November 2021 Newsletter

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Good Afternoon,

This year is off to a wonderful start as September and October have been very busy months. Students are applying to colleges and asking lots of questions about college, careers, financial aid, and scholarships. I hope you find this newsletter helpful this year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student.

Go Panthers!

Senior News

Study Tips:

- ✓ <u>KHAN ACADEMY:</u> <u>www.khanacademy.org</u> is a wonderful resource to assist with all levels of Math (Kindergarten through Calculus), Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), Social Studies (World History, US History, and Economics). You can access this website for thousands of teaching videos and review problems and it is <u>FREE!</u>
- ✓ <u>STUDY STACK:</u> <u>www.studystack.com</u> is another tool your student can use as a study tool. This site requires you to create an account which will give you access to lots of flashcards and games created by students across the country about topics in every subject area.

CIVICS Test

All seniors are required to take the Civics Test. This test is a requirement for graduation. The test will be given to all seniors on November 30th in the lunchroom. Study guides will be given out to students in Government and Economics classes this week. Any senior who is not currently enrolled in one of these classes this semester may stop by Mrs. Barnett's office to pick up a study guide.

Balfour Graduation Supplies:

Balfour was on campus this past week to hand out the information about graduation supplies. It can be a bit overwhelming looking at the order form so I am including some highlights.



Upcoming Events

November 3

-UAH Admissions Rep on campus during lunch

November 4

-Shelton State Preview Night at Fredd Campus @ 5:30

November 9

-Shelton State Preview Night at Martin Campus @ 5:30

November 10

- -Balfour Representative on campus during lunch to take orders
- -Veteran's Day Program 1:30-2:30

November 11

-No School!

November 12

- -Advisory
- -Progress Reports sent home

November 18-19

BHS Frozen Play at Bama Theatre November 22-26

No School! Happy Thanksgiving November 30

Civics Test for all seniors

Graduation Dress Code

All seniors participating in the Graduation Ceremony are required to follow the dress code below. Please let Mrs. Barnett know if you have any trouble securing these items.

- Females: Dress (no longer than the length of the Graduation Gown), Black Dress Shoes
- Males: White Button-up Shirt, Dark Colored Tie, Black Dress Pants, Black Belt, Black Dress Shoes

- ✓ Balfour will return to the BHS campus on November 10th (at lunch) to take senior orders. Please have your student bring their order form (completed) and their money.
- ✓ You can order online if you choose to do that by going to MRMgradsales.com to place your order.
- ✓ If you have any questions you can call me at school or contact Balfour directly at (866) 402-7464.
- ✓ The only thing that is required to order is the Graduation Supply Fee (#24 on the order form) which includes the student's cap, gown, stole, diploma, diploma cover. This fee is \$90 + 10% sales tax + \$15 shipping = \$114. The other items are optional.
- ✓ You can purchase any of the other items individually or purchase one of the packages if that is what you choose; however, the packages do not include the Graduation Supply Fee.
- ✓ Please be sure to order these items by the deadline so they arrive in time for graduation.

Overwhelmed About College Options?

Several students have come to see me because they are not sure where to start with the college process. They are feeling the pressure of making all of these important decisions at once. The following website is a great tool to help your student find the right college to attend:

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/college-search-step-by-step

Visit a College

Don't forget you have 3 days this school year to visit a college of your choice and the absence be counted as a school activity. The forms for documentation are available in the Counseling Office or you may print them off from the BHS website. Sometimes visiting a college is all you need to make your final decision about whether that school is right for you. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Many colleges are still scheduling private tours so contact the College Admissions Representatives to set this up.

College Application Week

College Application Week was a huge success! Our seniors submitted 468 college applications during this week. They all worked very hard as we spent the week hearing from multiple colleges, submitting applications, completing scholarships, and working on the FAFSA. There is still time to get these things done so students should continue to work on these items. I am still available to help with any of these processes.

Mercedes Mechatronics Program

The Mechatronics Program is a wonderful oppurtunity for your student to go to Shelton and potentially earn a job at Mercedes. The deadline to apply for the Mechatronics Program is April 29, 2022. Students can visit https://www.mbusi.com/employment/training/109-mechatronics-program to apply.

Mercedes Tech Program

The Mercedes Tech Program is another great opportunity for students to go to Shelton and work at Mercedes. The website to learn more about this program or apply is <a href="https://www.mbusi.com/employment/training/mercedes-tech-program?utm_campaign=AL.com+PPC+-+Automotive+Repair+Schools+-+MB+Elec&utm_source=google&utm_medium=ppc&utm_term=mercedes%20technology&utm_content=3121870xEAlaIQobChMI6OGb3Pr58wIVE4vICh0M4QdEEAAYASAAEgJcEfD_BwE.

Financial Aid Updates:

This year, all seniors must complete the FAFSA as a graduation requirement. If your senior is planning to attend college then this is one of the steps in this process. If you senior is not planning to attend college then I can complete a waiver to exempt them from this requirement. Please have them stop by my office to let me know their intentions.

The FAFSA is not hard to complete; however, you must be sure to enter your information accurately so it is processed quickly and without any extra documentation being required. It is very important to complete this as soon as possible to secure the most money for your student. <u>EVERY STUDENT</u> who plans on attending college should complete the FAFSA regardless of your income bracket. Many colleges require the FAFSA be completed to receive scholarships. You are not obligated to take any of the funding offered to you, just simply complete the process. You will use your 2020 income tax returns to complete the FAFSA. Please see the short video included at

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNv7vRmczF4</u> or visit <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> for more information or contact me at <u>kpbarnett@tcss.net</u> to set up a time to do this together.

Testing Updates:

ACT Test Dates
December 11
February 12
act.org/bts

SAT Test Dates
December 4
March 12
www.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Prep Classes

Faye Nichols will be offering ACT Prep Classes starting on November 8th. Go to www.fayenicholsact.com to sign up for this opportunity.

Whitney Bono offers an ACT Prep Class with Top Level Test Prep. You may contact her by email at whitneybono@topleveltestprep.com or by phone at 205-306-7489

Scholarship Opportunities

Alabama Advantage Scholarship

- -Must be an Alabama resident
- -Must be accepted to UA before January 15, 2022
- -Must complete the FAFSA and be full Pell Grant eligible

Visit https://scholarships.ua.edu/aladvantage/ for more details



Amount: Up to \$48,000 Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- 2. Must attend an Eligible Public High School.
- 3. Must have achieved a 3.75 Cumulative Grade Point Average.
- 4. Must enroll at an Eligible Four-Year College or University the first semester following high school graduation.
- 5. Must work 240 hours prior to fall semester college enrollment. Applicants have from August 2021 to August 2022 to fulfill this requirement. Preferred employment is regularly scheduled nonfamily employment performed under supervision for compensation. However, if you work on a family farm or for a family business this may be acceptable for first year recipients.
- 6. Must provide the FAFSA SAR showing the EFC. Must be Pell Grant eligible. The family EFC does not have to be paid, it is used only to determine award amounts.

7. Must not have a felony conviction.

Deadline: December 1, 2021

https://haganscholarships.org/application/

"A Bold Life" Scholarship

Amount:\$1000

Deadline: January 31, 2022

https://calvinrosser.com/scholarships/a-bold-life

Marcus Garvey Scholarship

Requirements: Must be high school male with a

minimum GPA of 2.3

Deadline: January 31, 2022

See Mrs. Barnett for scholarship packet



College Visiting Days

Shelton State Community College Technical Preview Night:

November 4 (Fredd Campus) @ 5:30 PM November 9 (Martin Campus) @ 5:30 PM https://sheltonstate.formstack.com/forms/preview_night_2021

University of Montevallo

Art Major for a Day November 12 www.montevallo.edu/events

Troy University

Birmingham Event at Regions Field November 9 from 6-8 PM See Mrs. Barnett to pre-register

Saturday Visits November 6 November 20

\$\$\$ Isn't Everything Scholarship

A \$550 scholarship to help reduce a little bit of financial worry, and to help someone get a bit of time back to focus on the important things in life. Open to all students. No essay required.

https://www.keepgoingforward.org/money-isnt-everything

2022 UA In-State Freshman Automatic Merit Scholarships (13 Total)

Click this link to see a detailed description of the 13 University of Alabama Automatic Awarded Scholarships for In-State Students : <u>UA In State Automatic Merit Scholarships</u>

https://scholarships.ua.edu/freshman/in-state/

Across Cultures Scholarships

A \$1,350 scholarship for students interested in learning about other cultures, and sharing their own. Open to all students, no essay required. The \$1,350 award can be used for any travel and education related expenses.

https://www.keepgoingforward.org/acrossculturesscholarship

Act Locally Scholarship

A \$1000 (\$500 x 2 winners) scholarship for students interested in giving back their communities. Open to all students. Short essay required.

https://www.keepgoingforward.org/actlocallyscholarship

Aging Matters Scholarship

We are excited to announce the SeniorCare.com Aging Matters Scholarship. A \$1500 scholarship will be given annually to a selected college student that currently cares for an aging loved one, works within the senior community, or intends to pursue a career that will have an impact on the elder population. Any existing student (or incoming freshman), in good academic standing, at a 2 or 4 year accredited college can apply for this scholarship. And the recipient will demonstrate a unique and admirable understanding and desire to show us that "Aging Matters" to them. Application Deadline: May 15th, 2022

https://www.seniorcare.com/scholarship/

Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarships (Due Nov. 7th)

- *Tagged for Greatness Scholarship
- *High School Attending 2 Year Scholarship
- *Outstanding Junior Catlemen Scholarship
- *Martha Davis Service Award
- *Trade School Scholarship
- *Ina E. Powell Memorial Scholarship
- *Cecil Lane Family Scholarship
- *Harlice E. & Sara W. Kirby Scholarship
- *May and Ned Ellis Family Scholarship
- *Samuel Upchurch Memorial Scholarship
- *John Williams Memorial Scholarship

https://www.bamabeef.org/p/about/scholarships

Alabama Commission on Higher Education Scholarships

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education offers various state scholarships and financial aid programs for Alabama residents. Apart from living in the state, you also must be a U.S. citizen.

https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-state/alabama-scholarships

. Alabama G.I. Dependents Scholarship

Up to \$7,000 in Full Tuition for children of parents with military experience.

https://va.alabama.gov/dependents-scholarship/

. Alabama Home Builders Foundation Scholarship

The Alabama Home Builders Foundation scholarship was founded in 1995 with a mission to help fund deserving students who are interested in pursuing an education in the residential building trades in

the state of Alabama. Applicant must be a resident of Alabama, must be enrolling in, or attending, an accredited junior college, technical school or university in Alabama, and must be enrolled in a residential construction-related curriculum. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

https://ahbfoundation.org/scholarship/

Alabama One Scholarships (for Shelton, Stillman, and Bevill)

The Alabama ONE Foundation sponsors several scholarships to help you pursue educational dreams at 3 local colleges/universities. See the website below for more information.

https://www.alabamaone.org/scholarships/

. Alfa Foundation Scholarship

Alfa Foundation has established a scholarship program to assist members of the Alabama Farmers Federation who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs in the state of Alabama. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice. Opens in November.

https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/alfa/

. American Red Cross - Leaders Save Lives Scholarship

Coordinate a summer blood drive through the Leaders Save Lives program and join the impressive group of youth across the nation who are helping save lives with the American Red Cross. You could earn leadership experience, volunteer hours, an Amazon.com Gift Card and be entered to win a college scholarship. Sign up to host a blood drive while school is out of session during one of the program time frames. Form a recruitment committee to help make your blood drive a success. Recruit your friends, family and the community to donate at your blood drive. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

 $\underline{https://www.redcrossblood.org/hosting-a-blood-drive/learn-about-hosting/why-host-a-blood-drive/leaders-save-lives.html}$

. ARRL Charles Clarke Cordle Memorial Scholarship

The ARRL Charles Clarke Cordle Memorial Scholarship is an award for amateur radio operators. Applicants must possess an active Amateur Radio License Class; be a resident of Georgia or Alabama, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Students must also be enrolled at an accredited institution in Georgia or Alabama. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website

http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions

AWS Airgas Jerry Baker Scholarship

The Airgas Jerry Baker Scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student pursuing a minimum four-year bachelors degree in welding engineering (WE) or welding engineering technology (WET); however, priority will be given to welding engineering (WE) students interested in pursuing a career with an industrial gas or welding equipment distributor. Applicants must be 18 years or older, have a high school diploma and must be a full-time student. Applicants must also have at least a 2.8 accumulative GPA with a 3.0 GPA in engineering courses and be a citizen of the U.S. or Canada who is or will be attending an academic institution located in the U.S. or Canada. Priority will be given to those individuals residing or attending school in the states of Alabama, Georgia or Florida. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

https://www.aws.org/foundation/page/airgas-jerry-baker-scholarship

. Bevill State Community College Scholarships

To apply for scholarships at Bevill State, you must be admitted through the Admissions Office. However, please search the scholarship opportunities provided by BSCC at this link: https://www.bscc.edu/students/scholarship-applications

https://www.bscc.edu/

Cappex Scholarship Database

The nation's largest, multi-billion dollar scholarship database— <u>create a free account</u> to see all of your personalized matches and start applying today!

https://www.cappex.com/scholarships

CollegeCounts Scholarship

The CollegeCounts Scholarship provides funding assistance to Alabama high school students who demonstrate a financial need and a genuine desire to make a difference. Applicants must be a high school senior or first-time college freshman beginning in fall of the year the scholarship is awarded, be a U.S. citizen, be an Alabama resident and be planning to enroll in an Alabama eligible educational institution in fall. Must demonstrate financial need and have a minimum GPA of 2.75 and an ACT score of 26 or below. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

https://treasury.alabama.gov/collegecounts-scholarship/

. CVS Health Foundation Scholarship

The student must be a dependent child of a full-time CVS Employee.

https://www.tpi.org/scholarship/cvs-health-foundation-scholarship-program-for-children-of-full-time-cvs-health

. Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English. The portal will reopen for application submissions on November 1, 2021.

https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships

. Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship

From the very beginning, the leaders of Dixie Youth Baseball knew they wanted to develop a college scholarship program that would help former players obtain a college education. In order to be eligible, the applicant must be a senior in high school and have at one time played in a Dixie Youth Baseball league. There is no relationship between the award of a scholarship and athletic ability. Be aware the NCAA rules may prohibit acceptance of this scholarship if a student will be participating in a collegiate athletic program. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

http://youth.dixie.org/Page.asp?n=143845&org=DIXIE

. Fastweb Scholarship Database

"We're the leading online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school"

http://www.fastweb.com/

Going Merry Scholarship Database

"We are a free scholarship and financial aid platform. Personalized matching. Thousands of scholarships and grants."

https://www.goingmerry.com/

Golden Door Scholarship

Scholarships to undocumented students pursuing a bachelor's degree. Deadline: October 4th. Who is the scholarship for? Students attending college in Fall, 2022. Students who have DACA/TPS or are undocumented, meaning do not have lawful status in the US, Strong preference will be given to applicants who are not eligible for in-state tuition, Strong preference will be given to those who are interested in pursuing one of the following career paths: software engineering, nursing, data analytics, business analytics, and digital marketing.

https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/

. Heisman High School Scholarship

The Heisman High School Scholarship program honors hundreds of the nation's most accomplished, community-minded high school senior athletes each year. This year, the college scholarship amounts have been doubled, increasing support for each student-athlete's education. Deadline: October 19th.

https://heismanscholarship.com/

Jacksonville State University Scholarships

To apply for scholarships at Jacksonville State University, you must be admitted through the Admissions Office. However, please search their scholarship opportunities at this link: https://jsu.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/scholars_scholarshipsearch.aspx

https://www.jsu.edu/

Keep It Going Forward Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship open to any student going through a change or new challenge in life. Open to all students. No essay required.

https://www.keepgoingforward.org/kgfscholarship

Linly Heflin Scholarship

The Linly Heflin scholarship awards Alabama women seeking help with their undergraduate degree at four-year accredited Alabama colleges and universities. Scholarships are awarded annually for four years or until graduation, whichever comes first. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, have an ACT of 23, and attend a college/university full-time. Renewable upon a 2.5 GPA. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

https://www.linlyheflin.org/

National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Scholarship

The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc. (NAJA) was established in 1941 with the purpose of uniting members "to render charitable services which are beneficial to the general public, with particular emphasis on children, and to cooperate with other organizations performing similar services." Today, the growing Association continues the focus of meeting the needs of children and youth in keeping with the NAJA slogan: "Care Today, Character Tomorrow." For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

http://www.najanet.org/naja-scholarship/

. PEO STAR Scholarship for Girls

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is a highly competitive onetime \$2,500 scholarship recognizing graduating high school senior women who demonstrate outstanding leadership, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and community service and who plan to pursue full or part-time post-secondary education in the United States or Canada beginning in the fall following their high school graduation.

https://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-star-scholarship-star

Sallie Mae College Scholarships

At Sallie Mae, we believe in the power of education, and it drives everything we do. Learn how we help families save, plan, and pay for college.

https://ww2.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/

Shelton State Scholarships

To apply for scholarships at Shelton State, you must be admitted through the Admissions Office. However, please search the scholarship opportunities provided by SSCC at this link: https://www.sheltonstate.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/#1531144723128-4eefdaf4-d83c

https://www.sheltonstate.edu/

. Smith Scholarship

Application open October 1st. Graduating Alabama seniors, including home schooled students, are encouraged to apply for the Smith Scholarship early. Deadline for completed applications will be January 12, 2022. Each application requires personal background information, transcripts, description of school and community involvement. Three 300-500-word essays and a 500-word minimum personal statement. Letters of recommendation answering specific questions about the applicant are required. Students may also add optional submissions of written works, art, and upload vocal, music or dramatic pieces if they desire at their sole discretion. Such additional submissions are completely voluntary. While a C+ GPA is required, no specific ACT/SAT score is included. Students must complete either the ACT or SAT and the FASFA application.

http://smithscholarships.com/

. Southern Automotive Womens Scholarship

The SAWF Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to women enrolled or enrolling in a STEM field at an accredited two-year technical program, four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program with a preference for those interested in the automobile and mobility industry. Applicants must be female high school seniors or graduates enrolling or enrolled in a STEM field at an accredited two-year technical program, four-year undergraduate program, or graduate program hopefully to be used for a career in the automotive industry and at a college or university in Alabama,

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

http://www.southernautomotivewomen.org/scholarship/

. Stillman University Scholarships

To apply for scholarships at Stillman, you must be admitted through the Admissions Office. However, please search the scholarship opportunities provided by Stillman at this link: https://stillman.edu/scholarships/

https://stillman.edu/

. Tall Clubs International Student Scholarship

Tall Clubs International annually awards student scholarship(s) of up to \$1,000 each to tall students who are under 21 years of age and attending their first year of college in the following fall. To enter, applicants must be under 21, entering college in the upcoming fall and meet the TCI height requirement minimums: 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men, barefoot. You must also find a local Tall Club member to sponsor you. If you are interested in applying for a TCI Scholarship Award, you must contact a TCI Member Club closest to you for sponsorship. Even if they don't have a local Student Scholarship, they may simply appoint you as their candidate. Once you have a local sponsor, your name will be submitted to the TCI Foundation. Should the Foundation select you as an award winner, you will be notified by your local sponsoring TCI club and presented with the award. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

http://www.tallclubfoundation.org/scholarship-program.html

. The American Legion Baseball Scholarship

The American Legion will award several scholarships each year depending on the number of applicants and interest earned from the trust fund. Must be a member of an American Legion (Post-Ollilated) Baseball Team.

https://www.legion.org/scholarships/baseball

. The Shreddership: A Music Scholarship for the Rock Star in All of Us!

A \$500 scholarship for all students who love making music, at any skill level. Open to all students. Musical entry required.

https://www.keepgoingforward.org/musicscholarship

. U of A Tuscaloosa First-Generation College Student Scholarships (5 Total)

The University of Alabama has First Generation Scholarship Programs that offer support and scholarship awards to first generation students.

https://success.ua.edu/support-programs/first-generation-scholarship-programs

. UA Additional Scholarship Opportunities for Freshman

Competitive Scholarships

UA is incorporating the scholarship application into the application for admission. If you are enrolling in the fall or summer semester as a main campus student admitted **by January 15**, you will be considered for competitive scholarships available, including competitive scholarships offered by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Scholarships, the National Alumni Association, academic colleges and other departments across campus.

- Alabama Advantage
- National Alumni Association
- Diversity Based Merit Scholarship
- National Merit Scholarships
- Academic Elite

https://adm.ua.edu/apply/

University of West Alabama Scholarships

To be considered for academic, leadership, or alumni scholarship assistance a student must meet unconditional Admissions standards (19 or higher ACT or 990 or higher SAT and 2.0 or better GPA) and apply for admission to UWA and scholarships by April 15. There are numersous scholarship opportunites listed for Freshmen on their site, including: Trustee Leadership Scholarships, Trustee Legacy Scholarships, Alumni Scholarships, and many other academic related scholarships. Click this link to see all of the scholarship opportunites at

UWA: https://www.uwa.edu/admissions/undergraduate/scholarships

Also see this link to view the UWA Automatic ACT/SAT Scholarships for Freshmen: <u>UWA Automatic ACT/SAT Scholarships</u>

https://www.uwa.edu/

. WBRC Fox 6 News Rising Star Weekly Scholarships

Students must be nominated by the counselor and must meet certain criteria. Nominees must be star students who are serving in their community, participating in extracurricular activities and maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better. There will be 30 weekly winners, who will be highlighted on WBRC FOX6 News. Those 30 students will then compete for one of five \$5,000 scholarships (to be awarded by America's First Credit Union). If you would like to be nominated, please email your counselor the following information – please list: community involvement, extra-curricular activities, and why you should be selected. Please only ask to be submitted once because nomination will remain in the applicant pool each week.

https://www.wbrc.com/2020/08/31/americas-first-federal-credit-union-wbrc-fox-news-rising-star-scholarship/