

**UPDATE
FROM THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
2017**

SEPTEMBER 15

**MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING IS
AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:**

**FAFSA WORKSHOP
2017**

There will be a FAFSA Workshop at Lourdes on Wednesday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab, Room 208.

Complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA after October 1, 2017.
To complete the FAFSA go to fafsa.ed.gov.

- **Parent and Student** will need to apply for an FSA ID at fafsa.ed.gov
Click FSA ID (blue box) at top under Federal Student Aid

**** NOTE: If one parent and student does not have an FSA ID the night of the FAFSA workshop, the FAFSA form cannot be completed. We will not be completing them during this event.**

You **MUST** bring the following financial information from 2016 for **Parent(s) and Students:**

- Social Security Numbers (bring cards to insure accuracy)
- Birth Dates
- Date of Marriage (Parents)
- Date of Divorce, if applies (Parents)

- **2016 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned**
- **2016 1099 Form**
- **2016 Federal Income Tax Return**
 1. **IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ**
 2. **Foreign Tax Return (if applies)**
- **2016 Federal Income Tax return - Parent and Student (If employed in 2016)**
- **2016 untaxed income records:**
 1. **Veterans benefits records**
 2. **Workers' Compensation**
 3. **Child Support**
 4. **Payments to tax deferred pension and savings plan**
- **Current bank statements (checking and savings)**
- **Current business assets(only if you employ more than 100 employees)**
- **Current farm asset (unless you live on the farm)**
- **Current stocks, bonds, and other investment records**
- **Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)**
- **Value of 529 Plans for all children**

Please call 644-0375 - Ext. 119 to register for the FAFSA Workshop or if you have any questions.

Seniors attained an **FSA ID (Federal Student Aid)** on Friday, September 8th with the assistance of Mrs. Marla Kane, Assistant Regional Director, PHEAA. One Senior parent will be required to obtain an FSA ID also in order to complete the FAFSA after October 1.

This is a great video that goes through the process of creating an FSA ID for the FAFSA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7ihhGk8mCY&feature=youtu.be>

Seniors were provided folders containing forms, informational handouts regarding scholarships, and instructions for completing **college applications**. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, November 3rd.

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School will host a **College Fair** on Tuesday, October 10th, at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria for grades 9 through 12. Approximately 25 - 30 colleges will be at the fair. Parents are invited to attend.

PACCAO – Pennsylvania Association of Catholic College Admissions Officers will be hosting a **Catholic College Fair** at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday, October 5, from 1:15 – 2:15p.m., in the cafeteria, for the Senior, Junior, and

Sophomore classes. There are currently 26 colleges/universities registered. Parents are invited to attend.

Bucknell University will be hosting **College Night** (College Fair) at Gerhard Field House on Monday, October 9th, at 6:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend.

Gannon University will be hosting a **Pre-Health Saturday** on September 30. Students who attend this event will:

- Learn about Gannon's affiliations with prestigious pre-health professions programs, such as Case Western Reserve University for dentistry and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) for pharmacy and medicine
- Learn about opportunities available to undergraduate students to conduct research alongside University faculty
- Meet face-to-face with the faculty experts, who will engage you in hands-on learning and prepare you for a rewarding professional career
- Hear firsthand about the rich Gannon experience from current students
- Tour their vibrant, urban campus with an admissions representative, who will be available to answer your enrollment or financial aid questions.

Reservations are required by calling (814) 866-6641.

The “**Spend a Day in Nursing School**” program will be held at the **Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing, Pottsville**, on several dates from September 20 to November 10. The program is designed to introduce high school students to the daily learning activities of a student nurse. Opportunities to participate with a nursing student in a nursing skills and simulation lab will be made available. During the experience, participants also will be able to observe nurse educators as they teach students various nursing skills in a laboratory setting. Students must register before attending. More information regarding registration and dates is available in the Guidance Office for interested students.

NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association – Many college athletic programs are regulated by the NCAA, which has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. If a student is planning to enroll in college as a freshman and wishes to participate in Division I or II athletics, he or she must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The process of certification should begin at the end of the Junior year in high school. NCAA requests that students apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. It is necessary to

send ACT or SAT scores to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agencies. The code for NCAA is 9999.

SAT

TEST DATES

August 26
October 7
November 4
December 2
March 10
May 5
June 2

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

July 28
September 8
October 5
November 2
February 9
April 6
May 3

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

TEST DATES

September 9
October 28
December 9
February 10
April 14
June 9
July 14

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

August 4
September 22
November 3
January 12
March 9
May 4
June 15

www.actstudent.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Receive up to \$25,000 for college with the **Horatio Alger Scholarship**. If integrity, determination and courage describe your child, he or she may have what it takes to be a Horatio Alger Scholar. Horatio Alger Scholarships reward students who possess the character to succeed in life, and helps students overcome the financial barriers of pursuing higher education. To qualify, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and require financial assistance to go to college. To learn more and apply, visit scholars.horatioalger.org. Deadline is October 25, 2017.

OPEN HOUSES:

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Penn State Schreyer Honors College – Scholars Day
- 23 La Roche College

OCTOBER

- 15 Seton Hall University
- 22 King's College
- 22 University of Scranton

NOVEMBER

- 5 University of Scranton
- 9 Bloomsburg University – Future Careers Expo 2017 – STEM
- 12 King's College
- 18 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
- 19 Seton Hall University

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH COLLEGES BEFORE ATTENDING.