



Tuscola High School Senior Newsletter

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Need Help Completing the FAFSA?

FAFSA DAY OPPORTUNITIES:

◀ On Saturday, February 18, 2012 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? SECU - Waynesville Branch (Haywood County)

When? Saturday, February 18th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

◀ On Tuesday, February 21 (9 A.M.—2 P.M.) and Thursday, February 23 (3 P.M.—6:30 P.M.) Haywood Community College financial aid officers will be at Tuscola to assist students and parents in the completion of the FAFSA.

How? Call Mrs. Hargrove at 456-2408 to schedule an appointment

Where? Tuscola High School Library

When? February 21 (9 A.M.—2 P.M.) & February 23 (3 P.M.—6:30 P.M.) (By appointment ONLY!)

◀ Any Weekday, you can call Haywood Community College's financial aid office and they will help you complete your FAFSA. Just call 626-4509 to make an appointment.

Please see attached sheet for more information.



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 2012-13 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!

Ashe, Brittany

Coastal Carolina University

Brosius, Catherine

East Tennessee State

Dotson, Alex

Southwestern Community College

Edlington, Jared

UNC Charlotte &

Wingate University

Franklin, Sierra

East Tennessee State &
Lenoir-Rhyne University L-R
Scholars Program - Total:
\$40,000.00

Howell, Ethan

Campbell University Scott-
Ellis Scholarship - Total:
\$44,000.00

& Wingate University
Presidential Scholarship -
\$13,500 per year

Inman, Brannon

Mars Hill College Total:
\$44,000.00

Louk, Jon

Marines

McCracken, Jordan

East Tennessee State -
Deans Academic Perform-
ance Scholarship- \$3000 per
year, UNC Charlotte,
& Appalachian State
University

Norris, Jersey

Air Force

Tate, Tommy

Army



Military Recruiters

If you are interested in joining a branch of the military let Mrs. Sollie know. Military information is available in the Counseling Center. Mrs. Sollie 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:

Amanda Wright & Stephen Plemmons

MOST ORIGINAL:

Baili-Ann Francis & Chris Hay

MOST LIKELY TO CHANGE THE WORLD:

Nicole Trader & Matthew Bolden

MOST TALENTED:

Brittany Heatherly & Timber West

MOST ATHLETIC:

Brittany Singleton & Weaver Kirkpatrick

MOST ARTISTIC:

Megan Altman & Casey Dodd

MOST DEPENDABLE:

Sarah Norman & Erik Williams

CLASS CLOWN:

Rachel Arrington & Tyler Hyde

BEST LAUGH:

Alyssa Sorrells & Walt Ezell

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT:

Nikki Parton & Ethan Howell

MR. AND MRS. THS (BEST ALL AROUND):

Amanda Wright & Timber West



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>



PUBLICATIONS INFORMATION

- Yearbooks with personalization must be paid in full by February 17th.
- February 21st - Cap and Gown Pictures. The Cap and Gown will be provided. Proofs will be sent home in the mail.



Accuplacer Test

The Accuplacer Test will be given at Tuscola on Monday, March 5th at 3:00 in the Media Center. Students attending a community college after high school must take the Accuplacer Test to be accepted. If you cannot take the test on the above date, call Haywood Community College at 627-4500 to schedule a test. Students must sign up in the Counseling Center!

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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