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FAF\$A

Priority Deadline: March 1st 2013

Register you/your parents for the FAFSA pin: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

February 23rd: FAFSA Day 9am-Noon complete the FAFSA with expert assistance across Charlotte. Students can register at cfnc.org/fafsaday or call (toll free) at 866-866-CFNC

February 27th: Operation College Launch 5pm-7pm complete the FAFSA with expert assistance at the Beatties Ford Rd. Library. Register at www.libraryloft.org

(Bring student and parent tax forms and W2 forms to all events)

February 27th: CIAA High School Education Day

February 28th: West Charlotte High School College and Career Fair! 10AM-1PM

March 2nd: West Charlotte SAT BOOT CAMP! 9AM-12PM WC Media Center

...Helpful Web Resources

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| SAT | www.collegeboard.com | | |
| Registration | | | |
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| ACT | www.actstudent.org | | |
| Registration | | | |
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| CFNC | www.cfnc.org | | |
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| FAFSA | www.fafsa.ed.gov | | |
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| CMS | www.scholarshipplus.com/charmeck/ | | |
| \$cholarships | | | |
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| \$cholarship | www.fastweb.com | | |
| Search | www.highfivescholarships.com | | |
| | www.scholarshipexperts.com | | |
| | http://studentaid.gov/ | | |
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| | http://www.zinch.com/ | | |
| College | www.knowhow2go.org | | |
| Preparedness | _ | | |
| | https://getschooled.com/ | | |
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| SAT Test Dates | | ACT Test Dates | |
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| TEST DATE | REGULAR REGISTRATION DATE | TEST DATE | REGUALAR REGISTRATION DATE |
| 5/4 | Apr. 5 | 4/13 | Mar. 8 |
| 6/1 | May. 2 | 6/8 | May. 3 |

-Transcript Request Forms are available in the Student Services Office. Transcripts require 3 working days to process requests. Please follow instructions on the request form. All transcript requests should be submitted to Mr. Mitchell in the Student Services Office

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Scholarship List...Please be aware that many scams appear each year

attempting to get families to pay for information that is free. Specifically, families are targeted by "scholarship companies" that promise to complete FAFSA applications and/or guarantee scholarships for a fee (often as much as \$1500). Scholarship information is available for free at the high school, colleges and on the internet. Free information concerning the FAFSA is available on the internet. See the websites listed above for more information.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program: \$1,000; Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page: http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htmDue: June 14

Air Force ROTC Scholarships: For information on Air Force ROTC scholarships, please visit their website at www.AFROTC.com

Army ROTC Scholarships: For information on ArmyROTC scholarships, please visit their website at www.goarmy.com/benefits/education-benefits.html

Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship: 3 different scholarship opportunities, 1 application! Please see Mr. Mitchell for details and the application.

Anthony Foxx Scholars Program: Any senior male that is interested in attending college, see Mr. Mitchell to complete a form. If the student attends any UNC-System school or CPCC they will receive \$1000 from the Anthony Foxx Scholarship Program.

American Architectural Foundation - Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship Program: Open to minority and/or financially disadvantaged students who are graduating high school seniors and intend to pursue a professional degree in architecture. Must be US residents and nominated by someone who can confirm applicant's interest and aptitude in Architecture. Visit http://www.aia.org/education/AIAB081881 for more information.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund: The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the nation's largest 501c(3) non-profit organization that provides scholarships to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIAs) with financial need. For more information and a list of scholarships available, visit http://www.apiasf.org/index.html

Assistance League of Charlotte: The scholarship will provide funding toward tuition, room and board, required rees and books for freshmen year at one of the 16 UNC System schools. CMS students who exhibit outstanding community service, has a GPA of a 3.0 weighted and minimum combined score of 1500 on the SAT math, critical reading and writing sections. See Mr. Mitchell for more information.

BBG Communications 2013 Scholarship: \$1,000 Students must be between the ages of 16 and 21 on June 30, 2013. Submit answers to the two essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the **June 30, 2013 deadline**. Applications can be found at www.breylancommunications.com

Best Buy Children's Foundation Scholarship: Open to graduating high school seniors, must enter accredited US college/university or technical school in fall immediately after graduation. Selection is based on community service, essay, grades, extracurricular activities and volunteer work. **Due February 15**thapply at https://bestbuy.scholarshipamerica.org/

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Buick Achievers Scholarship Program: This program is for students who are dedicated both in and out of the classroom. High School seniors who plan to enroll full time at the four-year College or university and who plan to major in engineering, technology design or business with an interest in the automotive industry. The website is www.buickachievers.com and the application is **Due February** 28th by 5:00pm.

Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund: Must be a resident of public housing owned or managed by the Charlotte Housing Authority (including Section 8 subsidized residences) and be named as an occupant in the current lease for at least one year prior to the scholarship application deadline: March 1, 2013. Applicants attending college, vocational or technical school for the first time must not be over 21 years of age as of September 1 of the school year for which the scholarship award is to be made. Find the application at www.fftc.org/scholarships

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Retired School Personnel Scholarship: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Retired School Personnel is pleased to offer a \$750 scholarship to graduating seniors planning to enter the teaching profession. Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians are employed by CMS and to those who have the greatest financial needs. See Mr. Mitchell for an application. Application must be postmarked by March 29th.

Charlotte Metro Area Relocation Council Scholarship: In order to qualify for this \$1,000 scholarship students must be a senior in good standing at West Charlotte High, must have relocated between grades 9 and 12, must have relocated more than 50 miles and changed schools due to their family's relocation, and must have an unweighted cumulative 3.0 GPA. See Mr. Mitchell for an application. Deadline: March 22nd

Charlotte Post Top Senior Program: For the 39th year, The Charlotte Post is sponsoring the Top Seniors program, which highlights the academic achievements of African American students. Scholarships are awarded to two top seniors. Applicants must be African American and have a GPA of 3.25+. You can find the application at:

http://www.thecharlottepost.com/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=TSlanding&category=TopSenior

Deadline: March 4th

Clinton L. Blake Scholarship: The purpose of this scholarship is to provide scholarship opportunities to worthy and needy West Charlotte High School students who choose to attend a College, University, or accredited Vocational School. Eligible students must have demonstrated financial need, as established by Alumni guidelines. Recipient will be chosen based on grades 2.5 GPA or better, essay, interview, parental income, institution cost and (difficulty) of academic curriculum. Additional consideration will be given to students who have participated in extracurricular activities, and have contributed services to their various communities and/or demonstrated good work habits. Please see Ms. Anderson for an application available on December 3rd, 2012 with deadline for submission March 31st, 2013.

Dora R. Mason Scholarship: In order to qualify for this \$500 scholarship a student must: have an overall 2.0 GPA or above, attend a college/university, community college, vocational/technical or specialty school, live in Mecklenburg County, and be an African American. See Mr. Mitchell for an application. **Deadline: April 5**th

Dr. Seuss's "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" Scholarship: This scholarship program recognizes a high school senior who understands and values the limitless possibilities that education can offer with a \$5,000 scholarship award. Applications and information are available on-line at www.ohtheplaces.org

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ECPI Merit Scholarship: If you plan on attending ECPI University you must have completed an application for admission and successfully completed admissions testing to be considered for this scholarship. See Mr. Mitchell for the application. **Deadline: April 30, 2013**

Emma H. Dunlap Scholarship: In order to qualify for this scholarship a student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and above, must show proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational, or technical school, must demonstrate financial need, provide evidence of volunteer activities, and must have leadership potential as evidenced by school and/or community activities. See Mr. Mitchell for an application.

E.R. & Lillian B. Dimmette Scholarship Fund: \$1,000 - \$4,000. Students must be nominated, have a 2.5 GPA and demonstrate need for financial assistance. The application can be found at www.fftc.org/scholarshipsA hard copy of the application must be submitted by February 15, 2013

Gilbraitti Scholarship: \$500 Students must be between the ages of 16-20, must be attending College or University in the Fall of 2013, and must complete the application form, including the essay prior to the deadline of March 1, 2013. Applications can be found at www.mortgagebrokerslangley.ca

Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded by the national Society of the Colonial Dames of American in NC. This is an essay contest that \$1000 will be awarded to the winners. For the application, see Mr. Mitchell.

Foundation For The Carolinas: Go to www.fftc.org/scholarships for a list of over 90 North Carolina Scholarships! Please note: When clicking on the link to access an application, you may receive a request to enter a login and password. Please click "Cancel" and the application will appear.

Independence Good Fellows Scholarship: Primary criteria considered for this \$2,500 (minimum) scholarship consists of financial need, academic record and community service, among other special skills or talents. See Mr. Mitchell for an application. Deadline: April 8th

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund: Applicants must be US citizens, have an unweighted 3.0 GPA, must be attending a 4 year accredited college or university in the fall 2013. They must have also demonstrated leadership abilities through community service or other extra-curricular activities. Combined adjusted income of the parents cannot exceed \$100,000. Deadline: March 15, 2013 Please see Mr. Mitchell for an application.

Kasie Capling Memorial Scholarship:\$2,000 Scholarship. The applicant must be a Mecklenburg County high school student. The applicant must be a rising college freshman, re-entry or transfer student accepted into a Science, Information Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) major at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2013 semester. Unweighted 3.0. Deadline: March 15http://gocesm.org/Events/North%20Carolina/Kasie%20Capling%20Memorial%20Scholarship%20applic ation.aspx

KFC Colonel's Scholarship: To qualify a student must enroll in public college or university in NC, be a U.S. Citizen, with a GPA of 2.75 and demonstrates financial need. For more information go to www.kfcsholars.org

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2013 Nina Neely Scholarship Essay Contest: Reformed Universal Masonic Brotherhood and Order of the Eastern Star, Inc. will award a first (\$1,000), second (\$600) and third (\$400) place scholarship to winners of their essay contest. **Deadline: March 12, 2013.** See Mr. Mitchell for an application.

National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc: Open to all students, Due: February 24, 2013. Please see Mr. Mitchell for an application.

North Carolina Bar Association Scholarship Program: A program awarding scholarships to children on NC law enforcement officers killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. The application can be found at:

http://younglawyers.ncbar.org/media/207370/childrenofslainorpermanentlydisabledlawenforcemento fficers.pdf or contacting Jacquelyn Terrell at sections@ncbar.org or call 1-800-662-7407. April 1, 2013

North Carolina Child Support Council Scholarship: At least one parent must be a member of the North Carolina Child Support Council or a client of the Child Support Program (through either Child Support services or Clerk of Court services). Must have maintained a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Please see Mr. Mitchell for an application. **Deadline: April 15, 2013.**

Odenza Marketing Group Spring Scholarship: \$500 Students must be between the ages of 16 and 25 on March 30th, 2013. Submit answers to the essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the **March 30th**, **2013 deadline**. Have a GPA of 2.5 of higher. Application can be found at studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Scholarship: Interested students must submit a signed and dated scholarship application form with a recent photo, three completed reference forms, an official high school transcript, and a 750 words or less typed essay. See Mr. Mitchell for an application. Deadline: March 30th

R.A.W. (Reading, Arithmetic, Writing): This organization provides SAT prep courses that are intensive and catered to the student's learning level. R.A.W provides both and individual instruction. For more information see Mr. Mitchell.

Sarah Scott-Schofield Scholarship (Zetas of Charlotte): Student must demonstrate financial need, and have a 2.5 GPA unweighted. Please See Mr. Mitchell for an application. Deadline: March 15, 2013

State Employees Association of North Carolina: Applications are available at www.seanc.org/membership/scholarship The scholarship application consists of three categories. Please apply in only one category. I) Financial. II) Merit. III) Member Only. Deadline: April 15, 2013

State Employees Credit Union People Helping People Scholarship: \$10,000 4-Year College scholarship, \$5,000 Community College scholarship. Students must submit application and essay to their counselor by **March 25, 2013.** See Mr. Mitchell for an application.

Suntrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes: Seniors can enter to win a \$1,000 scholarship for their education expenses at a college or university. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October26, 2012 through May 10, 2013. Enter online at offtocollege.info

10 Words or Less Scholarship: \$500 To be eligible for the Carrington Dental Centre Scholarship a student must: be between the ages of 14-25 who will be attending school in the Fall of 2013, and be

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able to answer the question on the sponsors website in 10 Words or Less. Applications can be found at www.facebook.com/myscholarshipsThe deadline is April 1, 2013

Junior Men:

Do you have what it takes to be part of the Top 100 young Black Men of Charlotte Program? The Top 100 Young Black Men Program highlights the achievement of outstanding young black male high school seniors. The program recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of academics, leadership, extracurricular and community service. Must be a current African American male junior with a cumulative weighted 3.0 GPA or higher. See Mr. Mitchell for an application. **Due March 15, 2013**

Additional Resources Below...

Scholarship Opportunities for Undocumented Students:

The following links are to scholarship opportunities for undocumented students:

http://hs.houstonisd.org/debakeyhs/Departments/counselors/Undocumented.htmlhttp://www.nygearup.org/collegesense/students/scholar_undoc.htmhttp://www.ccc.edu/financialaid/nonres_scholarship1.shtml/undocumented.phtml\nhttp://www.finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml

HBCU Application Resource

EDU, Inc. Common Black College Application: Students are able to use the EDU, Inc. Application and apply to 36 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) at the same time for only for \$35. Visit www.eduinconline.com

!!Free online SAT and ACT Prep!!

All West Charlotte Students can access Triumph study guides and test prep through the West Charlotte website. Go to the CMS Resources menu on the bottom left of the WC homepage, select ACT/SAT Test Prep, scroll down and select West Charlotte High. Sign in with your NC Wise Student ID # as the username and your birthdate (YYYYMMDD) as the password. Click the "login" button and select from the following options: SAT Study Guide, PSAT Study Guide, ACT Study Guide, FinalPrep for the SAT, FinalPrep for the ACT.

***Seniors be sure to turn in your acceptance letters and scholarship awards to Mr.

Mitchell***

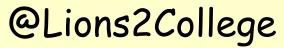
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