

THE SPARTAN SCHOLAR

GWHS Counseling Office Newsletter

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Counselors...Not just for schedule changes!

Top Ten Reasons to see your School Counselor

1. Get help solving conflicts – Sometimes it's hard to manage conflicts on your own. Your school counselor can help you brainstorm solutions to your conflicts.
2. Get help with managing your busy schedule – Life can get really hectic between school, work, friends, sports, and other extracurricular activities. Your counselor can give you tools to help you manage your time wisely.
3. Get help with planning your future – Thinking about your future can sometimes be overwhelming. Your school counselor can guide you to the right path in order to accomplish your goals.
4. Talk about college and career choices – Once your school counselor gets to know you, they can help you identify colleges and post-secondary training opportunities that would be a good fit for you.
5. Find out how to search for scholarships – There are thousands of scholarships opportunities available. Your school counselor can help you find the ones that you qualify for and will be the most beneficial to you.
6. Guidance counselors write awesome letters of recommendation – The majority of postsecondary schools will ask for a letter of recommendation to accompany your application. If you have taken the time to get to know your school counselor well, more than likely they will be willing to write a letter of reference for you.
7. Get help making important decisions – Decisions can be hard to make on your own, your school counselor can give your guidance in making those choices.
8. You want to do better in school – Some classes are tougher than others, your school counselor can help connect you with a tutor.
9. You just want to talk to someone who will listen – Many things happen throughout the day, some good, and some bad. Your school counselor is always available to lend you an ear.
10. Your School Counselor is really cool – enough said.

Angela Olive, Northside Montessori School, Indianapolis, IN)

Scholarships

TITLE: The Gates Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY: Current High School Senior; From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American; Pell-eligible; must be in good academic standing with a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

AMOUNT: Full cost of attendance that is not already covered by FAFSA

DEADLINE: September 18, 2018

MORE INFO: An ideal candidate would be in the top 10% of their graduating class; would have demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extra-curricular, or other activities); and shows exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

TITLE: QuestBridge

ELIGIBILITY: Any high school Junior, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the U.S. is eligible.

AMOUNT: Full, four-year scholarship (Must attend a partner school of the scholarship)

DEADLINE: September 27, 2018 - 11:59p.m. PST

MORE INFO: The scholarship board seeks students who demonstrate high academic achievement. For example Mostly A's in challenging classes such as Honors, AP, and/or IB level courses. They also seek students with a ACT composite score of >27.

However these qualifications are not strict cut-offs. The board does take into account personal circumstances such as parents' education level, extracurricular achievements, personal traits, and extenuating circumstances such as having an unusual level of responsibility.

TITLE: Horatio Alger Association National/State Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a U.S. Citizen with a gross family income of \$55,000 or lower; must be a full-time senior progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer of 2019 with plans to enter a college following fall after graduation; must exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree; be involved in extra-curricular and community service activities; display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity; must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

AMOUNT: 25,000 (National) and 10,000 (State)

DEADLINE: October 25, 2018 - 5:00p.m. EST

MORE INFO: The application is currently open and there is no SAT or ACT score requirement. Both scholarships have the same requirements. There are 106 scholarships at the national level and 1 available at the state level.

TITLE: Coca-Cola Scholars

ELIGIBILITY: Current high school seniors set to graduate during the 2018-2019 academic school year; must be planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution; must be U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent Residents, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian Parolees.

AMOUNT: Varies

DEADLINE: October 31, 2018 - 5:00 p.m. EST

MORE INFO: Before applying, you will need your high school transcript; contact info for your guidance counselor and principal; extra-curriculars you've participated in since your freshman year and any leadership positions you've held; a list of any honors and awards you have received since your freshman year.



Scholarships (Cont.)

TITLE: VFW Voices of Democracy

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a high school student in grades 9-12; U.S citizenship is not required, however, applicant must be lawful U.S permanent residents or hav applied for permanent residence and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

AMOUNT: Top prize

DEADLINE: October 31, 2018

MORE INFO: Applicants will record and submit a 3-5 minute audio essay on the topic of "Why my vote matters."

TITLE: Boettcher Foundation

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a graduating Colorado high school senior who has lived in Colorado for both their junior and senior years of high school; Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States OR Meet the requirements for Colorado Asset and hold legal status in the United States or be a part of or have started the process of applying for DACA (More information about DACA is available on the Boettcher website).

AMOUNT: Full tuition and Fees to a variety of accredited, Four-year Colorado universities. Each scholar also receives \$2,800/year for room and board, book allowance, and grants specifically for Boettcher scholars.

DEADLINE: November 1 of your senior year – 11:59pm

MORE INFO: If interested, speak to your high school counselor to see if this scholarship would be a good fit. Your counselor can then get more detailed information on how to apply.

TITLE: Elks - Most Valuable Student

ELIGIBILITY: Current high school seniors who are U.S. citizens and not related to a member of the Elks; must have taken the ACT/SAT on or before October 27,2018

AMOUNT: \$20,000 - \$50,000

DEADLINE: November 15, 2018

MORE INFO: Applicants must be planning to enroll in a four-year undergraduate program. This scholarship has multiple level to advance through before winners can be chosen

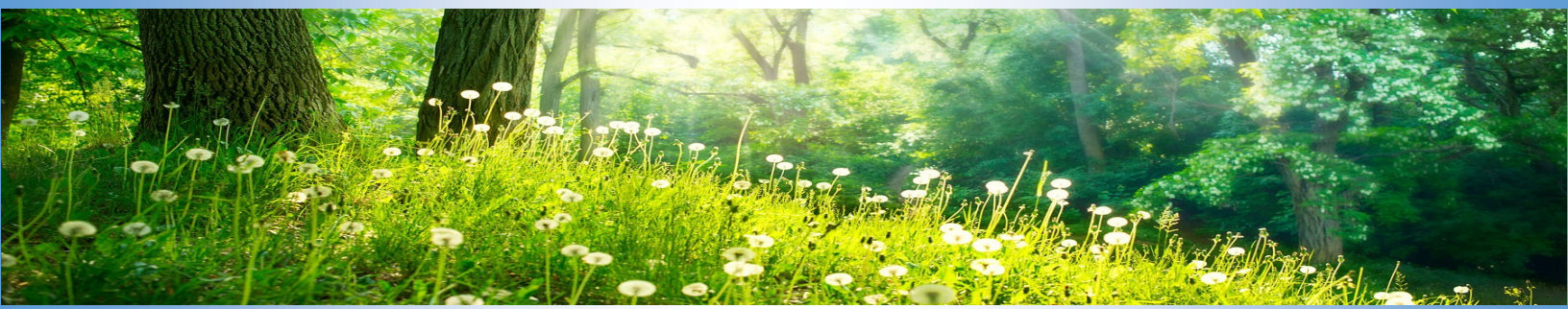
TITLE: Daniels Fund

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a resident and graduating senior from a school in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, or New Mexico; must demonstrate financial need; and must earn a minimum **SAT Math score of 470** and a minimum **Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 450** or a minimum **ACT score of 17** in each category (writing score not required). All scores must come from a single test. Super scoring is not accepted.

AMOUNT: Varies but covers all if not most costs of college.

DEADLINE: November 29, 2018 - 4:00MST (Strict Deadline)

MORE INFO: The application process beings October 1, 2018. As a part of the application, students are required to submit the necessary documents to verify their eligibility, such as their Student Aid Report from FAFSA; official ACT/SAT scores; Citizenship and residency documentation; and other financial documents. The Daniels Scholarship Program eliminates most or all of the financial burden of a college education.



Colleges of The Month and Important Dates

In-State College of the Month

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO - Greeley, Colorado



UNCO Highlights

- UNC's Monfort College of Business is the first and only business program in the U.S. to receive a presidential award for excellence, the Baldrige National Quality Award)
- 96% of UNC graduates earning bachelor's degrees are employed or attending graduate school one year after graduating.
- Home of 19 NCAA Division I Sport and 100+ (social, cultural, and professional) clubs and organizations.



Out-of-State College of the Month

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY - High Point, North Carolina



HPU Highlights

- High Point offers 58 majors, 57 minors, and 13 graduate level programs
- Experiential Learning: Average of 25% of class time is spent on hands-on learning
- Ranked in the top 25 safest campuses by the National Campus Safety Summit
- HPU'S study abroad program has 79 short-term and semester-long options in more than 30 differ-



| Date | Event |
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| September 3rd | Labor Day (No School) |
| September 17th | No School for Students |
| September 19th | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| September 26th | Western State Colorado University (Commons during Homeroom) |
| October 28th | College Goal Sunday |



SAT Testing Dates

| SAT Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| October 6, 2018 | September 7, 2018 | September 26, 2018 |
| November 3, 2018 | October 5, 2018 | October 24, 2018 |
| December 1, 2018 | November 2, 2018 | November 20, 2018 |