



# DESA COUNSELING MONTHLY



**NOVEMBER, 2010**

## College Representative Visits



More than 80 representatives from colleges and universities will visit our campus this Fall. If your child is enrolled in College Summit these visits will take place during this time. If your child is not enrolled in College Summit, he or she must sign up ahead of time with in the Counselors Suite.

### See visits below:

#### **November 1**

Marymount Manhattan College  
Emerson College  
University of Rochester

#### **November 3**

Grinnell College

#### **November 8**

California of the Arts

#### **November 17**

Wilberforce College

## SAT and ACT Dates

Sign up as soon as possible to secure your first-choice test center. Waivers are offered on a first come first serve basis.

### SAT

**Test Date:** Nov 6 **Deadline:** Oct 8

**Test Date:** Dec 4 **Deadline:** Nov 5  
**Test Date:** Jan 22 **Deadline:** Dec 23  
**Test Date:** Mar 12 **Deadline:** Feb 11

### ACT

**Test Date:** Dec 11 **Deadline:** Nov 5  
**Test Date:** Feb 12 **Deadline:** Jan 7  
**Test Date:** Apr 9 **Deadline:** Mar 4

## Scholarships/Contests

This is not an exhaustive list. Visit your counselor for more information on scholarships.

### **Towson University**

Full scholarships for math & science majors  
[www.towson.edu/fisher.scholarships](http://www.towson.edu/fisher.scholarships)

### **AXA Achievement Scholarship**

[www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com)  
Deadline: **Dec 15**

### **John F. Kennedy Library Foundation**

[www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org)  
Deadline: **Jan 8**  
(Grades 9-12)

### **www.ChristianConnector.com**

Scholarship for students applying to Christian colleges and universities.

### **SallieMae Scholarship Search**

[http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying/scholarship\\_search/pay\\_scholarship\\_search.jsp](http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship_search.jsp)

### **National Merit Scholarship**

<http://www.nationalmerit.org/>

### **Guaranteed Scholarships**

<http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com/>



### FastWeb

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

### Zinch

<http://www.zinch.com/>

### Fin Aid

<http://www.finaid.org/>

## DCCAP Corner

\*See Ms. Denson your DCCAP advisor located in the counseling Tuesdays and Thursday 9am – 4pm

\***Attention All Seniors:** DC-CAP invites you to participate in the “**Why I Want to Go to College**” contest. You may submit a poem or essay, song or rap, or a painting or drawing that shows the world why you want to go to college. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for each category. The contest deadline is **Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you have an art form that is not listed in the above categories, please see Ms. Denson, located in the Guidance suite. The winners will present their work at the upcoming Annual DC-CAP Student/Parent Luncheon Seminar on **November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## Notes from the Counselor

All Students!! 100 Hours of documented Community Service Hours are required for graduation. Do not wait until the last minute to submit. Community Service Forms can be found outside of Ms. Hollis' office.

### Juniors

Ms. Arrington has been to all the junior English classes discussing scholarship, GPA and ranking. Now, that you know where you stand, check out the college requirements for your favorite college. Most schools require a **3.0** average or above for scholarships. If your GPA is less than perfect, get involved in community service and/or lead a student club. Don't forget to check your email for important info. Let's go 2012!!! **YOU CAN DO IT!!!**

## Helpful Tips

\*Sign up with CollegeBoard to get practice test help and college info.  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)



## Important Dates

**Nov 11** Veterans Day (No school)

**Nov 12** Report Cards issued

**Oct 19** Senior Class Parent Meeting

**Nov 25-26** Thanksgiving Break (No school)

## Individual Graduation Portfolio (IGP)

Parents, when students return from Winter break, they will be introduced to the IGP. Students in grades 6 through 12 will have an electronic portfolio of educational, career, and achievement information that will travel with them and guide their progress through secondary school and to post-secondary options. Students will be empowered with their own information to be able to make decisions about their progress through secondary school and to post-secondary options. Thus, students will access transcripts, grades, courses needed to graduate, access to college profiles and other helpful information. Stay tuned for more updates next month.

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