

John Dickinson High School
Class of 2010
Guidance and Scholarship News
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Juniors and Sophomores in Honors and/or AP Classes- The University of Delaware Summer College is looking for intellectually curious self-starters who are in the top 15% of their class and will be 16 years of age by early July. These students must be earning A's or B's and must have a combined score of 1000 on the critical reading and math portions of the PSAT. See your Guidance Counselor or Ms. Zerbe for more information. This is a wonderful program that many Dickinson students have participated in over the years. Many other summer programs for high school students are available. More information on other exciting programs is available through Ms. Devitt in the Guidance Office. Summer programs can be a wonderful experience while also providing a boost for college acceptances!

Seniors- No college application will be considered complete without your high school transcript. **Each time you send an application, you MUST request that the Guidance Office send an official transcript.** If you have any midyear or final report forms, you may leave them with Ms. Kiliszek in the Guidance Office. She will see that they are completed and sent at the appropriate times.

Seniors- A list of available scholarships is ready and accessible on the John Dickinson High School website www.johndickinsonhs.com, attached to the March Guidance and Scholarship News or through your English teacher. You may also check out the Scholarship Bulletin Board in the Guidance Office or see your Guidance Counselor directly. Scholarship applications are available through Ms. Scott or Ms. Devitt.

Seniors- As you begin receiving acceptance letters to colleges, career schools or the armed forces, take your letter to Ms. Scott in the Guidance Office! She will post your college or career plans in the hall showcase and add you to the growing list of accepted students. We are looking forward to another exciting year!

Seniors- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website www.FAFSA.ed.gov is accessible. The FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible. Incomes can be estimated so you are able to send the form before taxes are completed. More information on completing the FAFSA is available in the handouts distributed in your English class or in the Guidance Office.

Juniors- Register for SAT's- www.collegeboard.com (paper copies of the SAT registration are available in the Guidance Office). See your counselor if you have questions.

Juniors and Sophomores- My College QuickStart is an easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT. The information and answers you provided when you took the test are incorporated into this useful tool, and it presents their data back to you in four main parts:

1. My Online Score Report- an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, the student's answer, and the correct answer with answer explanations.
2. My SAT Study Plan- a customized SAT study plan based on student PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice.
3. My College Matches- A starter list of colleges based on the student's state and indicated choice of major.
4. My Major and Career Matches- Major and career matches that are compatible with the student's general interests and personality type.

Access is available using the access code printed on your paper score report and the tool can be utilized throughout high school. Using My College QuickStart together with your parent or guardian is a great way to be introduced and guided through important aspects of the college-going process.

Visit www.collegeboard.com/quickstart

All students- If anyone is interested in racking up some volunteer hours, we have the monthly breakfasts! Every third Saturday of each month Dickinson and Tower Hill students volunteer at West Presbyterian Church. We arrive at about 7am, set up and serve about 200 breakfasts to the needy, then cleanup and are out by 10am. See Ms. Scott if you are interested in participating once or twice.