



Counselor's Corner: October 2011
Great Opportunities for All Students
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COLLEGES AND ORGANIZATIONS VISITING NEW VISTA

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND VISITS. SENIORS SHOULD SIGN UP ONLINE AT <http://connection.naviance.com/newvista>. See Diane or Julie if you need help. All other students sign up ahead of time on the bulletin board in the Post Grad/Counseling Center and get a pink ticket from Diane or Julie.

<u>The Evergreen State College</u>	Mon October 17, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>The University of the Arts</u>	Tue October 18, 2011	TBA
<u>Quest University Canada</u>	Thu October 20, 2011	2:00 PM
<u>University of Colorado at Boulder</u>	Tue October 25, 2011	9:30 AM
<u>Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design</u>	Thu October 27, 2011	1:30 PM
<u>Lewis & Clark College</u>	Mon October 31, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>Colorado Mountain College, Timberline</u>	Fri November 4, 2011	10:00 AM
<u>Redstone College of Aviation Technology - Denver</u>	Thu November 10, 2011	1:00 PM
<u>Front Range Community College, Boulder County</u>	Mon November 28, 2011	10:00 AM

Because New Vista is a small school, we are unable to host as many college visits as the larger high schools. If a college of interest is visiting another school, students can contact that high school's counseling office to find out about attending the visit. Most high schools post their "College Visit Calendar" on their websites. Many colleges will also offer nighttime visits at local coffee shops and hotels, as well as private interviews. View "Upcoming Events" for a list of those opportunities.

UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Monday, October 10 7:00-8:00pm Courtyard by Marriott Denver Cherry Creek 1475 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver

Admissions information session to acquaint you with academic programs, life on campus, and how to apply for admission and financial assistance at Washington University. For more information call (800) 638-0700.

OUT OF STATE COLLEGE FAIR: Wednesday, October 12 6:30pm at Monarch High School

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet U.S. and international college reps. Learn about entrance requirements, housing, financial aid, and student activities. (<http://www.collegefairsdenver.org/>)

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 16 11:30am-2:30pm at the Auraria Event Center

Discover the path to your future at CU Denver: Discover more than 75 areas of study, learn about financial aid and scholarships, check out admission requirements and discuss transfer credits. For more information call (303) 556-2704.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Sunday, October 16 2pm Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center 7800 E. Tufts Ave. Denver

Information session to find out more about BU's academic programs, admission process, financial assistance opportunities. Ask about their four-year, full-tuition Trustee Scholarship Competition. For more information visit <http://www.bu.edu/admissions/>.

KNOX COLLEGE

Monday, October 17 3-8pm Boulder Public Library Main Branch 1001 Arapahoe Ave.

Knox College, a private liberal arts college located in Galesburg, IL, is holding admissions interviews in Boulder. Ask about their \$8,000 Colorado Alumni Scholarship for students who attend high school in Colorado. For interview times and more information visit www.knox.edu/knoxontheroad.

DENVER PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE FAIR

Tuesday, October 18 7-9:00pm at [The Denver Center for the Performing Arts: Seawell Ballroom, 1101 13th St. Denver, CO](#) For more info go to:
<http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/CollegeFairs/pva/Pages/11PDE.aspx>

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER BA-BS/MD PROGRAM

Saturday, October 22 10:00am 12:00pm at the **Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 1 Building, Room 1500** Interested in a career in medicine? Attend one of the two Pre-Application Information Sessions for the Bachelor of Arts-Bachelor of Science-Doctor of Medicine program for 2011-2012: Learn about the program philosophy, the admissions and application process for this program, and get an overview of the academic as well as the non-academic requirements
For more info: <http://babsmd.ucdenver.edu>

WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF COLORADO 2011-2012 PREVIEW DAYS

October 28th, February 24th, March 23rd & April 20th
For more information or to schedule your visit online go to www.western.edu.

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

CU BOULDER – TASTE OF THE PRESIDENT’S LEADERSHIP CLASS

Tuesday, November 29 (more details to come)
The Presidents Leadership Class is a nationally renowned program that has guided the leadership development of Colorado’s most talented undergraduate students. CU will be hosting their annual Taste of PLC event on November 29, 2011 for students interested in applying for the program. If you would like to attend please email us at plc@colorado.edu. For more information on the PLC visit presidentsleadershipinstitute.org. Applications to the program are due by February 15, 2012.

DEVRY UNIVERSITY - HER WORLD

Thursday, December 8 7:30-2:30 at the **Denver Merchandise Mart**
A full day event designed to introduce high school junior and senior women to careers in business and technology. Register at http://www.wes.devry.edu/herworld_registration.html or call (303) 280-7570 for more information.

GAP YEAR FAIR

Sunday, February 05, 2012 from 1-4pm at the **Denver Academy 4400 E. Hiff Avenue Denver, CO 80222**
For more information visit: <http://www.usagapyearfairs.org/index.html>

COLLEGE WEEK LIVE is a provider of the world's largest online college fairs. This school year College Week Live will feature more than 30 online events, including virtual open houses for individual schools, regional shows, and large national and international college fairs. Go to www.collegeweeklive.com for more information!

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

ACT Test

All Juniors are required to take the state-mandated ACT on April 24th. This test does not include the “writing section.” To retake the ACT or for info about the test, go to www.actstudent.org

Test Date

October 22, 2011
December 10, 2011
February 11, 2012*
April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012

Registration Deadline

September 16, 2011
November 4, 2011
January 13, 2012
March 9, 2012
May 4, 2012

Late Registration (Fee Required)

September 17–30, 2011
November 5–18, 2011
January 14–20, 2012
March 10–23, 2012
May 5–18, 2012

PSAT

We recommend that ALL Juniors take the PSAT and encourage sophomores to take it as well. This PSAT is the best preparation for the SAT and provides students with individual feedback and tips to help with future test-taking. Students in eleventh grade who take the test and meet other program entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs.

When: Saturday October 15th at 8am at New Vista

REGISTER NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 20th

Registration Cost: \$25.00, after 9/20 price increases to \$40 (FEE WAIVERS are available)

How to Register: Bring cash or a check made out to New Vista H.S to Ann Thomaier in the front office BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL, AT BREAK, OR AT LUNCH. Upon registration, students will receive a practice booklet.

SAT

For more info and to register, visit www.collegeboard.com. Fee waivers are available. See Diane for more info.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (Fee Required)</u>
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

Students with disabilities: If you plan on taking the ACT, PSAT or SAT, please see Diane or your case manager ASAP to set up accommodations.

PREP CLASSES

DOMESTIC SAT PREP: A free SAT Prep program online that includes a catalog of over 100 strategic study guides, an interactive vocabulary builder with over 5000 common SAT words, practice quizzes with explanations, and simulated practice tests.

<http://domesatreview.com>

KAPLAN: Kaplan is holding many test prep classes in our area. Go to www.kaptest.com for more info. New Vista may host a Kaplan ACT course. The cost will be about \$500. We will keep you posted.

BVSD CLASSES: There are many prep classes available for the ACT and SAT. Check out www.bvsd.org/LLL for those offered through BVSD.

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

SIERRA NEVADA COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST

Submission period open from 9/1/11 until 12/1/11

Looking for the best high school Poetry, Fiction & Non-fiction writers! Open to all juniors and seniors. 1st place prize in each category will receive \$500; 2nd place in each category will receive \$200; 3rd place in each category will receive \$100. For more information visit [www. sierranevada.edu/writer](http://www.sierranevada.edu/writer).

YOUTHROOTS

Applications due by Tuesday, October 11

YouthRoots is a board of high school students from across Denver empowered to change its local community in innovative and meaningful ways. Selected applicants will be required to fulfill a six month-long position and work with 14 other people your own age to assess the needs of your community and then raise funds for and make grants to organizations that address those needs.

You'll set the goals. You'll form and execute the plans. You'll make the final decisions. And you'll meet a bunch of cool people, including global change makers and other high school students, along the way. Plus, you'll be making a huge impact on your community while learning the skills to enact positive change in our world tomorrow.

UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

Applications are due Friday, October 14, 2011.

A unique educational experience for outstanding junior and senior high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. Applicants must be currently serving in an elected or appointed capacity with a student government (Advisory Council), civic or educational organization. All transportation, hotel and meal expenses will be provided. Each representative will also be awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship to pursue coursework in history and political science. Program will take place **March 3-10, 2012 in Washington D.C.** For more information and to apply visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/senateyouth.htm>.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Sunday, October 23 3:00-5:00pm Broomfield High School Auditorium

Information session to learn about studying abroad for an academic year with the Rotary Youth Exchange. Open to teenagers 15 ½ to 18 ½ years old at the time of exchange. Applications for 2012/2013 school year due by mid-November 2011. For more information or

to RSVP contact Joe Prizio at lprizio@comcast.net or 303-517-5289.

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. Students are responsible for paying for books, technology fees, supplies and transportation. Space is limited- Register early! For more information and to register visit <http://www.wes.devry.edu/passport2college.htm>.

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.

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.

OUT BOULDER'S BOLD YOUTH PROGRAM

Out Boulder's BOLD Youth program empowers youth through art, activism and community. This program offers LGBTQ & Allied Youth ages 13-20 a space to connect through creative endeavors. Fall of 2011 will consist of the three programs: creative writing group, a back-to-school event with open mic and art show, and our famous filmmaking project!

Creative writing group will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 5-6:30 at Out Boulder's Pride House (2132 14th St). This is a drop-in group with a casual atmosphere. Creative writing group is a youth-created, youth-led activity. Each week a youth volunteers to lead in writing prompts and sharing. It's fun!

The Back-to-School event is going to be held Saturday, September 24, and will include a youth art show, open mic, and BBQ social. Planning meetings for this event will be held Tuesday afternoons from 4-5 at the Out Boulder Pride House August 23-September 20. All youth are welcome to participate in the planning and/or the event!

Out Boulder's BOLD Filmmaking project is a great opportunity for young people to voice their experiences, learn about LGBTQ influence in film and film in general, and to learn a fierce and useful skill. Youth will write, direct, film and edit their own short film with the guidance of a professional videographer. This project is a time-commitment, and totally worth it! The filmmaking project will be held 12-3 p.m. on Saturdays beginning Oct 8 thru the end of December. Space is limited!!! Cameras, tapes, and editing software are all included!! ALL PROJECTS ARE FREE!!!! More info? B. Mann, BOLD Program Coordinator. bmenn@outboulder.org . 720-248-8183

YMCA of Boulder Valley Teen Programs

The Y gives young people a safe place to call their own. Caring, dedicated adults are there to listen to them and help them navigate the stresses, changes and choices that come with adolescence. Building relationships with these responsible adults and with other young people from different backgrounds helps give teens the inner strength to avoid destructive behavior. Young people have more fun and learn more when they can take the lead in planning and directing their own programs, and Ys often provide this opportunity. For more information visit <http://www.ymcabv.org/ymcaweb/after-school.html>

Some of the YMCA programs for teens include:

- **Breakthrough Arts Program (13 – 18 years)** Looking for something to do after school? Come check out some of our FREE Y BreakThrough Arts Classes! Classes meet between 3:30-6pm in Boulder, Louisville/Lafayette. All classes are free of charge. We prefer that students register in advance for classes, though we do accept drop-ins. For more information please call 303-443-4474 ext. 4650 or email Jessica.England@ymcabv.org.
- **Y-Riders:** The Y-Riders program is dedicated to supporting cyclists of all ages in achieving their potential and goals. Y-Riders strives to produce honest, responsible, respectful and caring riders of all ability levels and in every aspect of cycling: for fitness, fun, recreation, competition and alternative transportation. This group organizes the Y entry in the Lights of December Parade, volunteers in the Learn to Bike classes and provides other cycling related service opportunities. Contact George Sharman at 303-443-4474 x4614 or george.sharman@ymcabv.org

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

In effort to save paper we will now be keeping a "Jobs" binder in the counseling center instead of listing them in the Counselor's Corner. Please stop by to check out the latest employment opportunities! New jobs are listed every week!

WIA – WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Purpose: To aid 14-21 year old youth who meet specific income guidelines and have other educational and/or employment barriers.

Description: This is a year-round, multi-faceted program. Its approach is designed to help youth develop workplace success skills, strengthen basic skills while encouraging school and work retention and achieve career goals.

How do I get started? Youth ages 14-21 are referred to WIA by parents, schools, social services agencies, and community based organizations. Call Claire Callahan @ at WorkForce Boulder County (303) 301-2924 and set up an appointment!

<http://www.wfbc.org/youth/youth2.htm>

Looking for a job? Try these websites:

- www.wfbc.org/: Boulder County job resources; help with resumes, job skills, job seeking
- <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-EmployTrain/CDLE/1248095317847> State of Colorado Youth Employment
- <http://www.snagajob.com/> Hourly employment
- <http://www.groovejob.com/> Summer, part time, hourly, teen and student jobs
- <http://www.coolworks.com/> Seasonal and camp jobs
- <http://www.teens4hire.org/> Teen jobs and resources
- <http://www.jobdoggy.com/> Part time jobs for teens and students
- <http://www.monster.com/>
- <http://mappingyourfuture.org/> Career planning, selecting and paying for school

SUPPORT RESOURCES

Counseling groups and workshops and parent support events can be found at: <http://boulderpsychotherapistsguild.com>

www.parentengagementnetwork.org

www.BoulderPsychologicalServices.com

Toyota Teen Driver

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for US teens. That's why Toyota and Discovery Education have teamed up to create Toyota Teen Driver, a comprehensive program to help teens avoid distractions and help them stay safe behind the wheel. Go to www.Toyotateedriver.com for information and resources.

TEEN CLINIC

We're here to answer your questions, give you options, and make sure that you are comfortable with your choices about sexual health. Services are free and confidential. Call [303.442.5160](tel:303.442.5160) or visit <http://www.teenclinic.org/> for more information.

JUST FOR SENIORS

SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS NOW!!!!!!

Some Upcoming Scholarships are listed below. Scholarships can be found in Julie's office, as well as, on Naviance (<http://connection.naviance.com/newvista>).

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>.

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.

THE COMCAST LEADERS & ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline: Tuesday, November 15

New Vista can nominate one senior for a \$1,000 grant from Comcast. Nominees should exhibit commitment to community service, academics, and demonstrated leadership. Interested students will have to complete a one-page, double-spaced essay describing how they meet the scholarship requirements. Stop by the counseling center to pick up your “Nominee Request Instructions.” **Essays must be submitted to Diane by November 15 for consideration.**

GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARS: Deadline: Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Renewable, need-based, merit scholarship given to 1,000 students studying computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science. For more information visit <http://www.gmsp.org/>

ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS AND OFFICER CAREERS: Deadline: January of your senior year

If you're interested in attending college while learning what it takes to become an Army Officer, ROTC may be right for you. In addition to teaching you valuable leadership skills, military training, and discipline, ROTC can also provide you with money for tuition and other expenses through scholarships. For more information visit <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students.html>.

SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Naviance website: <http://connection.naviance.com/newvista> (See Diane or Julie if you forgot your login)

You can also access up to date scholarship info on Fairview's website:

<http://bvsd.org/schools/FairviewHS/CounselingDepartment/PostGradCenter/GeneralInformation/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

http://bvsd.org/schools/FairviewHS/CounselingDepartment/PostGradCenter/Documents/Schps/Scholarships_FullList.htm?keepThis=true&TB_iframe=true

Other Websites:

- www.fastweb.com (Access to over 275,000 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and grants)
- <http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com> No registration required. Scholarships updated daily.
- <http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp> Provided by SallieMae, federal loan group
- <http://www.cksf.org/hschool.cfm> Includes non-traditional scholarships
- <http://www.cappex.com/scholarships/>
- www.zinch.com (blocked at school)

TRANSITION YEAR (www.transitionyear.org) Whether you need help picking a school that is the best fit, are looking for tips on managing stress once on campus, or want guidance in making a smooth transition for a student dealing with an issue like depression, this site has the tools and information you need. The Transition Year is an online resource center to help parents and students focus on emotional health before, during and after the college transition. Check it out!

FAFSA

Parents be prepared to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1, 2012. For more information visit

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

ARE YOU GOING TO COLLEGE IN COLORADO?

If you are going to college in Colorado, register for the COLORADO OPPORTUNITY FUND. This is free money that is taken off your tuition. <https://cof.college-assist.org/COFApp/COFApp/Default.aspx>



If you need help figuring out what you are going to do next year,
please see Diane!

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