



# DSA Counseling Newsletter

March  
2017

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 9th Grade EXPO at Auraria Campus March 24th

The annual Higher Education EXPO is a one day event held on the Auraria Campus on March 24, 2017. The day is intentionally planned for Denver Public Schools (DPS) ninth graders. The Higher Ed EXPO offers an exciting day of college exploration highlighting signature programs. Ninth graders will have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and students.

The day is hosted by the Office of College and Career Readiness, college students (often DPS grads), college representatives, and community volunteers. This DPS partnership engages students in an experience intended to impact their futures beyond high school.

Why this event is so valuable:

- \* It provides relevance to high school for students, helping them to see the connection to college and to the many post-secondary opportunities that exist.
- \* It increases students' College and Career Awareness.

The Day Includes:

- \* **Campus Welcome:** an introduction and overview by a college president or university chancellor
- \* **College 101:** an interactive workshop highlighting integral college and career opportunities for students
- \* **Activities Fair:** a collection of campus clubs, academic programs and services
- \* **College Tour:** an opportunity to explore the college campus and facilities

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Junior Brown Bags

**March 2nd**  
Concurrent Enrollment Info Meeting  
7:30am or 3:00pm Counseling Office

**March 10th**  
End of 9 week grading period

**March 15th**  
Parent Brown Bags  
7:30am or 3:00pm

**March 18th**  
Welcome to DSA meeting for new students

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Spring Break

**April 11th**  
Juniors SAT testing

**May 1st**  
Schedule distribution

## Junior Brown Bags



Juniors, once this spring and once in the fall, you will be participating in DSA's Brown Bag Series.

During these lunch sessions, you will be receiving important information about the college application process, scholarships, testing, and much more. These meetings are held in small groups with your counselors. In addition to a presentation, you will receive a folder packed with vital information for your senior year.

You have been assigned a cohort and date to report to the counseling office for this mandatory event, **attached to this email you will find the schedule**. Bring a bag lunch with you to eat during the meeting (hence the name Brown Bags). The meeting begins at the start of lunch. You may not switch dates with another person. Make plans well ahead of time with your majors, teachers, friends, etc to have this lunch time free. If you need another copy of the schedule come to the counseling office to pick one up.

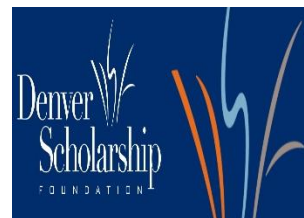
### Junior Parents

Parents: we are offering two **Parent Brown Bags** sessions so that you can hear the exact same information your students heard!

Parent Brown Bags  
Wednesday March 15th at 7:30am  
or  
Wednesday March 15th at 3:00pm

## Denver Scholarship Foundation

DSF offers need-based scholarships to qualifying graduates of Denver Public Schools. The scholarship can be used at DSF's Partner Colleges in Colorado, including technical, community, and four-year colleges and universities.  
[www.denverscholarship.org](http://www.denverscholarship.org)



To receive a DSF Scholarship you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend a DPS High School for all four consecutive years before graduation and be included in the DPS October Count for all four years.
- Graduate from a DPS High School with at least a 2.0 GPA
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Students who are ineligible for Federal Student Aid must be lawfully present in the United States or apply to be lawfully present in the United States.

Applicants for the DSF Scholarship who are eligible for federal student aid will demonstrate financial need by submitting the FAFSA and completing their college's financial aid process. Applicants for the DSF Scholarship who are not eligible for federal student aid (including DACA students) will demonstrate financial need by qualifying for free and reduced-price meal benefits at some point during their time in high school.

A reminder to seniors to let us know as you hear back from colleges as to where you have been accepted, what scholarships you have been offered and what your final decision is.



We want to provide you a "brag board" where you can let everyone know where you will be attending in the fall!

Stop by the counseling office and tell Ms. Vliet!