

December 19, 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2008,

I would like to invite you to attend **Financial Aid Night on January 10, 2008** at Huntington High School. Representatives from Attorney General, Andrew Cuomo's office will be starting the night at **6:30pm** with a presentation entitled "Student Lending, Know Your Right's" regarding the recent reports of student lending fraud. Then, Ms. Phyllis Greco, Senior Financial Aid Counselor at Adelphi University and Ms. Vera Ladka, Financial Aid Counselor at Adelphi University, will be presenting. Ms. Greco and Ms. Ladka will explain the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), parent and student loan options and scholarships. Please remember that the FAFSA serves several purposes. It is the application for need- based federal financial aid, the application for non-need based federally backed student loans, and often, the FAFSA is the first step in applying for state (including New York) need based **or** merit aid. Again the presentations will begin at **6:30pm**. Please be sure to attend!

I am pleased to report that the College Center has processed over 650 applications for the class of 2008. Many of the seniors have received admission decisions. However, the majority of students are awaiting their admission decisions and will hear from their colleges shortly. As 2008 approaches, I expect that those students who have not yet submitted applications will do so after the break. If your child has not yet applied to any colleges, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Deadlines are quickly approaching. Please remember that many colleges have "rolling" deadlines, meaning that the freshman class is filling up daily! **The college center tracks all of our students' college admission decisions and scholarship awards. Please make sure that your son/daughter brings a copy of all admission decisions and scholarship award letters to the college center.**

Several colleges will be conducting on-site admission programs at Huntington High School for those students who have not yet submitted applications. Students are eligible to meet with an admission counselor and have their applications reviewed (many free of charge!). The on-site admission calendar will be set for the week of February 4 -February 8, 2008. Participating colleges include Adelphi University, Dowling College, Molloy College, St. John's University, St. Joseph's College, and SUNY Farmingdale. Please stay tuned for additional information.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I hope that you and your family have a happy, peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

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