

STUDENT COORDINATOR'S ZONE FALL 2017

Our MI-College Adviser, Mr. Byron Terrell Williams, will be at Owen-Gage on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The College Adviser position is made possible through a grant by M-Can (Michigan College Access Network) and Americorps. He will be servicing our school by assisting high school students with post-secondary plans, including: college applications, FAFSA assistance, scholarship and financial aid assistance, career and college explorations, understanding the financial aid reward letter, etc. Please make it a point to meet with Mr. Williams to discuss your post-secondary plans. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Mr. Williams at the school, or leave a message with Mrs. Swiastyn.

SAT TEST INFORMATION

All seniors took the school required SAT last spring. They have all created a College Board Account to view their scores. This account also allows them to choose up to four colleges that they would like their scores sent to. They have also connected their College Board account to Khan Academy where they used personalized practice tests to help prepare them for the SAT.

If any student would like to retake the SAT to try to improve their score and make them eligible for more possible merit scholarships from colleges, the following dates are scheduled at local areas/schools. Cost: \$46 without essay, \$60 with essay. To register and learn more about the SAT, visit: collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register. You can also register at: sat.org/register.

TEST DATE	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

PSAT/NMSQT

On Wednesday, October 11, all juniors seniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT. This test is given to familiarize and help prepare students for taking the SAT which all these students will take in Spring 2018. It also helps in their qualification for the National Merit Scholarship.

There are a few websites that will familiarize students and parents with the new SAT, provide full length practice tests, register test scores, etc. The first couple websites are: www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org and www.collegeboard.org. The other website that works together with the CollegeBoard website is: www.khanacademy.org/sat. On Khan Academy, you can get to know the redesigned SAT, create personalized practice recommendations, stay on top of important SAT dates and news, and practice anytime, anywhere, at no cost! There are 4 official full-length practice tests, plus study and test-taking tips on the website also.

These websites also help students connect to scholarship opportunities when they take the PSAT/NMSQT.

Attention Seniors!!! October is College Application Month!

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Just a reminder to all male students to sign up with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday to stay eligible for federal student loans, government jobs, and job training. You may register at your local post office or at www.sss.gov.

MERIT AID

Merit aid is awarded to students with a broad range of GPA's. Students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher often qualify. MeritAid.com is the first comprehensive website dedicated to helping students with the college search by matching them to merit-based scholarships from colleges across the country. For more information, visit www.meritaid.com.

COLLEGE NIGHT

Attention Juniors and Seniors!! College Night will be held at Bad Axe High School on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** This is your opportunity to meet with representatives from many different colleges to see what they have to offer and how they will fit into your plans for the future. Information on financial aid will also be available. For a listing of other college nights available in Michigan, go to www.macrao.org.

****A Reminder: Apply early to colleges for maximum scholarship consideration for that college!**

COLLEGE REP VISITS

Attention Juniors/Seniors - Below you will find a list of the College/Selective Service Rep visits planned to date.

COLLEGE	DATE	TIME
U of M -- Flint	Thursday, October 5	2:15
Ferris State University	Tuesday, October 24	2:15
Central Michigan University	Wednesday, October 25	2:15
St. Clair County Comm. College	Thursday, October 26	2:15
U.S. Air Force	Thursday, November 9	2:15

DELTA COLLEGE

Delta College will be sponsoring their annual *Career Pathways* event on **Friday, November 3 from 8 a.m. until noon**. Each year, *Career Pathways* features nearly 200 local business professionals representing different careers and industries. You have the opportunity to learn firsthand what it takes to meet your career goals from experts.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY **JAMES MADISON COLLEGE**

James Madison College at Michigan State University is a small, student-centered residential program that is dedicated to undergraduate education and specializes in the study of public and international affairs. James Madison College offers majors in International Relations, Social Relations and Policy, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, and Comparative Cultures and Politics.

Students and their families are encouraged to visit the campus and explore the college first-hand during their 2017 Fall Visit Days: On Fridays, October 20, October 27, November 10, and November 17 from 10 a.m.-12:15 pm, followed by optional tour and lunch. More information is available at <http://jmc.msu.edu/visit>.

ELKS 2017 MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Elks National Foundation will be awarding scholarships, which range from \$4,000-\$50,000, to 500 high school seniors nationwide. Applicants are judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. This scholarship is available online only. To download an application, visit <http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>. Deadline for applications to be submitted is on or before **November 27, 2017**.

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Lawrence Technological University offers leading-edge programs in architecture, design, engineering, science, business, and applied technology. Exploration Day at Lawrence Tech is on Friday, October 13, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lawrence Tech is hosting Blue Devil Days on Saturday, November 11 and Saturday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.ltu.edu.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

This fall GVSU is offering a number of opportunities for prospective students to visit campus. Grand Valley Laker Experience Days will be held on Saturday, October 14 and Friday, October 27, 2017. Representatives from academic departments and support services will be available to answer questions, along with walking tours of the campus. Their Laker Perspectives Day will be held Saturday, November 18, 2017. The purpose of this day is to expose prospective students and their families to the diverse opportunities available as Grand Valley students. To register for any of these events, go to www.gvsu.edu/visit or call the Admissions Office at (800)748-0246.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – FLINT FALL PREVIEW

These visits are targeted for juniors, seniors and their families, but everyone is welcomed. The events include an admissions presentation, and opportunity to meet with admissions staff and faculty members and a campus tour. The preview Saturdays are October 14 and November 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. To register, please visit www.go.umflint.edu/preview.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

There are several student scholarships available at the following website: www.studentscholarships.org. The scholarships are constantly changing on this website, so check back often and see what scholarships are available!

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – DEARBORN

Fall Open House at the University of Michigan – Dearborn is Saturday, October 21. You will be able to attend presentations about admissions, financial aid, scholarships, academic programs, and student life. You will also have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with an admissions counselor to learn about the admissions process. You can also talk to current students, faculty, and staff, as well as take a tour of the campus. Friends and family are also invited!

FAFSA

FAFSA will be available to students/parents October 1. Parents will be able to use previous tax information to fill out their part of the student's FAFSA. Remember that applying early and completing the FAFSA early may mean the difference of receiving available monies/grants/scholarships or not!

WELLS FARGO FREE ONLINE RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE PLANNING

Wells Fargo has several online resources that are **FREE** and will help assist students and parents with the important steps necessary for staying on track with college planning. Please check out the following resources:

Wells Fargo's CollegeSTEPS program

www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps

Students and parents can both sign up for the CollegeSTEPS program to stay on track with college planning. You'll receive emails on topics like study tips, financial aid, and campus visits.

Your financial aid journey in 5 steps eBook and videos

www.wellsfargo.com/fivesteps

Journey through the financial aid process with Mr. Fellows and Monty. Through the interactive eBook and videos, you'll get help sorting out the different options to pay for college expenses, including information on how to compare award letters.

Tuition Funding Sources (TFS) scholarship search

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

Save time searching for scholarships with the TFS scholarship database. Create a personal profile, and receive filtered results that match your education and career goals. With TFS, you'll have access to over 7 million scholarships totaling more than \$41 billion to help pay for college, plus information on financial aid and career assessment tools.

My Financial Guide

www.wellsfargo.com/financial-education

Get help managing your money before and during college using My Financial Guide. You'll find articles and resources to help you learn more about saving for college, preparing for college costs, repaying your student loans, and more.

OTHER HELPFUL SITES FOR FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

FSA ID

<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

Michigan's K-12 Curriculum and Standards web page

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753---,00.html>

Huron County Community Foundation

www.huroncountycommunityfoundation.org

General Scholarship Searches

- www.fastweb.com
- <http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- <https://www.michigancap.org/>
- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- www.michigan.gov/ssg
- <http://www.petersons.com/>
- www.finaid.org/scholarships

Please check with your College Adviser, Mr. Williams, for other possible scholarships!