

# **GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE & CAREER SUCCESS** **SEPTEMBER NEWS BLAST**

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

- ★ Registration for Spring 2017 classes at the Community College of Aurora is around the corner. If you are new to CCA classes and wish to apply please see your counselor for details on registering and taking the Accuplacer Test. The next test will be Tuesday October 31st. Students must be registered to take this test by Friday October 13th.
- ★ The Free Applications for Federal Student Aid will now be available for prospective college students to fill out starting on October 1, 2017. Parents will use their 2016 taxes to fill out this important Financial Aid piece. Parents can get started at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ★ There will be a FAFSA Informational session at Parent Teacher Conferences on September 7th.

## UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS/FAIRS

### ★ 2017 Day & Night College Fair

Gateway High School

Thursday September 21st

5:30-7:30 PM

### ★ College Rep Visits at Gateway

University of Denver

Thursday October 5th

9:30 AM

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Thursday September 14th

1:00 PM

University of Northern Colorado

Tuesday September 19th

9:00 AM

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

## COLLEGE & CAREER COORDINATOR'S CORNER

### **APS & CCA Red Fox Success**

Over the summer while most of us were enjoying vacations and time away from work, a dedicated group of students was earning college credit at the Community College of Aurora (CCA). The Aurora Public Schools College and Career Success Team in collaboration with CCA expanded the Red Fox program in 2017 after it had a very successful pilot in 2016.



In 2016, the pilot program focused solely on juniors in high school who were entering their senior year. In 2017 the program grew from 22 students to 79 students as it opened up to

graduating seniors and continued serving juniors. Students chose between English or Math courses to help them complete college level English and Math.

90% of the junior students who participated in the program completed the Red Fox program earning a total of 392 college credits. Gateway High School graduating senior Monae Bishop returned to Red Fox after participating in the 2016 pilot. Monae was able to complete all of her college freshman English and Math requirements because of the program, and now she is a participant in the ASCENT program. Gateway students participating in the program had 100% completion and averaged a 3.25 GPA in 2017.



The Red Fox program will continue in the summer of 2018. Please reach out to a member of the College and Career Success Team to get more information.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### **Boettcher Scholarship**

**11/1/17 By 11:59 PM.** - November 1st is the deadline for the **Boettcher Scholarship!** Forty students will be awarded this scholarship that pays full tuition and fees, has a book allowance, and a living stipend for four years at any Colorado college/university.

#### Eligibility Requirements

Please contact Tiffany Anderson, director of the Boettcher Scholarship program, at **tiffany@boettcherfoundation.org** or 303.285.6209 for specific requirements.

All qualified students are encouraged to apply, regardless of gender, creed, ethnic origin, race or sexual orientation. We do not give preference based on a student's choice of college or university, high school, city of residence or financial need.

Relatives of Boettcher Trustees, officers or employees of the Boettcher Foundation are not eligible.

#### Selection Criteria

Once you apply, the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship selection committee judges each student on:

- Superior scholastic ability
- Evidence of leadership and involvement
- Service to community and school
- Outstanding character to be considered for the Boettcher Scholarship, you must meet these minimum requirements:
  - Be a graduating Colorado high school senior who has lived in Colorado for your junior and senior years of high school
  - Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States

**OR**

- Meet the requirements for **Colorado ASSET AND** one of (a) or (b) below:
  1. Hold legal status in the United States; or
  2. Meet the requirements and have applied or started the process of applying for **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**

Deadline: All forms and materials must be postmarked or electronically time-stamped **no later than 11:59 p.m. on November 1 of your senior year.**

### **Daniels Fund Scholarship**

**11/30/17 By 4:00 PM.** No exceptions! - This scholarship can be used at any 2 or 4-year not-for-profit accredited college or university in the U.S.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for the Daniels Scholarship Program, students must satisfy the following requirements at the time of application:

- Demonstrate **financial need**
- Be a **citizen or permanent resident of the United States**
- Be a **resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming**
- Be a **high school senior** graduating from a school in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming
- Earn **ACT scores of at least 17 in each category** (Math, English, Reading, Science); or an **SAT Math score of at least 400 and Critical Reading score of at least 440**. Writing scores are not required. All test scores must come from a single test and must be submitted by the application deadline. Super scoring is not accepted.

#### **How does the Daniels Scholarship Program determine financial need?**

The Daniels Fund assesses financial need by evaluating a number of factors such as the income and assets of the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), the income and assets of the applicant, and individual circumstances.

**Students do not need to be Pell eligible** to be financially eligible for the Daniels Scholarship Program.

The first step in applying is completing the 2017/2018 FAFSA, which can be completed [here](#) starting October 1, 2016. After completing the FAFSA, it will take 3-5 days to receive the scholar's Student Aid Report (SAR), which will indicate their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This information is required to proceed with the application.

Applicants must complete the Daniels Scholarship Program Eligibility Questionnaire requiring information from their SAR and additional financial information from the applicant and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Applicants who do not satisfy the eligibility requirements will not

be able to proceed to the application. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements, will be required to submit documents that will be used to verify their eligibility, such as their SAR; official ACT/SAT scores; citizenship and residency documentation; and financial documents. *Deadline to Apply is November 30th, 2017 By 4:00 PM.*

## VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### **Teen Court (Aurora Municipal)**

Teen Court allows youth in middle and high school to act as prosecutor, defense attorney and jurors. An adult judge presides, and a jury of peers determines the sentence.

With students playing the roles of attorney, bailiff, clerk, and juror, volunteer recruitment is essential for the Teen Court program.

See more at:

[https://www.auroragov.org/residents/public\\_safety/courts\\_detention/teen\\_court/#sthash.es58BUeE.dpuf](https://www.auroragov.org/residents/public_safety/courts_detention/teen_court/#sthash.es58BUeE.dpuf)

### **Aurora Animal Shelter:**

The Aurora Animal Shelter is proud to offer volunteer opportunities for you.

Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to your community and to improve the lives of shelter pets!

- See more at:

<https://www.auroragov.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=1881221&pageId=2035831#sthash.VITIQyU8.dpuf>

### **American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross provides opportunities for youth volunteers to support the mission and service delivery of the organization in many different ways.

Youth programs at the Red Cross build character and provide the tools and experience you need for leadership, effective communication, and service to the community. By interacting with those in need, Red Cross youth volunteers establish a sense of awareness and personal achievement while developing these skills.

Current volunteers who require login assistance to Volunteer Connection should [contactYouthServicesColorado@redcross.org](mailto:contactYouthServicesColorado@redcross.org).

### **Aurora Youth Options**

Students who are interested in volunteering to tutor students through the AYO program. If you are interested, please contact 303-617-2660 or [www.aurorayouthoptions.org](http://www.aurorayouthoptions.org)

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver. Join the 15,000 volunteers who contribute over 100,000 hours each year supporting local families as they gain strength, stability and self-reliance!

We recommend you attend one of our volunteer orientation sessions at our main office, located at 3245 Eliot St., Denver, CO 80211. Orientations are held the first Wednesday of each month at noon, and the second Monday of each month at 7pm. These sessions are not required, and no RSVP is necessary. Just stop on by!