



DSA Counseling Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

8 Ways to Stand Out from the Crowd

US News and World Report spoke with admissions deans and college counselors to offer advice on standing out:

- 1) **Take the most challenging classes you can do well in**
Your transcript matters, it shows your grades as well as what classes you chose to take.
- 2) **Show commitment in your extracurricular activities**
Schools want to see significant long term investment of time with leader experience.
- 3) **Get to know your school counselor**
Counselors will write you a letter of recommendation and will be a big part in helping you with the application process!
- 4) **Choose schools wisely**
The goal of this process is to find the school with the right fit for you.
- 5) **Reveal yourself in your essay and start it early**
Your essay should sound like you. Make sure to read it aloud and allow time to make necessary changes.
- 6) **Use social media to your advantage**
Highlight your service and leadership roles as well as achievements.
- 7) **Show sincere interest**
Introduce yourself respectfully to the admissions counselor with a well written email.
- 8) **Be thoughtful about sharing your problems**
Be truthful and use your application as a way to communicate any personal or academic growth you experienced.

December 6th
Senior Scholarship Search Night

December 19th
Black Day Finals

December 20th
White Day Finals

December 21st
No School
Make-up finals only

December 21st – January 8th
Winter Break

January 11th
Intervention Conferences

January 12th
Intervention Conferences

January 16th
No School

January 20th
Choice of Studies Meetings



Senior Scholarship Search Night

Tuesday, December 6th

6:00 pm Library

Looking for scholarships can be extremely overwhelming! It is hard to know where to even start!

DSA Counselors will be available to give guidance on how to find scholarships as well as review deadlines.

Many scholarships have deadlines quickly approaching so take the time now with your counselors to research and get organized!

Students will have the opportunity to sit and search for scholarships and ask questions to their counselors as they work. If available, students should bring a laptop.

This is a great opportunity for seniors to get started on applications, so they can continue working on them over winter break.



In honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) has committed \$1 million over the next four years to Scholarship America to develop and implement a special scholarship program to help people with disabilities obtain the education or training necessary to succeed in the career path of their choice.

<https://scholarsapply.org/pwdscholarship/>

Eligibility

Applicants to the Wells Fargo Scholarship Program for People with Disabilities must:

- Have an identified disability (defined as someone who has, or considers themselves to have, a long-term or recurring issue that impacts one or more major life activity)
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent

- Be a high school senior or graduate who plans to enroll or who is already enrolled in full-time or half-time (at least 6 credits per term) undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2017-2018 academic year.

Awards

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$2,500 award for full-time study or a \$1,250 award for half-time study. Full-time student awards may be renewed for up to three (3) additional years and half-time student awards may be renewed for up to seven (7) years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first.



Bank of America is looking for the next generation of community leaders. If you are a junior or senior in high school and are working to make a difference in your school or community, we want to support you. As a Student Leader, you will participate in an eight-week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization where you will learn first-hand about the needs of your community and the critical role nonprofits play. In addition, you will learn valuable civic, social and business leadership skills. Each Student Leader will attend the Student Leaders Summit held in Washington, D.C. where you will learn how government, business and the nonprofit sector work together to address critical community needs.

<http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/student-leaders.html>

To become a Student Leader, you must:

- Currently be a junior or senior in high school
- Be able to participate in an 8-week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization and work 35 hours a week
- Be legally authorized to work in the US without sponsorship through the end of September 2017
- Be able to participate in a week-long Student Leaders Summit in Washington, DC (July 9 - July 14, 2017) (All expenses paid. This week will be part of your 8-week experience.)
- Be a student in good standing at your school
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator.