



GUIDANCE NEWS

Huntington High School

October 2020

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! This is the beginning of what we expect to be a very different, and yet very successful year, and your counselors are ready and eager to help you achieve your goals.

Our first edition of the Guidance Department's Scholarship Newsletter contains a lot of information that is relevant to seniors, but also includes contests that are open to all grade levels. We encourage you to stay in close contact with your school counselor to learn about these competitions and others to follow. Our scholarship newsletters are available in all guidance offices, as well as online at www.hufsd.edu.

As you are aware, *Senior Parent Guidance Night* took place on September 17th. For those families who were unable to attend, please feel free to download a copy of the power point presentation and the recording of the event from the College Office Google Classroom for Seniors. Additionally, our Huntington website has copies of our Post-Secondary Planning Guide and Student-Athlete Handbook (if applicable).

Upcoming virtual presentations include:

Financial Aid Night:	October 8 th , 7:00pm
9 th Grade Parent Guidance Night:	October 13 th , 7:00pm
10 th and 11 th Grade Parent Guidance Night:	October 29 th , 7:00pm
FAFSA Completion Night:	November 4 th , 7:00pm

All students are encouraged to utilize extra help offered by every teacher either before, during, or after school. Extra-help schedules are available online on Google Classrooms. Additionally, there are peer tutors available through the National Honor Societies. Do not hesitate to seek out the appropriate resources that can help maximize your success!

UPCOMING COLLEGE EXAMS

ACT.....Saturday, Oct 24th
Late registration (No late fees): Oct. 5th

SAT.....Saturday, Nov. 7th
Registration Deadline: Oct.7th
Late registration deadline: Oct. 27th

ACT.....Saturday, Dec. 12th
Registration deadline: Nov. 6th

SAT.....Saturday, Dec. 5th
Registration Deadline: Nov.5th
Late registration deadline: Nov. 24th

PSAT/NMSQT.....Thursday, October 29th

PSAT (10th Graders Only) Wednesday, March 13th

The December 5th SAT and December 12th ACT administrations are held at other testing sites. Check online with the College Board at www.collegeboard.org (SAT) and www.act.org (ACT) for other locations if you are interested in taking these tests on any of these dates.

CONTESTS & PROGRAMS FOR ALL GRADES

OPTIMUM COMMUNITY'S HISPANIC HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST is open to students in grades 6 through 12. Students must submit an original essay, in 500 words or less, about a Hispanic person, past or present, who you consider to be a hero and explain why. Prizes include \$1,500 scholarships or ipads. Please enter online at <https://www.optimum.com/hhm>. Essays must be received by **OCTOBER 31ST**.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS for *students in grades 5-12* who have taken part in community service activities over the past year. Fill out an application at <https://spirit.prudential.com>. Once the form is completed online, please sign it and *submit to Ms. Bonilla at dbonilla@hufsd.edu* by **NOVEMBER 10TH**. Huntington High School can only nominate two students who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism.

RYLA -Rotary Youth Leadership Awards- for sophomores (10th graders) who are interested in building goodwill and peace through humanitarian service. Please visit www.ryladistrict7255.com for more information. Students are encouraged to submit their applications to Ms. Bonilla or Ms. Wallace in Guidance West. Students should apply as soon as possible. **DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31ST**.

V.F.W. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP is an audio-essay contest leading to a national winner of a \$30,000 scholarship, and is open to all students in *grades 9-12*. This year's theme is "*Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?*" To obtain entry forms and more information, please contact VFW National Headquarters at www.vfw.org. Go to Community, Youth & Education, and Youth Scholarships. Students must submit their entry to the local post, VFW Nathan Hale Post 1469. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31ST**.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

COCA COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM for seniors with highly developed interests in their community, demonstrated leadership, academic achievement (minimum GPA of 3.0), commitment to community and employment. One hundred and fifty Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. This program is available to U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees. Applications must be submitted online at www.coca-colascholars.org. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31ST.**

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST is open to seniors who are United States citizens and are planning to earn a four-year college degree. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Applications and instructions are available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH.**

SENATOR JOSÉ PERALTA NEW YORK STATE DREAM ACT gives undocumented and other students access to New York State-administered grants and scholarships that support their higher education costs. Students can visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/> to learn more and make an account. *Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.*

SUFFOLK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE “DOCTORS OF TOMORROW” PROGRAM is available to graduating seniors interested in entering the field of medicine. Attendance at an introductory symposium (scheduled for November 2nd from 5-7pm), essay contest, and a day with a doctor are all required to qualify for scholarships. \$3,000 in scholarships will be disseminated. Please visit [here](#) for more information. *If you would like to participate, you must notify Ms. Bonilla at dbonilla@hufsd.edu as soon as possible. Names will be taken until October 26th. Space is limited.*

IRA SCHWARTZ SCHOLARSHIP of up to \$1,000 is available to seniors in good standing and with at least a 3.0 average. Interested students should visit <https://www.liascd.com/> and click on “About Us” for more information. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 18TH.**

WEBSITES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.scholarshipamerica.org/students

www.BrokeScholar.com

www.Collegenet.com

www.finaid.com

www.MeritAid.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.absolutelyscholarship.com

www.studentscholarships.org

www.scholarshipguidance.com

www.outreach.usda.gov/education

<https://www.maldef.org/>

Friendly reminder: If your counselor or teacher needs to submit information, please provide them with ample time prior to the deadline date for submission.

Also, please be reminded that you have access to scholarships at any point in time by accessing your Naviance account on Clever. Just click "Colleges" and "Scholarships and Money" to find your free money!