



## Counselor's Corner: September 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>College</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<a href="#">University of Colorado at Denver</a>	Mon September 12, 2011	9:30 AM
<a href="#">Portland State University</a>	Mon September 12, 2011	1:00 PM
<a href="#">Colorado State University</a>	Mon September 19, 2011	9:00 AM
<a href="#">Smith College</a>	Thu September 22, 2011	9:30 AM
<a href="#">Fort Lewis College</a>	Fri September 23, 2011	1:00 PM
<a href="#">Hampshire College</a>	Thu September 29, 2011	11:00 AM
<a href="#">University of Colorado at Boulder</a>	Mon October 3, 2011	9:00 AM
<a href="#">Lewis &amp; Clark College</a>	Mon October 31, 2011	9:00 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 EVENTS**

#### **JESUITS COLLEGE EXCELLENCE TOUR**

**Thursday, September 8 6-8:30pm at the Denver Marriott Tech Center 4900 Syracuse St. Denver, CO. [www.jesuitexcellencetour.com/](http://www.jesuitexcellencetour.com/)**

Representatives from various Jesuit Colleges and Universities will be visiting to speak with interested students.

#### **COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT FOR SENIORS AND PARENTS**

**Monday, September 12 6:30pm at New Vista**

Some topics to be discussed: Filling out college applications, understanding the Common Application, requesting letters of recommendation and transcripts, translating New Vista credits, important dates and deadlines, tips for scholarship searching, and lots more! (NOTE: We will have a financial aid specific night later in the year.) PLEASE RSVP TO DIANE BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th AT [diane.mastromarino@bvsd.org](mailto:diane.mastromarino@bvsd.org)

## **THINKING ABOUT MAJORING IN MUSIC INFORMATION NIGHT**

**Tuesday, September 13 7-8:30pm at Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts. 200 E. Baseline Road, Lafayette, CO**

Experience a panel of current music majors and college admissions staff offering information, insights, and great tips for majoring in any area of music (vocal, instrumental, music business, etc. <http://majoringinmusic.com/>)

## **COLORADO COLLEGE FAIR and FINANCIAL PLANNING PRESENTATION**

**Wednesday, September 14 6:30pm at Centaurus High School**

We encourage all students and their parents to attend the district-wide college night. You will have the opportunity to visit with counselors from over 40 Colorado post-secondary schools and learn about entrance requirements, financial aid, majors, housing, and campus visits. **There will be a COLLEGE FINANCIAL PLANNING PRESENTATION from 5:30-6:30pm.** This is also a good time for freshmen and sophomores to begin the college search process.

## **University of Colorado Denver BA-BS/MD Program**

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

**WHEN: September 17 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM and October 22 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM**

**Location: Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 1 Building, Room 1500**

For more info: <http://babsmd.ucdenver.edu>

## **NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY**

**Sunday, October 2, time TBA at Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design**

National Portfolio Day is an event specifically for visual artists and designers. It is an opportunity for those who wish to pursue an education in the visual and related arts to meet with representatives from colleges who will be available to review artwork, discuss their programs and answer questions about professional careers in art. For more information and a list of participating colleges go to <http://www.portfolioday.net/>

## **COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT FOR JUNIORS AND PARENTS**

**Oct.4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at NVHS**

Join our counselor, Diane Mastromarino, for an informative and interactive evening to help prepare for the college search, as well as college admissions and application processes.

## **OUT OF STATE COLLEGE FAIR**

**Wednesday, October 12 6:30 pm 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/>)

## **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>

## **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)

## **GAP YEAR FAIR**

**Sunday, February 05, 2011 from 1-4pm at the Denver Academy 4400 E. Iliff 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](http://www.collegeweeklive.com) for more information!

## **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING**

### **ACT Test**

All Juniors are required to take the state-mandated ACT on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This test does not include the "writing section." To retake the ACT or for info about the test, go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### **Test Date**

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

### **Registration Deadline**

August 12, 2011  
September 16, 2011  
November 4, 2011  
January 13, 2012  
March 9, 2012  
May 4, 2012

### **Late Registration (Fee Required)**

August 13–26, 2011  
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 20<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://www.collegeboard.com). Fee waivers are available. See Diane for more info.

### **Late Registration**

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>(Fee Required)</u>
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
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](http://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](http://www.bvsd.org/LLL) for those offered through BVSD.

### **LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:george.sharman@ymcabv.org)

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES** (Job listings are from a public posting. Please inquire about age requirements)

**WIA –Workforce Investment Act (Youth and Young Adult)** **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>

**PART-TIME FRONT DESK AGENTS** (Boulder)--Days Hotel Boulder is accepting resumes for front desk agents. Duties include making phone reservations, checking guests in/out, providing exceptional customer service, and doing daily front desk check lists. Candidates must enjoy interacting with guests, providing customer services, and have exceptional phone skills, etc. Available shifts are: Saturday and Sunday 7am-3pm and part-time weekday shifts 3pm-11pm. Please send resume to [darekzurek@hotmail.com](mailto:darekzurek@hotmail.com). Compensation will be determined. This is a part-time job. Please, no phone calls about this job!

**PART-TIME DISHWASHER/FOOD PREP** (Boulder) Boulder Meridian Retirement Community kitchen is looking for dynamic staff to serve independent, active seniors at lunch and dinner. Need to be able to work 16 - 20 hours per week --primarily weekends with an occasional weeknight. There is the possibility for additional hours as a wait staff member.

Shifts are Saturday and Sunday 11:00 - 3:00 and 4:00 - 8:00. Job responsibilities include operating automatic dishwasher, doing minor food preparation and cleaning the kitchen area. Applicants must be able to stand for extended periods of time, lift 35 pounds, and bend and stoop as necessary. Wages are \$8.50 per hour. Fill out an application at: [www.horizonbayhires.com](http://www.horizonbayhires.com) or phone 1-877-422-9447. We are EOE.

**HOST STAFF, HOSTESS, HOST** (Louisville)--Via Toscana is an upscale Italian restaurant in Louisville. Please visit [www.viatoscana.com](http://www.viatoscana.com) for more restaurant information and go to the Employment Page to submit an application. Must have good dinner availability Mon-Sat (we are closed for lunches and Sundays). Please note that Friday and Saturday availability are required. Christmas break availability is also required. You must be available on major nights (New Year's Eve, Valentine's, etc) and over busy periods. You will be responsible for executing the flow and balance of seating to maximize customer experience and restaurant efficiency. We require previous employment references and excellent interpersonal, organizational, and phone skills. Shift times begin at 4:30-5pm Mon - Sat. and typically

end 8:30 -9pm. Compensation is hourly plus tips. This is a part-time job. Please, no phone calls about this job!

**BLACKJACK PIZZA COOK and CUSTOMER SERVICE/PHONES** (Boulder, Gunbarrel, Longmont) Looking to hire for several positions within 3 store shops. Perfect after school job for younger workers! Positions available include: daytime (Mon to Friday 11AM-2PM) at Gunbarrel location for Counter/Dining Room. This is a perfect “Mom Job!” Contact the local store: Longmont - 1102 Francis St, Longmont, CO 80501 - 303-776-1900. Boulder - 3023 Walnut St, Boulder, CO 80301 - 303-442-6677. Gunbarrel - 6545 Gunpark Dr, Boulder CO 80301 - 303-530-2600. Compensation is \$7.36hr to \$9hr. These are part-time jobs.

**KITCHEN HELPER** (Boulder) Duties include preparing food, cooking, dishwashing, serving, cleaning, customer care...ETC. Part time job: Monday-Friday - 11:30am~3:00pm. Please send your resume and your available time. Compensation is \$9 per hour. Reply to: [job-tptqf-2575448036@craigslist.org](mailto:job-tptqf-2575448036@craigslist.org). Please, no phone calls about this job!

**PART TIME PACKAGING** (Boulder) Natural foods company in Boulder needs part-time, afternoon workers for packaging and cleaning. Packaging team requires the ability to lift up to 35lbs, work quickly and cooperate well with a team. Hours are approximately 2-6pm and we can be flexible with student schedules. Reply to: [job-qhhdj-2575189576@craigslist.org](mailto:job-qhhdj-2575189576@craigslist.org). Please respond with your contact information and three professional references. Job pay is \$10/hour.

**HOST/HOSTESS** (Louisville) The Cactus Wheel restaurant is seeking a host to work 2-4 nights per week. Weekend night availability is a must. Experience is preferred but we will train the right candidate. Please drop off a resume in person at the Cactus Wheel at 701 Main St, Louisville, CO. Compensation is minimum wage. Please, no phone calls about this job.

**HOST/HOSTESS** (Louisville) The Empire Lounge and Restaurant is looking for a great personality to be the first face our guests see when they walk in the door. If you are outgoing, organized, and great at remembering faces and names then this is the job for you. This position is part time and will be 10-15 hours per week. Be a part of Louisville best restaurant and send us your resume today! Compensation is \$10 hr. Please, no phone calls about this job! Reply to: [job-ysjxz-2573986440@craigslist.org](mailto:job-ysjxz-2573986440@craigslist.org)

**THE MELTING POT HOST/HOSTESS** (Louisville) We are looking for hard working, animated and positive people to join our team. September - March is our busy season and we would like to train the new team members as soon as possible. Weekend availability is a must as is holiday availability; we will not be hiring anyone who will be unavailable during the holidays. There are both full time and part time positions available. Please apply in person Monday-Friday between Noon and 4 pm. If you are unable to come in during this time we ask that you simply drop off your application at the front as management will not be able to talk to you during business hours. Address is: The Melting Pot Louisville, 732 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027. Our phone is 303-666-7777.

**HOSTS/HOSTESSES & SUPPORT STAFF** (Boulder) Carelli's of Boulder is seeking responsible persons to work the front of the house. Applicants must have some day availability. Apply in person at 30th & Baseline Rd. Check us out on the web at [www.Carellis.com](http://www.Carellis.com). Please, no phone calls about this job!

### Looking for a job? Try these websites:

- [www.wfbc.org/](http://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](http://www.parentengagementnetwork.org)  
[www.BoulderPsychologicalServices.com](http://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.Toyotateendriver.com](http://www.Toyotateendriver.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>).

**Student of Integrity** The BBB Foundation is offering \$10,000 to an economically disadvantaged student who has demonstrated character, leadership and ethical values. Deadline: September 22, 2011. For more information visit <http://denver.bbb.org/2011scholarship>

**Gates Millennium Scholars** Renewable, need-based, merit scholarship given to 1,000 students studying computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science. Deadline: January 11, 2012. For more information visit <http://www.gmsp.org/>

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

### **Other Websites:**

- [www.fastweb.com](http://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](http://www.zinch.com) (blocked at school)

**TRANSITION YEAR** ([www.transitionyear.org](http://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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