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# Counselor's Corner

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You've worked hard through high school, and now it's about to pay off. This is no time to let senior slump take over! As you head for the finish line, make each day count by meeting every deadline and completing every "to-do." From college and financial aid applications to managing your classwork, you've got a lot to handle, but you know you can do it.

If you have not taken the ACT, you need to sign up to take it immediately. You must have an ACT score on file in order to be admitted to college. Junior colleges and community colleges will accept the COMPASS test; however, you must take it on their campus.

## Upcoming Events

- **FAFSA** forms can be filled out after January 1<sup>st</sup> - online.
- A-State Saturday - January 17, and February 21
- UALR Open House - January 30 - RSVP by Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> ([www.ualr.edu/openhouse](http://www.ualr.edu/openhouse))
- University of Arkansas will visit our campus on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He will be available at 7:30 am if anyone would like to come to the library to meet with him.
- Career Day - February 10<sup>th</sup>
- ASU Admitted Student Open House - Feb. 5 and Feb. 19
- Christy Wilson will return on February 13<sup>th</sup> to present a Senior Seminar. Topics to be included: Writing College Essays for Admission; Asking for Recommendation Letters; Turning in Required Paperwork; Tips for College Success; Financial Aid.

### ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Register By
February 7	January 6
April 4	February 27
June 13	May 8

Parkers Chapel High School  
ACT Code: 040-695

## Congratulations!!!

First semester grades came out January 9<sup>th</sup>. You did a great job first semester. Keep up the good work and finish strong. If your grades were not exactly where you wanted them to be, work a little harder this semester. Good Luck!

## Scholarship Opportunities

Any College	Four \$2,000 scholarships will be given away in a random drawing. Apply online at <a href="http://www.anycollege.com">http://www.anycollege.com</a>	March 31, June 30
LaTech University School of Art Scholarship	Communication Design, Studio Art, Photography. 3.0 gpa.	January 16
Donaghey Scholars Program	Application in counselor's office. ACT 28 or higher with a gpa of 3.8 and higher.	February 1
Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA)	Information about scholarships, requirements and applications are available on website: <a href="http://www.esaintl.com/esaf">http://www.esaintl.com/esaf</a> Applications also available in counselor's office.	February 1
Burger King Scholarship	Have a 2.5 or higher GPA, work part-time, be actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need, and plan to enroll in a two or four year accredited college. Apply online at <a href="http://www.bk.com/scholars">http://www.bk.com/scholars</a> . Access key: BKS	February 2
University of Arkansas Alumni Scholarship	3.0 gpa and ACT 24. <a href="http://www.arkalum.org/scholarships">http://www.arkalum.org/scholarships</a>	February 2
KFC Colonel's Scholars	Created to assist students with financial need who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public institution within their legal state of residence. To qualify: 1) graduate from high school this academic school year; 2) maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher; 3) enroll in a public university; 4) pursue a bachelor's degree; 5) a U.S. citizen. Apply online at <a href="http://www.kfcscholars.org">http://www.kfcscholars.org</a> .(beginning December 1)	February 10
Robert C. Byrd	Must be admitted to a college; have superior academic proficiency; high school grades with emphasis given to AP courses; leadership ability; involvement in school and community activities. 7 page application can be found in counselor's office.	February 13
Best Buy	Solid grades, volunteer work, or work experience. <a href="http://www.at15.com">http://www.at15.com</a> or <a href="http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships">http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships</a>	February 15
Genesis High School Competition	16 categories for design, illustration, multimedia, photography, or videography. <a href="http://genesiscompetition.org">http://genesiscompetition.org</a>	February 27
Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities	Application is in counselor's office. Must list disability.	Postmark February 28
Student Athlete Scholar	Participated in two sports for two years in each sport. AT least one varsity letter earned in each sport. Must have at least two of the following: GPA=3.5 or higher, ACT 24, ranked in top 25%. Application in counselor's office.	February 28
US Bank Internet Scholarship Program	No essay. No minimum gpa. Random drawing. Application online at <a href="http://www.usbank.com/studentbanking">www.usbank.com/studentbanking</a>	February 28

SAMMY 2009 Got Milk?	Applications and official rules can be found online at <a href="http://www.sammy.bodybymilk.com">http://www.sammy.bodybymilk.com</a>	March 6
AAA/State Farm Scholar Athlete Program	3.5 gpa or higher; 21 on ACT; meet NCAA scholarship rules; good citizenship, desirable leadership traits, and participated in other school activities. Application in counselor's office.	April 1
R. Preston Woodruff	Twenty-five (25) \$1,000 scholarships randomly drawn. Apply online at: <a href="http://asla.info/scholarship/woodruffscholarship.aspx">http://asla.info/scholarship/woodruffscholarship.aspx</a>	April 1
Mandy Coats Scholarship Fund	Must be an active member of a church; high moral character, strong work ethic with a gpa of 2.0 or better. Must be willing to help others as a result of the scholarship. Applications in counselor's office.	April 1
Union County Farm Bureau	Family member of Union County Farm Bureau. Applications in counselor's office.	April 1
FAFSA	Apply as soon as possible after January 1. <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">http://www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> or download an application at <a href="http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov">http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov</a> or request paper FAFSA by calling 1-800-433-3243 or 1-319-337-5665.	Until money runs out

## Helpful Websites

### COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION

- [www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com)
- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)
- [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)
- [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org)

### COLLEGE LINKS

- [www.arkansashighered.com](http://www.arkansashighered.com) (Arkansas colleges and financial aid)

### ENTRANCE EXAMS/AP INFORMATION

- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (AP information)
- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (ACT registration and information)
- [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) (Free online SAT & ACT test preparation)

### FINANCIAL AID

- [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) (apply for PIN to fill out FAFSA online)
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (FAFSA online, basis for all federal financial aid)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (scholarship search engine)
- [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com) (scholarship search engine)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) (excellent site answering questions about financial aid)
- [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) (information about US government funds for college)
- [www.asla.state.ar.us](http://www.asla.state.ar.us) (Arkansas Student Loan Authority - information about funds for AR students)

### JOBS/CAREERS

- [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) (Occupational Outlook Handbook online)
- <http://online.onetcenter.org> (comprehensive information about occupations)
- <http://www.ajb.dni.us> (Nationwide database containing almost 1.5 million jobs)

### OTHER

- [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) (college rankings - select the education button)
- [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) (athletes must register in order to play at Division 1 or 2 colleges)
- [www.essayedge.com/college/essayadvice/samples](http://www.essayedge.com/college/essayadvice/samples) (examples of good college entrance essays)