

Guidance Update

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College Scholarships (Requiring In-House Applications) and Guidance News

- Ivy Tech will be hosting an Express Enrollment Day on December 7th and 9th from 9:00am-3:00pm for seniors interested in attending any Ivy Tech campus. Students can meet at either East Chicago or Gary campus and enroll in classes, handle financial aid, and speak with a counselor. No prior registration is required.
- The Joel Yonover Scholarship is being offered to all Munster seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA and have been involved in a performing art. Performing arts include: theater, speech and debate, dance, and vocal/instrumental performance. Candidates will then be reviewed by an in-house committee and one candidate will move forward in the process. Only students from Munster and North Central High Schools will be reviewed, so the candidate pool is extremely small. Please find the application attached to this email. All applications are due January 12, 2018! The winner will not be announced till March.
- Raise.Me is a new website dedicated to helping students in grades 9-12th prepare financially for college. This site rewards students for good grades, participating in extracurricular activities, and community service with financial incentives for select schools. One of these schools is Indiana University Bloomington. Students sign up and see how their academics and activities equal real dollars/ scholarships from schools. This site will give students a better picture of how much financial aid certain schools will provide before applying. It is a great motivating tool for underclassmen too because it shows 9 and 10th graders how good grades equal money towards tuition.
- Job Opportunity! Glenwood Oaks Restaurant in Glenwood, IL is looking for Bus Staff for 2 shifts per week weekday nights from 3:30pm-9:00pm and weekend nights from 3:30pm-10pm. Pay is \$4.95 per hour, plus tips (averaging \$9-12 per hour). Go into the restaurant and fill out an application today!
- The Munster Kiwanis are sponsoring "The Student of the Month" program. Seniors can find the application attached to this email or in the red scholarship binder in the guidance office. If picked students will attend one of the lunchtime monthly meetings and **be in the running for a sizable college scholarship**. All seniors are encouraged to apply! This is an on-going program for the entire year.

Colleges/ Universities Visiting MHS

(An admission representative will be hosting an information table outside the food court during all three lunch periods. These visits are a great opportunity to learn more about various universities and have your questions answered.)

Scholarship Opportunities/ Financial Help with College/ After High School Plans (Newest at top)

- The Knights of Pythias are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to all seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA. For details and the application, please see the attached document. The deadline is January 25th for all mailed applications.
- Beta Sigma Psi is offering several scholarships to Lutheran male seniors. The scholarships range from \$1,500-2,000. Applications are due February 17th and all information can be found by visiting <http://scholarships.betasigmapsi.org>.
- The Knights of Pythias are sponsoring a poster/ visual contest entitled, "Stay Alive, Don't Text and Drive" and is open to all high school students. The first prize is \$1,000. For more information please see the attached document.
- Valpo University is offering several foreign language scholarships who declare a Classics major. These scholarships are renewable and total \$4,000. The deadline for applications is January 26th and please find the application in the attachments of this email.
- American Farmers Grow AG Leaders is offering more than \$500,000 in scholarships to students interested in an agricultural career. For more information, please visit www.growagleaders.com.
- Asse is offering several summer exchange programs for high school students. For more information please visit www.asse.com.
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- The ECO Lexus Challenge is offering over \$500,000 in scholarships and grants to students in grades 9-12th. This national STEM competition focuses on creating practical solutions to air and climate change. The deadline is December 11th to enter and all info can be found by visiting www.scholastic.com/lexus.
- Epsilon Sigma Alpha is offering over 200 scholarships with varying criteria to seniors. Over \$248,000 plus distributed to students. The deadline is February 1st and all information can be found by visiting <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/scholarships/results/?state=Indiana>.
- The AXA Achievement Scholarship is now accepting applications. Scholarships worth \$2,500, \$10,000 and \$25,000 are being awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community, or workplace. Application will be accepted until December 15th and more info can be found by visiting <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>.
- Indiana State University is offering the Gongaware Scholarship worth full in-state tuition for four years to students who are interested in a career in insurance and financial services and have at least a 3.5 GPA, an 1140 SAT or 23 ACT score, and who ranks in the top 15% of their graduating class. For more information, please visit www.indstate.edu/gongaware by December 15th.
- The Jackie Robinson Foundation is accepting applications for the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship worth \$28,000. Applicants must be a minority senior with at least a 1,000 SAT score/ 22 ACT score and demonstrated financial need, community service experience, and leadership skills. The deadline for applications is February 1st and all information can be found by visiting www.jackierobinson.org.
- Applications are open for the ACT Student Champion Award. ACT Student Champions receive a \$500 non-renewable scholarship. Students are eligible if they have overcome challenges and can articulate education and career actions and have a 22 ACT composite score or a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to underrepresented and/or first generation college students. Applications can be found at www.act.org/readinesschampions. Applications are due by December 31st.
- The Indiana Department of Transportation is offering civil engineering students scholarships worth \$3,125 per semester and paid employment during summer and school breaks. More information can be found at www.INDOTscholarships.in.gov and all applications are due by December 31st.
- Burger King is offering several scholarships that can be worth over \$50,000. Seniors must have at least a 2.5 GPA and must be active in their community through volunteering, sports, clubs, and/or religious

activities. For more information, please visit www.bk-scholars.com. The application will be open until December 15th.

- The Alberico Scholarship Foundation is offering several \$2,500 scholarships to seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA, involvement in extracurricular activities, and can show a financial need. For more information, please visit <http://www.albericoscholar.com/scholarship-details/>. The deadline is 4/15 but does require two letters of recommendation.
- **Attention Juniors!** The Coolidge Scholarship for America is being offered to all juniors and is a full-ride, four-year merit scholarship to any US university. Seniors are not eligible to apply. The scholarship requires a strong academic background, interest in public policy, and experience in community service. All materials can be found at www.coolidgescholars.org and is due January 24th. The scholarship is quite lengthy, so start early. For all questions, please email coolidgescholars@coolidgefoundation.org.
- Sparkling Ice is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to students with at least a 2.5 GPA. For more information, please visit www.sparklingice/scholarship.
- The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is offering the 2018 Profile in Courage Essay Contest worth over \$10,000 to students in grades 9-12. Deadline is January 4, 2018 and all information can be found at <https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Eligibility-and-Requirements.aspx>.
- The National Co-op Scholarship Program will award over 4.2 million merit-based scholarships this year. Please view the brochure online for participating schools http://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/assets/BOC_Scholarship_Brochure_2017-18.pdf. Deadline is 2/18/18.
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College Visits and Open Houses (Newest at top)

- Baker College is hosting an Academic Information Day on December 6th at 6:00pm. To RSVP call Michelle at (810) 766-4077.
- DePauw University is hosting several open houses. Visit www.depauw.edu/admission/visit-campus/events for details.
- Goshen College is hosting several open houses. Visit www.goshen.edu/visit for details.
- Ithaca College has several open dates this fall and spring. For dates, please visit www.my.ithaca.edu.
- The Indiana Pacers will be hosting a college fair on Monday, December 4th starting at 4pm at their home stadium right before the game. To purchase tickets for this event and the game, please visit www.pacersgroups.com/avid. Passcode: AVID. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Opportunities and Employment Beyond the Classroom (newest opportunities at top)

- The University of Mississippi is looking for JUNIOR nominations for their Lott Leadership Institute. Selected students will study on campus and earn six college credits. Tuition costs will be covered and all students will have a chance to travel to Washington DC and participate in discussion groups with our nation's leaders. If you would like to be nominated, please email Mrs. White by December 15th.
- Washington University in St. Louis is offering several summer programs focusing on medicine, engineering, writing, humanities, leadership, and environmental studies. For more information, please visit www.summperexperiences.wustl.edu.
- The Knights of Pythias are sponsoring a poster/ visual contest entitled, "Stay Alive, Don't Text and Drive" and is open to all high school students. The first prize is \$1,000. For more information please see the attached document.
- The Summer Institute for the Gifted is hosting multi-week residential programs for all high school students. For more information on dates and campus locations, please visit www.giftedstudy.org.
- The American Theatre Wing is accepting submissions for the Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge. The deadline is January 5th and all information can be found by visiting <https://www.arts.gov/partnerships/songwriting>.
- Stanford University will be hosting several summer programs focusing on sports business, humanities, arts, and artificial intelligence. To learn more please visit www.spcs.stanford.edu/find-yourself.
- The University of Notre Dame is hosting several summer precollege programs in various areas of study. For more information, please visit <https://precollege.nd.edu/>.
- FLSAS is offering several study abroad opportunities for students in all levels of language fluency. For more information, please visit www.flsas.com.
- Seton Hall's Sustainable Development Challenge is a competition designed to encourage high school students to take part in the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. First place is worth \$2,5000 plus a \$10,000 annual scholarship to attend Seton Hall. To learn more please visit www.shu.edu/go/unchallenge.
- Yale Young Global Scholars offers seven intensive, interdisciplinary summer pre-collegiate experiences for 2018: Politics, Law, and Economics; International Affairs and Security; Sustainable Development & Social Entrepreneurship; Applied Science & Engineering; Biological & Biomedical Science; Frontiers of Science & Technology; and Asia in the 21st Century. ATC will be held at Yale Center Beijing in China and all other sessions will be held at Yale University in New Haven, CT. While the academic themes of the sessions are different, participants in each session complete similarly structured tasks and learning modules. All seven sessions give high school student leaders opportunities to recognize and understand contemporary global issues, strategize responses, and innovate solutions while learning from renowned practitioners and Yale faculty members in a range of fields. For more information on dates and application procedures, please visit <https://globalscholars.yale.edu/sessions-dates>.
- Indiana University Northwest is offering a FREE Friday STEM Camp on December 1st from 9-11:30am. It is open to all high school students. Learn more and register at www.iun.edu/stemcamp2017. Space is limited.
- The Drive Smart Digital Short Contest, sponsored by CTIA Wireless Foundation is available to students. Students can enter a digital short educating others about the dangers of distracted driving and have a chance to win a \$10,000 scholarship. Ninth-twelfth grades students can enter a 15-60 second digital short through December 18th. For more information, please visit <https://drivesmartnow.com/>.
- The Office of Pre-College Programs at Notre Dame is offering several summer leadership seminars and study abroad programs. For more information, please visit www.precollege.nd.edu.
- The Telluride Association is looking for 11th grade nominations for the Telluride Association Summer Program. The program is a free 6-week summer program at a college campus where students participate

in challenging seminars while increasing personal leadership skills and intellectual vitality. For more information please visit <https://www.tellurideassociation.org/our-programs/high-school-students/summer-program-juniors-tasp/>. Travel expenses may be covered if a demonstrated need exists. If you would like to be nominated, please email Mrs. White by November 17th.

- Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations is sponsoring a Sustainable Development Challenge to students in grades 10-12th. Students can win over \$50,000 in prizes by submitting a 300-500 word statement that describes an innovative approach or idea one has for addressing one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. For more information, please visit www.shu.edu/go/UNChallenge.
- Washington University in St. Louis is offering several summer academic experiences for all high school students. For more information on topics and dates, please www.summerexperience.wustl.edu.
- Washington University in St. Louis is offering an Architecture Discovery Program from July 8th-21st. For more info, please visit www.samfoxschool.wustl.edu.
- Hillsdale College is offering all high school students a chance to study abroad this summer. The two-week programs include travel to England, France, or Italy. For more information, please visit www.summerprograms@hillsdale.edu.
- Meatheads in Munster is hiring for all positions. For more information, please call 219-230-3066.
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SAT/ACT/ PSAT/Advanced Placement Test Information and Practice

- ACT Prep: Please visit the Test Prep section at <http://actstudent.org/testprep/>. Sample questions and resources are available for free and some for a small purchase.
- If you are a student with an Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan, you can request to have testing accommodations for all of the above tests. For the PSAT, SAT, and AP exams, students must have a signed parental consent form. The form can be found at <https://www.collegeboard.org/pdf/ssd/ssd-consent-form-accommodations.pdf>. Please turn this form into the Guidance Office. To apply for ACT testing accommodations, please visit <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/disab/>. If you are unsure if a testing accommodation request has been submitted, please email Mrs. White at jlwhite@munster.us