



## From the High School Counselor

September 19, 2016

*Italics represents new information.*

### College Admissions Officers who will be at University Schools to visit with students/parents:

- **University of Northern Colorado** – Friday, September 30 at 9:10
- **Metro State University** – Tuesday, October 4 at 9:15

### College Admissions Officers who will be in Colorado to visit with students/parents:

- **Washington University in St. Louis Admissions Information Session** – Courtyard Denver Cherry Creek on Sunday, September 25 at 7:00 pm; <https://wustl.edu/visit/>
- **Duke University** – Lakewood High School on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm; <https://admiss.ugrad.duke.edu/portal/discover-duke>
- **Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)** – The Art in Denver, Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 pm; [www.scad.edu/infosession](http://www.scad.edu/infosession)
- **University of Arizona** – Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel on Monday, October 3 at 7:00 pm; <https://slate.admissions.arizona.edu/portal/discoverua>

### College Open Houses: If you don't see your college listed, visit their admissions page and you should find it!

- **University of Colorado at Denver Preview Days** – October 14, November 11; [http://www.ucdenver.edu/admissions/tours/Pages/index.aspx?utm\\_source=FireEngineRed&utm\\_medium=Footer-Visit&utm\\_campaign=Admissions\\_links](http://www.ucdenver.edu/admissions/tours/Pages/index.aspx?utm_source=FireEngineRed&utm_medium=Footer-Visit&utm_campaign=Admissions_links)
- **Fort Hays State University** – October 26, November 1, November 3; [www.fhsu.edu/leadership](http://www.fhsu.edu/leadership)

### Community Service Opportunity!

- **9 HealthFair** will be held in Greeley on October 1. To sign up as a volunteer, please contact Jess Yarbrough at [jess.yarbrough@9healthfair.org](mailto:jess.yarbrough@9healthfair.org).

### Shadowing/Internship Opportunity!

- **Veterinary Exploration Day** is a hands-on learning opportunity for students to learn techniques for animal handling, basic healthcare for animals, and other fun stuff. This event will be held on October 22 from 9:00 to 3:00 at Centennial Area Health Education Center, 4650 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street. See your counselor to register.
- **MiniMed School** is an eight-week program with CU Clinical faculty who take time to share their medical specialties with the community. They meet on Wednesdays at 7-8:30 at Centennial Area Health Education Center, 4650 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Participants will get their own MiniMed School diploma! Registration is open at <http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschoollcommunity/MiniMed/Pages/Registration.aspx>.
- **Colorado State University** invites high school students and their parents to explore engineering majors and careers at their **Engineering Exploration Day** on October 15 from 9-4. Registration is free and online at [www.engr.colostate.edu/explore](http://www.engr.colostate.edu/explore).

Colleges and universities award merit scholarships to students who meet specific GPA and ACT/SAT requirements. You can learn about these requirements through the financial aid page of your college's website. The spotlight this week is on the **Presidential Scholarship at Montana State University**. It covers full tuition plus a generous stipend. Qualified applicants will have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 and an ACT Composite of 30.

The **Boettcher Scholarship** is a Colorado scholarship for high school seniors. It is one of the oldest and most prestigious merit-based scholarships in the state. It covers the cost of tuition, fees and books at Colorado four-year colleges and universities. Boettcher scholars also receive a living stipend. Take the senior competitiveness quiz at [www.boettcherfoundation.org](http://www.boettcherfoundation.org) to see if you should apply. The deadline is October 25.

Interested in being the next greatest meteorologist? Or storm chaser? The **University of Colorado at Boulder** has added a new degree program in Atmospheric and Oceanic Studies.

The United State Senate Youth Program is for outstanding high school juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing careers in public service. It will be held in Washington, DC from March 4-11. Applicants must be currently serving in an elected position in student government. Visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/senateyouth.htm> for more information. Applications are due on Friday, October 21.

Congressman Ken Buck is accepting applications from seniors who are seeking nomination to the four US Service Academies: the US Air Force Academy, The US Military Academy, the US Naval Academy, and the US Merchant Marine Academy. The academies offer students a first rate and entirely free college education and the opportunity to receive an officer commission upon graduation. Application forms and information on how to apply can be found at <https://buck.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>. The deadline is October 1.

The priority deadline for scholarship applications at **Fort Hays State University** is November 15.

The **Christian College Fair of Colorado** provides a unique opportunity for students and families to talk with representatives and learn more about a school. It will be held at Resurrection Christian High School, 6508 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland on Wednesday, September 28 at 6 – 8 pm. Visit [www.yfcdenver.org/events/college\\_fair](http://www.yfcdenver.org/events/college_fair) for details.

The **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Scholarship Program** provides an opportunity for our students to attend a wide variety of colleges in western states and pay only 150% of in-state tuition, thus making these out-of-state schools much more affordable. Visit [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue) to see a list of participating schools.

Many private colleges have “preview” programs for high school seniors of color, seniors who are first in their families to graduate high school, or seniors who will be the first in their families to attend college. These programs are often over-night with all-expenses paid and are designed to get the seniors familiar with their campus. These programs are typically held in the Fall and have deadlines that are approaching. Visit websites to see if your college is having one, or see your counselor and we can help!

Great opportunity for **high school seniors who are considering becoming a physician!** The **University of Colorado-Denver BA/BS – MD Program** selects academically qualified individuals from a broad range of backgrounds who show strong commitment to a career in medicine as a primary care physician in Colorado. Being accepted to the program enables students to earn a “reserved” spot in the University of Colorado School of Medicine provided he/she meet the requirements. A Pre-Application Information Session will be held on September 24. Applicants for this program must apply to UC-Denver by October 28. Visit <http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/CLAS/BachelorsPrograms/ProgramsDegrees/BABSMD/Page/s/home.aspx> for more information and to RSVP for a Pre-Application Information Session.

**Wendy's** is giving away 100 **scholarships** ranging from \$1000 to \$10,000 to senior scholar-athletes through their **Wendy's Heisman Scholarship** program. The successful applicants will have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, be a leader in school and the community, and participate in at least one of the qualifying sports. For a complete list and to apply, visit <https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/>. The deadline is October 3.

Spotlight on the **Air Traffic Controller Program at Aims**: The FAA is hiring 1,400 entry level air traffic controllers next year. The average median salary for Air Traffic Controllers in 2015 was \$122,950. Aims offers the only FAA Air Traffic, Collegiate Training Initiative program in Colorado. Aims graduates have achieved a 96.3% success rate in the FAA Academy training historically. Visit [www.aims.edu/academics/aviation](http://www.aims.edu/academics/aviation) for more information.

If you only go to one college fair this fall, it should be this one! The **National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) National College Fair** will be held in Denver on Sunday, September 25. This college fair brings together admission representatives from hundreds of colleges and universities to speak one-on-one with students and parents about their school and the admission process. Participants need to preregister at [www.nacacnet.org/fallincf](http://www.nacacnet.org/fallincf).

The **AES Scholarship** is awarded to seniors who have achieved a high grade point average and who demonstrates good character. Applicants must submit an essay (500-1000 words) on the topic of "When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?". Visit [www.aesengineers.com](http://www.aesengineers.com) for more information. The deadline to apply is October 6.

**Aspiring Artists! National Portfolio Days** serve to help further the development of young artists by bringing together experienced college and university representatives to review artwork and offer critique. Some colleges and universities may accept your portfolio as the visual portion of your application. This event will be held in Denver on September 24. Visit [www.portfolioday.net](http://www.portfolioday.net) for more information.

Seniors: If you will attend college in Colorado, you should register for the **College Opportunity Fund**. The College Opportunity Fund is a stipend provided by the state of Colorado that pays a portion of your total in-state tuition. Go to [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org) for more information.

Seniors who are interested in playing sports in college must register through NCAA or NAIA to be "cleared" for playing. Go to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) or [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org) to learn more.

Scholarships for high school students can be found on [www.chegg.com/scholarships](http://www.chegg.com/scholarships) and [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me).

**I'm First** is an online community founded by Center for Student Opportunity to provide first-generation college students with support, advice, and encouragement on the road to and through college. Visit [www.imfirst.org](http://www.imfirst.org) for more information.

The **College Theatre Directory** is a new online searchable database containing information about more than 270 college theatre programs, including admission requirements, application deadlines, audition schedules, and scholarships. The directory may be found at <http://collegedirectory.schooltheatre.org>.

Looking for scholarship opportunities? Check out [www.DenverScholarship.org](http://www.DenverScholarship.org) and click on Scholarship Directory. They list scholarship opportunities for freshman, sophomores, and juniors as well as for seniors! Another website is [www.StudentScholarships.org](http://www.StudentScholarships.org).

Scholarship and financial aid information can be found at [www.legion.org/needalift](http://www.legion.org/needalift).

Students may register for the **ACT** at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The cost to register for the test is \$42.50. Test dates, followed by deadline to register, are:

<b>ACT Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration Period (late fee required)</b>	<b>Photo Upload Deadline</b>
October 22, 2016	September 16	September 17-30	October 14
December 10, 2017	November 4	November 5-18	December 2
February 11, 2017	January 13	January 14-20	February 3
April 8, 2017	March 3	March 4-17	March 31
June 10, 2017	May 5	May 6-19	June 2

Students may register for the **SAT** and **SAT Subject Tests** at [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register). The cost to register for the SAT is \$54.50 until March when the new SAT comes out in which the price will go to \$45. Test dates, followed by deadline to register, are:

<b>SAT Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Online Late Registration Deadline (late fee required)</b>
October 1, 2016	September 1	September 20
November 5, 2016	October 7	October 25
December 3, 2016	November 3	November 22
January 21, 2017	December 21	January 10
*March 11, 2017	February 10	February 28
May 6, 2017	April 7	April 25
June 3, 2017	May 9	May 24

\* No SAT Subject Tests

**Fee waivers** for college applications and ACT/SAT are available to students who meet income guidelines. See your counselor for information.