

## **GATEWAY COUNSELING DEPARTMENT COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP OCTOBER NEWS BLAST**

### **COLLEGE INFORMATION**

October is College application month in Colorado. If you have not done so already, please be sure to set up an appointment with your counselor in order to begin this exciting process. It is the student's responsibility to meet deadlines and complete applications, but counselors are available by appointment to help guide students through the application process as well as sending official documents.

Did you know that the majority of the financial aid money you receive to go to college comes from the college itself? If you are a top academic student with good test scores, there is a chance that colleges will entice you to choose their college or University. In addition to getting your acceptance letter, they will often also award you a "merit scholarship", based on GPA and test scores. The key is to apply early! Many competitive schools require you to have all application materials submitted before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

General Scholarship Information - Information on a wide variety of specific scholarships as well as scholarship search databases can be found in Naviance under the **COLLEGES** tab and **SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY**.

Boettcher Scholarship - This highly-competitive, merit-based, full-ride scholarship is now open for application. If you have a 3.6 GPA or higher, scored a 28 or higher on the ACT, you may be considered competitive for this prestigious scholarship. New to this year, students who have DACA (Deferred Action) are eligible for this scholarship. If you are interested, please see your counselor immediately. You must be invited by your counselor in order to apply. If you've already received your invitation, please remember applications are due by Friday October 23.

Daniels Fund Scholarship - This scholarship covers all unmet need to any accredited college or university throughout the United States. Approximately 100 are awarded each year in the Denver Metro area. Go to [www.danielsfung.org/apply](http://www.danielsfung.org/apply) This application opens on September 14<sup>th</sup> and closes on November 13, 2015.

Students must be a Citizen or Permanent resident of the United States

Earn an ACT score of at least a 17 in each category (math, reading, English and science)

Demonstrate financial need

Display the following attributes

- Strength of character
- Leadership potential
- Academic Performance or promise
- Willingness to give back to the community
- Well-Rounded personality

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship- The Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. College Scholars receive up to \$40,000 per year, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community. [The application is open now through November 3, 2015](#). Up to 40 College Scholars are selected for this program each year.

### **UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS/FAIRS**

**Prestigious Colleges Information Session** – October 7, 2015 - 7:30 pm @ Doubletree by Hilton Denver Tech Center. Come meet with reps from Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University and the University of Chicago – RSVP at [www.exploringeducationalexcellence.org](http://www.exploringeducationalexcellence.org) Learn what it takes to get into a highly selective college.

Denver National College Fair- Sunday, Oct 11, 2015- 1:00-4:00 pm @ Denver Mart  
RSVP [www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent](http://www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent)

APS Colorado Colleges (CCHSR) College Fair - Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - 6:00-7:00 pm @ Aurora Central High School 6:00-7:00pm. Meet with the in-state college representatives from Colleges across the state of Colorado.

#### **College Rep Visits at Gateway**

October 2, 2015	UNC	11:30 - 12:30
October 6, 2015	Simpson College	2:00 - 3:00
October 7, 2015	Grand Canyon University	8:00 - 9:00
October 7, 2015	Hofstra University	2:30 - 3:30
October 8, 2015	Drake University	2:30 - 3:00
October 9, 2015	Holland's University (All Women's)	8:00 - 9:00

\* Check for upcoming visits and sign up for visits through your Naviance account.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

When you volunteer at the Dumb Friends League, you're joining a family of volunteers and staff committed to providing love and support for the homeless pets and equines in our care. As a volunteer, you'll be rewarded for your efforts through recognition events and awards—and best of all, you'll be helping homeless animals receive the loving care and second chances for happiness they deserve.

Together, [we can end animal homelessness and suffering!](#)

For more information, please call (303) 751-5772, Ext. 7311.

**After-school and In-School Volunteering:** We are looking for High School Students 17 years and older and Community members (all adults) to come inspire students of Elementary level in After-school Homework and Technology Club. We also need help during school hours for other needs as well. This is also a great opportunity to improve in speaking English, and building your resume in many ways that give you experience. Please reply if you are interested in helping and we will give you more information. We will also try working around your schedule and what you would be interested in and what you would feel comfortable doing.

Laredo Elementary School, 1350 Laredo St., 80011

Contact: [cindylee.johnson@aps.k12.co.us](mailto:cindylee.johnson@aps.k12.co.us), Community Corp

**Punkin Chunkin Volunteer:** Curious how far a pumpkin can be launched in the air?

See it for yourself by joining the fun as a volunteer for Punkin Chunkin. The 2015 events will mark the 18th year for this zany activity that mesmerizes all ages. The annual event will be on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11 at Arapahoe Park Race Track. Invite your friends and family to give back to our community and volunteer together for Punkin Chunkin! We are looking for volunteers to help with various positions such as our welcome booth, arts and crafts, pumpkin patch and pony rides. Volunteer shifts vary on Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, October 11 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt and meal as a thank you!

To register, please call or email Krystle Berkey at 303-739-7889  
[orkberkey@auroragov.org](mailto:orkberkey@auroragov.org)

### **COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE THURSDAY TOPICS FOR THE MONTH**

\* If you are new to Gateway or would like a refresher on expectations for College Knowledge Thursday, every Thursday staff and students are encouraged to promote Gateway's college going culture by wearing college gear. In addition to this, teachers will initiate discussions around college related topics during 5th period. These can be great warm ups or ways to wind down your lesson and should take no more than five minutes. Refer to the monthly college blasts for topics.

**October 1st topic:** Application month- all students are encouraged to begin applying to college and make an appointment with their counselor to review deadlines. Please share your application process with students and how you narrowed down your search.

**October 8th topic:** Please share with your students why you chose the college you attended.

**October 22nd topic:** Remind students that tomorrow is the deadline for Boettcher and that students should be in the process of researching scholarships and explain how you financed your education.

**October 29th topic:** What was your experience with dorm life (good or bad)?