

# Senior College Newsletter

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## Ooltewah High School Edition

### Its Time to Plan for College

Senior year is finally here and its time to think about preparing for college. The first thing to keep in mind is to continue meeting high school and college requirements.

#### Special points of interest:

- Sign up for financial aid at [www.Fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.Fafsa.ed.gov)
- Federal Student Aid Pin website maintains your financial aid records. Visit <http://www.pin.ed.gov> to apply for a pin number. Both a parent and student need a pin number.
- The next deadline for the October 25th ACT Test is September 19th. A late fee is required after this date.
- Go to [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for information about scholarships and colleges.
- The early admission deadline for UTK is November 1st.
- For great SAT Prep visit [www.ineedapencil.com/index.aspx](http://www.ineedapencil.com/index.aspx)
- 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc invites you to attend Bank of America Atlanta Football Classic and College fair on September 27th. More info call 1-888-810-0636

- Record important dates such as ACT Test dates or college admission deadlines.
- If you have already taken the ACT, take it again. Some colleges such as UTK "super score"; which means it takes the highest sub score of every test you take.
- Also, try to look into the colleges you are interested in. College trips are coming up soon so keep in mind the available dates.
- When thinking about applying to colleges be sure to look at the admission deadlines! **UTK has changed its regular deadline from February 1st to December 1st.**
- Identify the teachers that you want to write recommendations for you. Do not wait to the last minute! It is best to give the forms at least one month in advance.
- If you are an athlete seeking scholarships, contact the coaches from the colleges you want to attend and attach a resume of your accomplishments.



ETSU CAMPUS

#### Discover ETSU!

Attention 11th and 12th grade African American Students! From October 17th-18th ETSU is hosting its Fall Open House. This includes financial aid information and campus tours. Parents are invited and there is Free weekend accommodations for out of town guests (limited availability). The deadline for registration is October 3rd. Contact Tamekia Bell at her email: [beelt@etsu.edu](mailto:beelt@etsu.edu) Office of Admissions Box 70731 Johnson City, TN 37614. Phone: 423-439-4213

#### College Visit Dates

- Samford University in the White Oak Room on September 15th from 7:30-8:30am
- Georgia Tech-September 15th in the White Oak Room from 10:25-11:30am
- Mercer College- September 16th in White Oak Room during DS
- MTSU-September 17th in the White Oak Room from 10:50-12:45pm
- Emory University in the White Oak Room on September 17th from 9:45-10:15am
- High Point University- September 17th in White Oak Room during DS
- UTC College Fair-September 18th at the UTC Arena. The cost is \$4.00 and signed permission slips are required and will be distributed through DS classes.
- Chattanooga Christian College Fair-September 22nd at Silverdale Baptist Academy from 6-8pm
- UTK-September 24th in the White Oak Room from 10:15-12:45pm
- Pomona College-September 30th in the White Oak Room from 10:15-10:40am
- Austin Peay-October 24th during Lunch in the Cafeteria

## Tennessee Hope Scholarship Information

- If you have a 3.0 cumulative GPA **or** a 21 on the ACT, you can receive \$4,000/yr for a 4-year college or \$2,000/yr for a 2-year college.
- If you have a 3.75 cumulative weighted GPA **AND** a 29 on the ACT, you will receive the \$4,000 HOPE Scholarship plus a \$1,000 supplement for a 4-year college.
- If your family income is less than \$36,000 and you meet the requirements for the HOPE scholarship you can qualify for the Aspire Award which is a \$1,500 supplement to the HOPE Scholarship.
- If your family income is less than \$36,000 **and** you score an 18-20 on the ACT, you can qualify for \$2,750 for a 4-yr college or \$1,750 for a 2-yr college.
- If you have been in foster care for at least one year after the age of 14, you must either meet the requirements for the HOPE scholarship or the HOPE Access Scholarship to receive money for college tuition. Visit [http://www.collegepaystn.com/mon\\_college/hope\\_foster\\_grant.html](http://www.collegepaystn.com/mon_college/hope_foster_grant.html) for more information.

### Dear College Lady...

*Do we have college counseling here? No one has ever helped me and no one ever helped my sister who went here. I have a friend at a private school who gets help with applying for colleges on a regular basis.*

*Signed,  
What about me?*

Let me share a cliché with that has much truth. *The squeaky wheel gets oiled.* There is help available to you but it's your job to stand up for yourself and go get it. Ask questions of adults around the building. If you do it in a respectful manner you may find that the teachers and staff at Ooltewah will "bend over backwards" to help you. We want to see you succeed. Lastly, I hereby pledge to you that I will try to answer your questions and help you with the challenges you face regarding college. Come see me in guidance on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you want a quick response email me at [seebach\\_k@hcde.org](mailto:seebach_k@hcde.org) or [Ingalls\\_Jill@hcde.org](mailto:Ingalls_Jill@hcde.org)

## ACT & SAT Testing Information

### Requesting a Copy of Your Test Question Answers

If you plan to take the ACT on one of the dates listed below you can order the Test Information Release (TRI) during the 3 month period after your test date for \$17.00. This includes a list of answers, a copy of the multiple choice questions, the answer key and scoring instructions. Materials are usually mailed about 4 weeks after your score report. This means that you cannot plan to receive these mate-

rials in time for the next registration. If you are interested please visit <http://www.actstudent.org/>

### What is the SAT?

According to the College Board, the SAT measures critical thinking skills required for colleges. The SAT analyzes how well a student solves problems. The difference between the ACT and the SAT is that the ACT is an achievement test while the SAT is an aptitude test.

### SAT TEST DATES

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
Oct. 4th	Sept. 9th	Sept. 16
Nov. 1	Sept. 26th	Oct. 10th
Dec. 6	Nov. 5th	Nov.18th
Jan. 24th	Dec. 26th	Jan. 6th
Mar. 14th	Feb. 10th	Feb. 24
May 2nd	Mar. 31st	Apr 9th
Jun. 6th	May 5th	May 15th

Register at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 25th, 2008	September 19th, 2009	September 20-Oct 3, 2008
December 13th, 2008	November 7th, 2008	November 8-20 2008
February 7th, 2009	January 6th, 2009	January 7-16, 2009
April 4th, 2009	February 27th, 2009	February 28-March 13,2009
June 13th, 2009	May 8th, 2009	May 9-22, 2009

Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### ACT PREP SITES

- <http://www.actstudent.org>
- [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)
- [www.Princetonreview.com](http://www.Princetonreview.com)
- [www.4tests.com](http://www.4tests.com)
- <http://www.learningexpress.com>

## Scholarships!

- **Computer Science Scholarships for Black Women-**: This scholarship offers \$4,000 to \$10,000 per year for African American Female Students to attend Florida A&M. Contact Dr. Jason Black at jblack@cis.famu.edu for more information.
- **First Freedom Competition**: This national essay Contest offers 9th-12th grade students an opportunity to compete for a \$3,000, \$1,500 or \$ 750 award, as they examine the first amendments, the history and relevance of religious freedom in America today. Contact Mrs. Seebach or Ms. Ingalls in Guidance for more information. Deadline: November 24, 2008
- **Emory Scholars Program**: This program awards a span of four years of undergraduate study ranges from 2/3 tuition to full tuition, room and board and fees. This requires a nomination and only students with outstanding records of academic achievement will be considered. Contact Mrs. Seebach or Ms. Ingalls in Guidance. Deadline: November 1, 2008
- **Horatio Alger Scholarship** seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education and a desire to contribute to society. Deadline : October 30, 2008. Eligibility Requirements:
  - \* Intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two - year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution.
  - \* Critical financial need, preferably \$50,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family
  - \* Involvement in co-curricular and community service activities
  - \* Minimum GPA of 2.0
- **Wendy's High School Heisman**: Eligibility for application is limited exclusively to men and women entering their senior year of high school in the 2008-2009 academic year who have at least a B grade point average and participate in at least one school sponsored sport. Contact Mrs. Seebach or Ms. Ingalls in guidance. Deadline : October 1, 2008.
- **Questbridge National College Match Program**: the Questbridge National College Match helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges. Last year, more than 200 students received College Match scholarships covering the following costs:
  - \* Full cost of tuition (up to \$36,000 per year)
  - \* Full cost of room and board (up to \$11,000 per year)
  - \* The Deadline is September 30th 2008. See Mrs. Seebach or Mrs. Ingalls for more information
- **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**: Students who have participated in significant volunteer experiences. Students will be awarded \$1,000 and a trip to Washington D.C. Deadline :October 31, 2008. For more information contact Mrs. Seebach or Ms. Ingalls in Guidance.
- **United States Senate Youth Program**: Selected youth spend the week of March 7th-March 14th 2009 in Washington D.C. Students also receive a \$5,000 scholarship award. Must be either student body president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or student council rep. Deadline : October 15th 2008. For more information contact Mrs. Seebach or Ms. Ingalls in Guidance.
- **SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes**: High school seniors can win a \$1,000 scholarship for their first year expenses at a college or private career school. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 31,2008 through May 15,2009. Apply online: [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info) after September 15, 2008.

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Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4  
Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com



Your business tag line here.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

EXAMPLE.MICROSOFT.COM

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it



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easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers.

You can either compile ques-

tions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind

readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.