



## Counselor's Corner: October Highlights: *Great Opportunities for All Students*

### Upcoming College Visits

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
CU Boulder	Tuesday, October 25	9:30am
Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design	Thursday, October 27	1:30pm
Lewis & Clark	Monday, October 31	9:00am
Colorado Mountain College, Timberline	Friday, November 4	10:00am
Redstone College	Thursday, November 10	1:00pm
Community College of Denver	Monday, November 14	10:00am
University of Northern Colorado	Friday, November 18	9:30am
Front Range Community College	Monday, November 28	10:00am

Sign up on Naviance or in the counseling office ahead of time, and see Diane, Tracie or Julie for a pink ticket! 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend visits.

### CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT (Please read below for important changes to the policy!!!)

Are you interested in taking a college course this spring and having the district pay for it? Colorado law provides juniors and seniors with this opportunity if you have exhausted the curriculum in an academic class at our school in the subject you want to take. This means you have met or exceeded the 4 year college credit requirement in this subject. Registration materials for the SPRING are available in Diane's office. Please see diane with questions ASAP. (We really encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity as this is the last chance to take classes at a non-community college and get fully reimbursed. See below policy change.) **DEADLINE to return papers to Diane: MONDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

*NEW LEGISLATION: Due to new legislation, this will be the last semester the district will be able to cover tuition for non-community college courses (CU Boulder, Metro, etc.). Starting Fall 2012, BVSD will only be able to cover student tuition at the community college tuition rate, or \$105.85/credit hour, regardless of which college the student attends. Students will be responsible for any tuition costs above and beyond this amount, as well as any fees and books associated with the college-level course. (This means tuition for courses taken at Front Range will be fully covered.) The approval process for courses will not change.*

### Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Passport2College Program- DeVry University Westminster Campus** October 24 – December 18, Two Days/Week: 3:30-6:30 pm 1870 West 122nd Avenue Westminster, CO. Get a head start on your college education by earning tuition-free college credits while still in high school. Classes offered: Introduction to Business and Technology, Logic and Design, and Psychology. Space is limited. For more information and to register visit <http://www.wes.devry.edu/passport2college.htm>.

### **WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF COLORADO 2011-2012 PREVIEW DAYS**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup> & April 20<sup>th</sup>**

For more information or to schedule your visit online go to [www.western.edu](http://www.western.edu).

**Drug Facts Chat Day** On Tuesday, November 1, top scientists from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will host a unique opportunity that gives teachers and students the chance to ask expert scientists honest questions about drug facts and their impact on the brain and body. Drug Facts Chat Day is available for everyone to use as a learning tool in a view-only, real-time format; however, only the first 100 schools that register will be able to submit questions. If interested, sign up as soon as possible at <http://www.nidachat.org/register.aspx>

**Front Range Community College (Boulder County) Spotlight: College** Tuesday, November 1 6:00-7:30pm 2121 Miller Dr. Longmont, CO 80501 Room C1762. College workshop to provide information about the enrollment process, financial aid, COF, scholarships, and more. Information provided in English and Spanish. Contact Cynthia Garcia for more information at 303-678-3846.

### **MINORITY STUDENT MEDICAL CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOPS & RECRUITMENT FAIR**

**Saturday, November 5 11:00am-6:30pm at the Colorado Convention Center Denver, CO**

By attending, you can meet with admissions representatives from medical schools and other health professions schools, find out about summer opportunities and additional resources that can help you prepare for a career in the health professions. All are welcome! Online registration Oct.3-Oct. 21. For more information visit:

[https://www.aamc.org/students/minorities/63080/minorities\\_medicalcareerfair.htm](https://www.aamc.org/students/minorities/63080/minorities_medicalcareerfair.htm)

### **UPCOMING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES**

#### **HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**Deadline: Sunday, October 30, 2011** The Horatio Alger Association provides financial assistance to students who have the financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Scholarships awarded to Colorado residents range in value from \$5,000 to \$20,000. For more information or to apply visit <https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/index.cfm>.

#### **COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Initial Deadline: Monday, October 31, 2011**

Coca-Cola Scholars awards scholarships to seniors who demonstrate leadership, commitment to community and academic achievement. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.coca-colascholars.org/sslpage.aspx>.

#### **PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD**

**Application due Tuesday, November 1**

If you have made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington D.C.. For more information and to apply visit [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit).

#### **FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION (FIRE) “FREEDOM IN ACADEMIA” STUDENT ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

**Deadline Saturday, November 5**

High School Seniors are invited to write an in-depth essay explaining why free speech and First Amendment rights are crucial to higher education and how abuses of these rights harm the college experience. The first place winning essay will receive a \$5000 college scholarship and an all-expense paid invitation to the 2012 Campus Freedom Network Conference in Philadelphia, second place will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship, five runners up will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. For more information and to apply visit [www.thefire.org/contests](http://www.thefire.org/contests).

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

#### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE ESSAY CONTEST**

**Must be postmarked by Saturday, November 5**

The Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania invites high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to submit engaging and thoughtful essays in which students reflect on their own experiences with community service. One submission per high school will be accepted. The winning essays will receive a \$1000 first prize, \$500 second prize, and ten honorable mention essays will receive \$50 prizes. For more information visit [www.iup.edu/honors](http://www.iup.edu/honors).