Senior News

Volume 3

10/01/20 thru 10/07/20

*******PROMISE and FAFSA applications both open on TODAY (10/1/20). ALL PROMISE applications must be completed by 11:59 pm on February 28th, 2021.******

- For PROMISE go to www.CFWV.com to apply
- PROMISE also do not take multiple scores all scores must come from one test.

FAFSA

- You will need a FAFSA ID, to obtain ……
    - Go to FSAID.ED.GOV

If you do not have a computer to register, let me know and I will schedule a time for you to use a computer.

The state of West Virginia is holding online FAFSA and PROMISE workshops. Please see attachment to join a workshop webinar at your convenience. If you need computer help filing out your form you can email the state at www.wvfinancialaid@wvhepc.edu or call 304-558-4619. They will make and appointment to help you navigate FAFSA

Table sets/College visits:

At this time due to COVID there will be no lunch table set ups or college visits into the school. There is good news though, virtual visits will be provided by the majority of the colleges so watch this section for times, dates and log on information.

1. Marshall University is hosting a visit on 10/14 /20 from 4pm to 5pm. To join:

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Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

+1 304-306-8725   United States, Charleston (Toll)
Conference ID: 345 807 784#

Local numbers | Reset PIN | Learn more about Teams | Meeting options

2. Virtual College Exploration

WVACRAO is proud to present our **Virtual College Exploration program, for all West Virginia students**, October 12 - October 29. Registration is now open for students, parents, and counselors.

The multi-week program consists of hundreds of opportunities for students to learn about the college search process and about many different colleges through panel presentations and information sessions.

Students will gain a wealth of college knowledge, get exposure to a variety of colleges, and have the opportunity to ask questions of admission counselors, all in a safe, flexible, online environment.

All high school students, parents, and counselors throughout West Virginia are all welcome to attend. Participation is free.

Students should participate live so they can ask questions and interact with the college admission counselors. If students are unable to attend live, we still encourage them to register for the sessions they are interested in and recordings will be available on the WVACRAO website later.

Hear from Admission Officers
Experienced admission counselors will tell you what you need to know

Gain Important College Knowledge
Choose from 100 different presentations and information sessions

63 Colleges and Universities
Learn more about a many different colleges from 9 states, Washington DC and 2 countries!

View the Schedule
https://www.wvacrao.org/studentaccess

3.   2020 VIRTUAL VISIT OPPORTUNITIES Through WVU see Attachment

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- College Board Opportunity Scholarship – visit cb.org/opportunity
- Prudential Sprit Community Award – visit spirit.predential.com – Deadline 11/10/20
- Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship – www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com Deadline is 10/20/20
- Coca-Cola Scholarship www.coca-colascholarshipfoundation.org – deadline4/30/21

- 2021 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to 500 high school seniors. Applications at enf.elks.org/MVS – deadline 11/15/20
- West Virginia Junior College Scholarships. Visit www.wvjc.edu – deadlines vary

- United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) has modified Washington Week 2021 to allow this very prestigious scholarship program to continue. The program awards two West Virginia juniors or seniors a $10,000 scholarship and a week long virtual experience with national leaders. The application process is very time sensitive with first date being Oct. 16th. The initial memo with preliminary information is listed below along with the national press release, official brochure, timeline, and program verview/requirements.
    - 2021 USSYP Initial Memo
    - USSYP Program Overview and Requirements
    - 2021 USSYP Official Brochure
    - 2020-21 USSYP Timeline

- Following are the WV Scholarships – deadlines vary

West Virginia State-Level Financial Aid Programs

IMPORTANT UPDATE - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges it has created, the WV Higher Education Policy Commission has approved temporary modifications to qualify for and renew WV financial aid programs. Click here for more information. Or watch this recorded training outlining the modifications.

Be sure to search all available sources of financial aid information - local, state, and national - when you're building your financial plan. Learn more about scholarships.

- West Virginia PROMISE Scholarship
  A merit-based scholarship for qualifying West Virginia high school graduates.
- West Virginia Engineering, Science and Technology Scholarship
  A scholarship available to qualified students interested in pursuing an education in engineering, science or technology.
- Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars Program
  A NEW scholarship available to highly-qualified students interested in pursuing a career as a West Virginia math, science, elementary education or special education teacher. This scholarship is open to students to WV residents and non-WV residents. Recipients of the former Underwood-

Smith Teacher Scholarship who need to complete employment or enrollment verification forms should [visit this page](#).

- [Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Loan Assistance Program](#)
  A scholarship available to qualified students interested in pursuing a teaching career.
- [West Virginia Higher Education Grant](#)
  A need-based grant awarded on the basis of financial need.
- Higher Education Adult Part-Time Student (HEAPS) Grant Program
  A need-based grant for students enrolled on a part-time basis.
- [Medical Student Loan Program](#)
  A need-based program for students pursuing a medical degree.
- [West Virginia Health Sciences Service Program](#)
  A service-obligation scholarship for health professions students interested in primary care and rural health in West Virginia.
- [West Virginia Nursing Scholarship Program](#)
  A range of scholarship/loan opportunities to assist current and future West Virginia nursing professionals with their education.
- [WV Invests Grant](#)
  A "last-dollar-in" financial aid program designed to cover the cost tuition and fees for certificate or associate degree programs in specific high-demand fields at a participating West Virginia two- or four-year institution.
- [Choose West Virginia Practice Program](#)
  A tuition waiver program that incentivizes nonresident West Virginia medical students to remain in West Virginia to practice.

- Visit Scholarship.org for the following scholarships.
  - Women's Ministry Scholarship – deadline 10/15/20
  - NSHSS STEM Scholarship – deadline 10/15/20
  - Horatio Alger Scholarship – deadline 10/25/20
  - Jack Kent Cooke Foundation – deadline 10/30/20
  - 10 words or less scholarship – deadline 11/30/20

Transcript Questions:

For transcripts you can use one of the following formats:

- ✓ Parchment.com
- ✓ SendEdu.com
- ✓ Commonapp.com
- ✓ NCAA.com
- ✓ The college in which you are applying web site
- ✓ or you may request one from the counseling office

- by filling out the form outside Ms. Henderson's door
- emailing Ms. Henderson jahenderson@k12.wv.us

Please be aware that any of the above you choose will not be attended to on the weekends or after 3pm on weekdays

****WVU will only accept mail, their own web site and/or Commonapp.

Open Houses:

- Penn State – to register go to openhouse.psu.edu
  - Dates for open houses
    - Saturday 9/26/20
    - Tuesday 9/29/20
    - Thursday 10/1/20
    - Saturday 10/3/20
    - Sunday 10/4/20
    - Saturday 10/10/20

Free College?!?!?!?!?

Email or ask Ms. Pinn for information about Invest a 2-year program………free?!?!?!?

SAT Dates

SAT Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Normal Registration	Late Registration	Score Release
Aug 29, 2020	Jul 31, 2020	Aug 14, 2020	Sep 17, 2020
Oct 3, 2020	Sep 4, 2020	Sep 18, 2020	Oct 22, 2020
Nov 7, 2020	Oct 9, 2020	Oct 23, 2020	Nov 26, 2020
Dec 5, 2020	Nov 6, 2020	Nov 20, 2020	Dec 17, 2020
Mar 13, 2021	Feb 12, 2021	Feb 26, 2021	Apr 1, 2021
May 8, 2021	Apr 9, 2021	Apr 23, 2021	May 27, 2021
Jun 5, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021	Jun 24, 2021

To register for the SAT: www.collegeboard.org and click the SAT tab.

Practice sites:
    Satpractice.org = Khan Academy
    SAT.org/scoring = Daily phone question (android or iphone)
    Sat.org/samplequestion = online
    Sat.org/practicetest = Practice Book that can be printed
    Sat.org/studygroup = studygroups

ACT Dates

ACT Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Normal Registration	Late Registration	Photo Upload
Sep 19, 2020	Aug 31, 2020	None at this time	Sep 4, 2020
Oct 10,17 or 24, 2020	Sep 25, 2020	None at this time	Oct 2, 2020
Dec 12, 2020	Nov 6, 2020	Nov 7-20, 2020	Dec 4, 2020
Feb 6, 2020	Jan 8, 2021	Jan 9-15, 2021	Jan 29, 2021
Apr 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021	Apr 9, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021	June 4, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021	July 9, 2021

To register: www.ACT.org

Practice sites:
Khan Academy
ACT.org/testprep

PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

****PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020/2021.***

➢ All applicants must submit a completed a FAFSA by the March 1, 2020 deadline to be eligible.

➢ Must complete high school graduation requirements at a West Virginia public or private high school.

➢ Must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or whatever is considered a "B" average, based on county board grading policies, in both core courses AND overall coursework required for graduation by the West Virginia Department of Education.

➢ **Students who have not met the GPA and/ or test score requirements, can qualify after March 1, 2020. You must however, submit an application for PROMISE and FAFSA by the March 1st deadline.**

➢ Applicants qualifications with be based on the seventh semester grades, the student must maintain the grade point average requirement through the eighth semester, or the scholarship will be revoked.

➢ Must complete the minimum core class requirements for the complete core class listing.
  - o English - 4 credits
  - o Mathematics - 4 credits
  - o Social Sciences - 4 credits
  - o Natural Sciences - 3 credits

➢ Must meet standardized test score criteria on ACT or SAT national test by the July test date for ACT and June test date for the SAT of the application year.

➢ ACT Score requirement:

  - o 22 composite score with a minimum of 20 in English, Mathematics, Science, and Reading.

➢ SAT Score requirement:

  - o Total score 1100.
  - o Math 520.
  - o Evidence Based Reading and Writing 530.
  - o The SAT writing portion is not included in the calculation of the composite score.

➢ Scores must be from a single testing date and cannot be combined from multiple test administrations.

➢ Last test dates to qualify for PROMISE
  - o ACT- July 17, 2021
  - o SAT- June 5, 2021

Messages from Teachers:

Ms. Deane - anyone who would like to join Social Science Honorary, please submit an application to me (Ms. Deane) before October 9, 2020. Application is attached

Ms. Karen Morgan – Parents of AP students, if you did not receive a copy of the AP letter it is attached. Any questions, please let me know.

Messages from Ms. Pinn

If you need to contact me for any reason when you are not at school my email is tpinn@k12.wv.us.

Please, remember that your k12 email account expires after you graduate. When filling out Scholarships, PROMISE, FAFSA or anything that will follow you after graduation, use an email that will follow you.

CFWV is a great source, if you are not signed up then do so.