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SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Character Trait for March: FAIRNESS

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Did YOU miss "FAFSA DAY"?

Because of bad weather on Feb. 13, FAFSA Day 2010, many of those organizations that agreed to help families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid are rescheduling!

Thursday, March 4 financial aid officers will be available to help students at UNCA from 4:00 to 7:00 on the second floor of University Hall. Please call 251-6535 or e-mail www.finaid@unca.edu to make an appointment. Students are asked to park in the lot below University Hall and to use the entrance by the Botanical Gardens.

AB Tech will also be helping families with the FAFSA on March 11 and March 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Rhododendron Building, Room 117.

If you are unable to attend these dates, you are encouraged to call the financial aid offices of UNCA, Haywood Community College, Warren Wilson College, Brevard College, Blue Ridge Community College or AB Tech to set up an individual appointment. (They do not require that you attend their school to assist you with your FAFSA!)

Any student who will need financial assistance to attend college must complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Even if you qualify for federal assistance, if you wait too late, the money will be gone! Most schools request that the FAFSA be sent to them by March at the latest.

If you have any other questions, please see your counselor or call the College Foundation of North Carolina toll free at (888) 234-6400.

March 2010

Seniors planning to take AP Exams this spring should have paid for those exams by the beginning of second semester. If you haven't already done so, please go by the counseling center and give your money for each exam to Mrs. Hardin ASAP!

\$86 per exam may seem like a lot of money, but if you earn college credit for the course, you are SAVING several hundred dollars in tuition, books, and fees!

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch may qualify for a fee waiver or a reduced fee: See your counselor!

Dates for this year's Advanced Placement Exams are as follows:

AP Statistics, Tuesday, May 4 at 12 noon

AP Calculus, Wednesday, May 5 at 8:00 AM

AP English Literature, Thursday, May 6 at 8:00 AM

AP US History, Friday, May 7 at 8:00 AM

AP European History, Friday, May 7 at 12 noon

AP Psychology, Tuesday, May 11 at 12 noon.

AP English Language, Wednesday, May 12 at 8:00 AM

AP World History, Thursday, May 13 at 8:00 AM

AP Human Geography, Friday, May 14 at 8:00 AM

GOOD LUCK!

Scholarships: Always see your counselor for more information!

Student Athlete Milk Moustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award: Twenty-five \$7500 scholarships awarded nationally to student athletes. Apply at bodybymilk.com by **March 5, 2010**.

MaxPreps Citizen Athlete: Ten \$25,000 scholarships awarded nationally. Go to www.MaxPreps.com/CitizenAthlete or call 1-800-329-7324. Deadline **March 12, 2010**.

Golden LEAF Scholarship:

For students who are residents of North Carolina rural, tobacco-dependent counties (which includes Haywood). There is a separate application for two-year schools and four-year schools; both are available online through CFNC. See your counselor for information—including the list of participating public and private colleges and universities. Priority deadline **March 15**.

Haywood County Schools Foundation:

One application for over 35 different scholarships! Available in the counseling center!

Be sure to review the “application checklist” before you return your application to our office. Deadline March 22, 2010.

WNC Communities: The Journey Scholarship:

Students must live in Beaverdam, Bethel, Crabtree/IronDuff/ Hyder Mountain, Cruso, Fines Creek, North Hominy, or Pigeon communities and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications in the counseling center. Deadline **March 29, 2010**.

Gertrude McDaris Ruskin and SidneyH. Ruskin Scholarship:

Students with at least a 2.5 GPA residing in Buncombe, Haywood, or Madison counties who are Baptist, Methodist, or Presbyterian and who are of Cherokee Indian descent or of Anglo-Saxon descent and have ancestors who resided in one of the original 13 colonies may apply. The online portion of the application is available at www.wachoviascholars.com and should be completed no later than **April 1**. The other parts of the application packet should be turned into the counseling center no later than **March 30**. More information about this scholarship is available in the counseling center.

East Tennessee State University, Basler Incentive Scholarship Award:

For students planning to major in Engineering Technology. Application available in the counseling center. Deadline **March 31**.

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund:

For students with 2.5 GPA or higher with community service and extracurricular involvement; Should be postmarked by **March 31, 2010**.

North Carolina Bar Association Foundation Scholarship: Students who are the natural or adopted children of a North Carolina law enforcement officer killed or disabled in the line of duty. Visit www.ncbar.org or call toll free (800) 662-7407. Deadline **April 1**.

2010 Carrols LLC/ Burger King Scholarship: Application in the counseling center. Deadline **April 1, 2010**

North Carolina Baptist Scholarship: Students planning to attend one of the five North Carolina Baptist colleges may pick up information in the counseling center, but applications can be done only online. Deadline **April 1, 2010**

A-B Tech Foundation Scholarship:

Students planning to attend A-B Tech should enroll and declare a major at www.abtech.edu/ apply. Students then must submit a FAFSA by **April 3**. (The A-B Tech school code is 004033.) Then students may create a Foundation scholarship account at www.abtech.edu/foundation/scholarships and send in additional required forms by mail no later than **May 3**. For additional information, call Leronica Casey at 254-1921 or email her at lcasey@abtech.edu.

People Helping People Scholarship (Sponsored by State Employees Credit Union):

Each traditional high school in North Carolina will have a recipient of \$10,000. Applicants must demonstrate commitment to serving their community. Applications can be picked up in the counseling center and should be returned to our office **April 2**.

Haywood EMC/ Touchstone Energy Cooperative:

Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2500 will be awarded to students whose families are members of HEMC, who are accepted to an accredited university, and who are planning to study electrical engineering or a business affiliated major. Activities, scores, grades, and an essay are all considered. Available online at www.haywoodemc.com and in our office; Deadline **April 9, 2010**.

GANAS Scholarship / Loan for students who are migrants or are formerly migrants. Application in counseling center; Deadline **April 10, 2010**

State Employees Association of North Carolina:

20 awards for 4-year schools and 4 awards for 2-year schools. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of SEANC. Applications are available at www.seanc.org and must be postmarked by **April 15, 2010**.

MORE Scholarships. . .
Always see your counselor for more information!

North Carolina Society of Accountants: \$500 Scholarship for students planning to study accounting. Application in the counseling center. Deadline **April 15, 2010.**

The Fountainhead Essay Contest: Are you a fan of author Ayn Rand? You may choose to participate in the annual essay contest about her novels *Anthem* (open to 9th and 10th graders), *The Fountainhead* (open to 11th and 12th graders), or *Atlas Shrugged* (open to high school seniors and college students). For more information go to www.aynrandeducation.com. Deadline is **April 26.**

North Carolina Community Foundation: Complete one application (and provide any required accompanying documents). Materials are available in the counseling center and online at www.nccommunityfoundation.org

Scholarships available through this foundation include:

Robert E. Barnhill, Sr. Scholarship Fund (for applicants who demonstrate leadership potential, community involvement, physical vigor, academic achievement, and financial need; special consideration for employees/ children of employees of Barnhill Contracting Company). Due **March 31.**

Norah Morris Memorial Endowment (for students who have participated in equestrian activities). Due **April 1.**

Peter S. Slomiany Scholarship Fund (for Subway employees or children of Subway employees who have worked at least 1000 hours in the last 12 months; Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA). Due **April 15.**

William Sanders Scholarship (for students who are active members of the North Carolina Junior Angus Association). Due **April 15.**

I. Beverly Lake Scholarship (for students who are eligible for membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the United Daughters of Confederate Veterans). Due **April 20.**

Donald Patrick Darden Scholarship (for children or grandchildren of NC Highway Patrol members attending East Carolina University). Due **April 24.**

The College Foundation of North Carolina administers a number of scholarship and scholarship loan programs Currently available are:

Nurse Scholars Program (NSP)

Nurse Education Scholarship-Loan Program (NESLP)

Prospective Teacher Scholarship Loan (PTSL)

Visit www.CFNC.org or call toll free (866) 866-CFNC

North Carolina Hospitality Education Foundation (for students planning to study culinary arts, hospitality management, or tourism). Call 1-800-582-8750 for more information.

North Carolina Hispanic College Fund (NCHCF): For students who are foreign-born or native born children of foreign-born parents, are accepted to a 2-year or 4-year school, are committed to public service and community development, and have a 2.5 GPA or better. Applications available at www.TheNCSHP.org

I got "deferred". . . What does that mean?

You've applied to college and you just got your answer: Yes, No, or Maybe.

It is not uncommon to be placed on a "waiting list" (until they find out how many admitted students are going to choose to attend) or to be asked for more information (like a more recent transcript).

If you aren't sure what you need to do, call the college admissions office. . . or talk with your school counselor.

Did you know?

The **AmeriCorps Program** offers full and part-time opportunities for participants to provide service to their community. Monthly living expense stipends and educational vouchers are available to members who complete their terms of service (no fewer than 10 months and no longer than 11 months, 30 days).

For more information visit www.volunteerc.org or call toll-free (800) 820-4483.

Students with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Learn to manage your money and enter a \$500 college scholarship contest at the same time!

CFNC has two interactive financial literacy courses designed to help students make responsible choices about managing money.

Money EDU (designed for high school students) will help you make smart financial decisions. Learn to avoid the financial pitfalls that many adults fall into — overspending, misusing credit and not budgeting.

Don't be that one in three college students who graduates with over \$10,000 in credit card debt!

www.CFNC.org