



# DSA Counseling Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Denver Scholarship Foundation

The counselors at DSA want to encourage you to apply for the Denver Scholarship Foundation scholarship. It is a very easy, fast application, and you can earn up to \$16,000 for college if awarded it. This scholarship can only be used for students attending school in Colorado.

This is a need based scholarship that can be awarded to both students who may be more financially in need, and also to those that show mid-level financial need.

The DSF Scholarship is live and online! Get started today, the scholarship is due April 1, 2017 and can be found at [www.denverscholarship.org](http://www.denverscholarship.org)

The requirements for the DSF Scholarship are:

- \* Attend a DPS high school for all 4 years of high school
- \* Have a 2.0 or higher if planning to enroll in a certificate program or technical college
- \* Have a 2.75 GPA or higher if planning to enroll in an Associates or Bachelor's degree program.
- \* Complete the FAFSA with an eligible EFC (your family's EFC can be found at <http://www.finaid.org>)
- \* Students must also complete three other scholarships to complete the DSF scholarship application.

\*\*Scholarships that you applied for at colleges you're applying to DO count towards the 3.

Please come see your counselor if you have any questions!

#### March 5th- 23rd

Brown Bag Junior Meetings

#### March 9th

End of 9 week grading period

#### March 14th

Concurrent Enrollment Info Meeting  
12:40pm and 3pm in the Counseling Center

#### March 9th

End of 9 week grading period

#### March 20th

9<sup>th</sup> Grade EXPO at Auraria Campus

#### March 26th-April 2nd

Spring Break

#### April 10th

PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and SAT Test

#### April 21st

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## **Junior Brown Bag Series**

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, **see the schedule on the next page**. 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 Brown Bags**

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

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

## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Higher Education EXPO**

The annual Higher Education EXPO is a one day event held on the Auraria Campus on March 20, 2018. 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.

*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



**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!**