ASVAB Results Returned

The results from the ASVAB that you took last month should be available shortly. You will receive an explanation of the test results you received to help you as you begin to plan for your future career goals.

Next ACT is February 10, 2018

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If you would like to take the ACT again, the next date it is given is February 10. Registration deadline is January 12.

State ACT will be April 3, 2018

All juniors will take the ACT on April 3 during the school day. This will be a free ACT test. The scores will count for college entry just like a regular national ACT test. Students will register for this test at school through a paper registration process (not online). We will help you with this process sometime next semester.

Missouri Connections

As you think about what you want to do after high school, don’t forget to make use of this excellent resource—all free to you! This online program lets search for colleges and scholarships and in addition gives you access to interest inventories, career facts and videos plus much more. If you have used MO Connections in the past and already have a user name and password, it should be

User Name: fp your student number Example fp19001

Password: hornet1 or Hornet#1

If you need to get an account, follow these steps:

* Go to [www.missouriconnections.org](http://www.missouriconnections.org)
* Use the following to login the first time: User name-fairplay Password- 2viewmoc
* On the right side of screen, click on “Create My Portfolio”
* Under New Users, again click “Create My Portfolio”
* Type in your information to create your own account. This allows you to save any work you do and login next time under your own personal account.
* To make it simple to remember set up you account using the above user name and password: UN: fp you student number (example fp19001) PW: Hornet#1

Journey to College Reminders

You may not realize it now, but your grades will count for more than a pat on the back at the end of the year. Your GPA is one of the main factors considered on college scholarships and college applications. If your grades aren’t as good as they should be, try your best to make improvements before your senior year.

Start getting organized for your future now. Create a college binder where you can keep college information. Make a list of colleges you like, and check to see if they meet your needs and interests—look at majors, campus size, location, extra-curricular activities, etc.

Use Journey to College publications to help you navigate high school and the college planning process. View publications online at <http://dhe.mo.gov/publications.php>.

Why Volunteer?

You’ll get as much, or more, out of volunteering as the people you’re helping. ***Not only will admission and scholarship folks be impressed*** but it’s one more way for you to learn about YOU—what you do and don’t enjoy, what you’re good at, and maybe even what you’d like to do some day. Nothing beats a close-up look at what a job involves or meeting people who may be good contacts later.

**If you like: Then:**

Architecture: Build a house with Habitat for Humanity

Forestry: Be a guide at a state park.

Social Work: Work at a soup kitchen.

Vet Medicine: Help out at an animal shelter.

Ecology: Work at a wildlife sanctuary.

Medicine: Hospitals always need volunteers. Call one

Music: Work for a radio station’s charity event.

Education: Help with an after school program.

Computers: Set up e-mail accounts for seniors in retirement centers.

History: Be a museum guide.

Political Science: Work on a campaign or cause.

Law: Serve at a legal aid center.

Math: Tutor younger kids in your school district.

Help plant a memorial garden, read to the blind, work on a hotline, do crafts with kids, raise funds, tutor younger kids, collect toys for Christmas. Find opportunities like these and more in our own state at the following sites. They offer a variety of experiences and even tell you how to start your own volunteer program.

* [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)
* [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)
* [www.1-800-volunteer.org](http://www.1-800-volunteer.org)
* [www.servicelearning.org/instant\_info/kids\_teens/index.php](http://www.servicelearning.org/instant_info/kids_teens/index.php)

Selective Service Registration

All males are required by the Federal Government to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Now, 17 year-old males can submit their registration information early on the Internet ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)), or by filling out a form available from any post office. Selective Service registration is required to be eligible for a federal student loan, job training, most federal jobs, and U.S. citizenship.

Scholarship Opportunities

* This essay contest awards up to $10,000 for first prize for winning essays regarding free speech. For more information go to <https://www.thefire.org/student-network/essay-contest/>. Deadline is December 31.
* John F. Kennedy Essay Contest; student must write an essay on the political courage of a U.S. elected official as described by John F. Kennedy in Profiles in Courage; more information can be found at <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>; deadline is January 4.
* Ayn Rand Essay Contest; students required to read The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand and write 800-1600 word essay; find more information at <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#thefountainhead-1>; deadline to apply is April 26.

Scholarship Resources:

* [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
* [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
* [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
* <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
* <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>
* <http://finaid.org/scholarships>
* <https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/scholarship-search/>

Merry Christmas

Wishing you a restful and meaningful holiday season, filled with an abundance of free time, family, fun and great food!

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