



Tuscola High School Senior Newsletter February 2013

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Need Help Completing the FAFSA?

FAFSA DAY OPPORTUNITIES:

◀ On Saturday, February 23, 2013 college financial aid officers and other financial aid specialists will assist students and parents in the completion and the electronic submission of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

How? Register at www.cfnc.org/fafsaday.

Where? Haywood Community College or SECU - Waynesville Branch (Haywood County)

When? Saturday, February 23rd from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

◀ On Tuesday, March 19th and Thursday, March 20th Haywood Community College financial aid officers will be at Tuscola to assist students and parents in the completion of the FAFSA.

How? In March, call the Counseling Center at 456-2408 to schedule an appointment

Where? Tuscola High School Library

When? February 21 & February 23 (By appointment ONLY!)

◀ FAFSA Phone-In: This free service provided by CFNC allows students and families to call financial aid specialists at the CFNC Call Center (866-866-CFNC) each Tuesday in February from 5 to 8 pm with questions. While FAFSA Day is designed to help participants complete the entire form, the FAFSA Phone-In Service is offered to help individuals who are completing the FAFSA on their own and are seeking answers to a few of the questions asked on the FAFSA.



EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION CALCULATOR



Students and their families are expected to contribute to the cost of college to the extent that they're able. Use this 2013-14 School Year Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculator to:

- Estimate how much your family will be expected to contribute. After all, you can't make a realistic plan to cover your share if you don't have an idea what your share could be.
- Gain insight into your financial aid eligibility. If you're unable to contribute the entire cost of college, financial aid is available to bridge the gap. That's how the financial aid system works. The difference between the total cost and your EFC is considered your "financial need" and the amount of aid you're eligible to receive.

Visit http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/efc_welcome.jsp to access the Expected Family Contribution Calculator!

Congrats!

Clark, Shelby

ASU, Carson-Newman College (Presidential Scholarship - \$48000), LR University (L-R Scholars Program - \$56000), Lincoln Memorial University, WCU (Honors College Excellence Award - \$8000)

Deane, Aaron

Campbell University, ECU, UNCC, UNCG, & WCU

Hay, Thomas

Pfeiffer University, Tusculum College (Tusculum Grant - \$24000)

Haynes, Elizabeth

WCU

Kihnel, Lindsay

ASU, King College (Scholarship - \$40000), Washington College (Scholarship - \$74000)

Leibetter, Taylor

Gardner-Webb University (Presidential Scholarship - \$44000), Lenoir-Rhyne University, & NC State University

Metcalfe, Kristen

WCU

Norman, Emily

Lees McRae College (Pinnacle Scholarship - \$30000), NC A & T

Phillips, Paige

Southwestern Community College

Simson, Georgia

Wingate University (Trustee Scholarship - \$60000) & Auburn University (Dudley University Scholarship - \$6000)

Smith, Ian

Emory & Henry College

Spence, Autumn

WCU

Tetreault, Emily

WCU

Williams, Kara

UNCC

Military Recruiters

If you are interested in joining a branch of the military let your counselor know. Your counselor will also contact a recruiter for you and schedule a meeting.



Loan Smarts



Your family probably plans to borrow money to pay for college, and it's tempting to rush through the process. But a little research and caution now can save you a lot of money in the future.

Take the time to shop around and find the loan with the most advantageous terms and lowest interest rates. Federal loans are usually the best bet. Be sure to consult the financial aid officer at your child's college. Figure out how much you really need, so that when you're offered a loan you don't just borrow the maximum amount by default. Determine your debt limits, too, so that you don't borrow more than you can afford to pay back later. Learn more about loans, including the best types, repayment options and basic terminology. (www.collegeboard.org)

Senior Superlative Winners

BEST TO TAKE HOME TO PARENTS:

Alex Swanger &
Seth McClure

BEST DRESSED:
Madeline Greene &
Taylor Owens

CLASS CLOWN:
Ashley McClure &
Steven Hurley

BEST SMILE:
Sydney Morris &
Neil Peterson

BEST EYES:
Mary Holland Fulgham &
Charles Worrell

MOST ATHLETIC:
Shelby Tricoli &
Levi Duffield

**MOST LIKELY TO
BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY:**
Abby Christopher &
Max Schmidt

MOST UNFORGETTABLE:

Brooke Ferguson &
Ellis Forga

BEST LAUGH:
Mary Wallace &
Jake Davis

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT:

Emily Hooper &
Cody Ferguson

MOST ARTISTIC:
Alex Hefner &
David Vertrees

BEST ALL AROUND:
Caitlin Hines & Peter Tran

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED:

Lindsay Barth &
Ethan Dinwiddie

MISS THS: Emily Hooper
MR. THS: Cody Ferguson



Federal Work-Study Programs

Federal Work-Study (FWS) provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the recipient's course of study.

Your school must pay you directly (unless you direct otherwise) and at least monthly. Wages for the program must equal at least the current federal minimum wage but might be higher, depending on the type of work you do and the skills required.



For more information visit <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

SELECTIVE SERVICE

The law requires all 18-year-old men to register for selective service. You may register at your local post office OR via the internet at www.sss.gov.

You will need to provide your

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Date of birth
- Social security number

You should complete this process within 30 days of your 18th birthday, but you may submit your information as early as 17 years and 3 months. It is one's legal obligation to register with Selective Service; by not registering, men risk their eligibility for future college loans and grants, job training, employment, and (for immigrants) U.S. citizenship. If you have any other questions, you

may call
1-847-688-6888.



CLEP Testing

The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) gives you the opportunity to receive college credit for what you already know by earning qualifying scores on any of 34 examinations. Earn credit for knowledge you've acquired through independent study, prior course work, on-the-job training, professional development, cultural pursuits, or internships.

How CLEP Helps You:

- **Save time.** Depending on your college's CLEP policy, a satisfactory score on a CLEP exam can earn you from 3 to 12 college credits.
- **Save money.** The cost of a CLEP exam is \$77, a fraction of the tuition and fees for the corresponding course.
- **Make college more interesting.** Skip general introductory courses and move on to more advanced classes, or explore new and challenging academic areas.
- **Graduate on time.** CLEP can help you to the finish line if you're a few credits shy of graduation
- **Satisfy a proficiency requirement.** Demonstrate your ability in college math or a foreign language.

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