by **OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS** for *students in grades 5-12* who have taken part in community service activities over the past year. Fill out an application by copying and pasting the following link to your internet browser: <https://spirit.prudential.com>. Once the form is completed online, it must be printed out, signed, and *submitted to Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West* by **OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**. Huntington High School can only nominate two students who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism.

**RYLA -Rotary Youth Leadership Awards-** for sophomores (10<sup>th</sup> graders) who are interested in building goodwill and peace through humanitarian service. Please visit [www.ryladistrict7255.com](http://www.ryladistrict7255.com) for more information. Students are encouraged to print out their completed applications and submit to Ms. Bonilla or Ms. Wallace in Guidance West. Students should apply as soon as possible. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**V.F.W. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP** is *an* audio-essay contest leading to a national winner of a \$30,000 scholarship, and is open to all students in *grades 9-12*. This year's theme is "*American History: Our Hope for the Future.*" To obtain entry forms and more information, please contact VFW National Headquarters at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Go to Community, Youth & Education, and Youth Scholarships. Students must submit their entry to the local post, VFW Nathan Hale Post 1469. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS**

**AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS** of up to \$25,000 are being offered by Scholarship America. Primary consideration will be given to the applicant's non-academic outstanding achievement in school, community, or workplace. Other school and community activities, work experience, and academic records will be considered. Only 10,000 applications will be reviewed so please apply early.

Apply at <https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/>. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**COCA COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM** for seniors with highly developed interests in their community, demonstrated leadership, academic achievement (minimum GPA of 3.0), commitment to community and employment. One hundred and fifty Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. This program is available to U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees. Applications must be submitted online at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE & HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND's "MAKE THE U" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** will award 31 scholarships. Ten \$2,000 grants, ten \$3,000, ten \$3,500 and one \$15,000 grand prize. Three short essays required. Application information is available at [www.colgate.com/HazLaU](http://www.colgate.com/HazLaU). Graduating seniors of Hispanic descent who are United States citizens or legal permanent residents, have a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0, and are planning to attend college full-time upon graduation, are eligible to apply. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE DIGITAL MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** is designed for students who aim to achieve their goals by properly using digital media for the right purpose, without becoming distracted by the endless amounts of distracting content. Students can view scholarship details at <https://buffguymedia.com/scholarship/>. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST** is open to seniors who are United States citizens and are planning to earn a four-year college degree. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Applications and instructions are available at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm). **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS** are offered to graduating seniors who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, substantial financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursuing a college education, and have a desire to contribute to society. Applications are available online at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/> and must be submitted by **OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE JENKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** application for high school seniors are available to those pursuing a degree in education. Please visit the NYS PTA website at <https://nyspta.org/home/pta-leaders/awards-and-recognitions/jenkins-scholarship/>. Only two students can submit applications. Completed applications must be submitted to Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West by **NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**LendEDU SCHOLARSHIP** will award two high school seniors \$1,000 this spring. Students will need to answer the following question in 750 words or less: *‘With more people taking on student loan debt to pay for college and with record high default rates, what do you think can be done to improve the financial literacy of our nation’s young adults to help this problem?’* Interested students should apply at <https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarship-application/> by **OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**SUFFOLK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE “DOCTORS OF TOMORROW” PROGRAM** is available to graduating seniors interested in entering the field of medicine. Attendance at an introductory symposium (scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>), essay contest, and a day with a doctor are all required. \$3,000 in scholarships will be disseminated. Please visit <http://www.scms-sam.org/> and click DOT

Program on the left for more information. *You must let Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West know you will be participating as soon as possible.*  
**DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited.**

## **WEBSITES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES**

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

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

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

[www.scholarshipamerica.org/students](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/students)

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

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

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

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

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

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

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

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

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

[www.outreach.usda.gov/education](http://www.outreach.usda.gov/education)

**Friendly reminder: If your counselor or teacher needs to submit information, please provide them with ample time prior to the deadline date for submission.**