

# The Jacket Journal

Thomas Jefferson High School

## What to do and be aware of this week

We have a few weeks before finals. Stay focused seniors!!!! Not only is this the close of a semester, but also the beginning of a new season. . . . Scholarship season. Hopefully by now you have applied to several schools and are awaiting notification of acceptance. For those of you who are still working on "application season", be vigilant. Many colleges have established priority deadlines. This means that they honor certain admissions criteria and scholarship requirements until the priority deadline. Please be aware of those deadlines. Do not risk losing free money because you didn't realize the deadlines. If you are struggling with the process, please join Mrs. Hartenhoff in the Counseling Center each Tuesday Night for College Clique from 3—4 p.m.. It is a great way to get questions answered or to set time aside each week for college planning.

If you have been hesitating at any point during the college planning process, please note the following to-do list.

SENIORS: HOW TO SPEND YOUR WINTER VACATION . . .

- Do NOT procrastinate any longer. . . .
- How about finishing any college applications and mailing them in before your return on January 4th, 2010. You will need to also fill out a transcript request upon your return.
- If you are still looking to take the ACT, you need to register before January 5th.
- Create a profile on fastweb.com and Ihaveaplaniowa.org to find scholarship opportunities if you have not done so already. List any deadlines on your calendar so you can stay organized during scholarship season.
- Locate any and all award letters that you may have received from schools. Bring them in to Guidance when you return after break. Continue to bring in those letters as you receive them.
- If you are planning on filing the FAFSA online, you must obtain a pin number for student and parent. Having this pin number prior to filling out the FAFSA will eliminate unnecessary delays. To acquire the pin number, visit [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Keep these numbers safe. You will be using them the next four years.
- Oh, and last but not least, remind parents of the Financial Aid Planning Night on January 14, 2010 @ 7: 00 p.m.

There are no scheduled college representatives for December at this time. Please listen to announcements for any late additions.

## Show Me The MONEY\$\$\$\$\$\$\$!

Here are some useful scholarship search websites. REMEMBER... never pay for scholarship searches.

[www.iowacollegeaid.gov](http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov)  
[www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov)  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.scholarshipmonkey.com](http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com)  
[www.scholarship4students.com](http://www.scholarship4students.com)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Excel Physical Therapy Scholarship—Five \$1000 scholarships available for students interested in a career in Physical Therapy. Deadline is February 1st. Applications available in the counseling center.

Sallie Mae Scholarships—Applications to students of diverse background with financial need. There are numerous scholarships available. For application and more information go to the website [www.thesalliemaefund.com](http://www.thesalliemaefund.com).

2010 Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award (JUNIORS) - \$5000 scholarship program for Iowa Junior students to propose, develop and accomplish a project. Deadline March 31, 2010. Application available at [www.hooverassociation.org](http://www.hooverassociation.org)

Metro Omaha Builders Association (Junior/Senior Women) \$500-\$1000 scholarship available. Student must currently be taking or has taken design, home economics, industrial education, or architectural courses and be looking to continue college preparation in the home building industry. Students must deliver a project/application by April 21, 2010. for more information please see your counselor.

Iowa PTA—H.L. Taylor Scholarship—Must be a graduating senior of an Iowa Public high School that has a PTA in the school district. Selection is based upon financial need, academic record, candidates potential for success, references, extra-curricular involvement, community activities and parental PTAA involvement. Deadline February 1, 2010. Please see your counselor for an application.

UNI Department of Theatre is announcing its upcoming Scholarship Day on December 7th. Eligibility and application procedures are found on the Strayer-Wood Theatre web site at [www.uni.edu/theatre](http://www.uni.edu/theatre). Scholarships continued on back page . . .

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The Minnesota Transplants (MTP) Scholarship—\$500 scholarship for high school senior from Nebraska/Western Iowa who plans to attend a Minnesota college in the fall of 2010. Applications can be found @ [www.minnesotatransplants.org](http://www.minnesotatransplants.org). Deadline to apply is February 6, 2010.

Best Buy Scholarship—Scholarship is awarded to selected applicant that has volunteered time to their communities, excel in academics and participate in extra-curricular activities. Online application can be found @ [bestbuy.scholarshipamerica.org](http://bestbuy.scholarshipamerica.org)

All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship—This scholarship is need-based, to assist Iowa students with college. Must plan to attend an Iowa college or university. Priority is given to students who participated in TRIO Programs, alternative school graduates, and homeless youth. Must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. Applications can be found on [www.Ihaveaplaniowa.gov](http://www.Ihaveaplaniowa.gov).

AXA Achievement Scholarship—For more information about application and criteria visit [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com). Deadline is December 15, 2009.

Dell Scholarship program—Scholarship was designed to assist underserved and lower income students reach their college dreams. To apply go to [www.dellscholars.org/public/](http://www.dellscholars.org/public/). Deadline is January 2010.

Iowa State University—Christian Hixon Opportunity Awards; Students must demonstrate financial need through the FAFSA. Iowa students must have faced challenges of personal and or financial hardship. Must be planning on attending ISU and complete online application at [www.dso.iastate.edu/hixon/application](http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixon/application) by February 1st, 2010.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATES OF ADMINISTRATION PROFESSIONALS AKSARBEN CHAPTER—Award of \$500—Must pursue a career as an administrative office professional and have a GPA of 3.0. Applications available at [www.iaap-aksarben.org](http://www.iaap-aksarben.org). Deadline to apply is February 15, 2010.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship—\$1500 per year to Iowa high school senior with outstanding academic achievement. Must have 3.5 GPA and a 28 ACT/1860 SAT. Must also rank in the top 10 per cent of class. For more info visit [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov) College .

KFC SCHOLARS PROGRAM—Award is up to \$5,000 per year for tuition, fees, books, room and board. For more information and for an application log on to [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org).

ATTENTION JUNIORS-DISCOVER CARD SCHOLARSHIP—Award of \$30,000 for those JUNIORS who can demonstrate exemplary achievements including leadership, community service and obstacles overcome in their personal lives. APPLICATIONS ON LINE ONLY AT [www.discoverfinancial.com/community](http://www.discoverfinancial.com/community). Deadline to apply is January 31, 2008.

## Upcoming events

**Dana Scholarship Day**—Sunday February 21, 201. Register at [www.dana.edu/scholarshipday](http://www.dana.edu/scholarshipday) or call 800.444.DANA

**Augustana Visit Day** January 18. To register, call 800.727.2844

**Iowa Western Reiver Day**—December 11, 2009. Register online at [www.iwcc.edu](http://www.iwcc.edu)

**Kirkwood Community College Visit Days**—December 11 and January 29th. To register, visit [www.kirkwood.edu/TGIF](http://www.kirkwood.edu/TGIF) or call 800-363-2220.

## REMINDER . . .

**FINANCIAL AID  
PLANNING NIGHT**

**THOMAS JEFFERSON  
AUDITORIUM**

**JANUARY 14, 2010**

**7 P.M.**

VOLUNTEER CORNER

**SALVATION ARMY  
3612 CUMING STREET, OMAHA**

Volunteers must be 16 years or older or be accompanied by someone 16 or older. They are asking a 3-hour commitment. For more information go to [www.ringomaha.org](http://www.ringomaha.org)