

## College Bulletin V

### **Interested in Law Enforcement as a Career?**

Applications for the New Jersey Department of Personnel 2008 Law Enforcement Examination are available in the Guidance office. Applications for this exam must be postmarked before March 21, 2008. There is an application fee of \$25. If you are interested in becoming a police officer, a correction's officer or a state park police officer trainee must take this exam. This exam will be given in the spring of 2008.

### **Are you interested in a Tour of Historical Black Colleges and Universities?**

New Jersey Garden City Alumnus Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc is sponsoring its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Historical Black Colleges and Universities Tour. This tour will take place on March 25-28. The cost is \$245 and includes transportation, food hotel and more. For more information please call 609-556-7271 or email [NjgacHbcuTour@aol.com](mailto:NjgacHbcuTour@aol.com) . This trip is for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students!

## **SAT & ACT Information**

The next opportunity to take the SAT exam is **January 26th**. The **last day** to register for this test is **Dec. 26th**. **Late registration**, which requires paying an additional fee, can be completed until **January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

The next opportunity to take the ACT exam is **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. The **deadline** to register for this test is **January 4<sup>th</sup>**. **Late registration**, which requires paying an additional fee, can be completed until **January 18<sup>th</sup>**.

More details can be found in the guidance office.

### **Need help to prepare for the SAT or the ACT?**

March 2 Success is a free, web-based program that makes high quality, test preparation instruction available to all. Designed by Peterson's and Educational Options and sponsored by the US Army, it is more inclusive than traditional college entrance test preparatory courses. To learn more go to [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com) March 2 Success can help when you are taking assessment examinations such as the SAT and the ACT, taking college entrance exams, taking a trade school entrance test, applying for a job and taking a military entrance test.

Don't forget about ACT ON Line Prep. If you have lost your account number complete the form in the guidance office and you will receive it in homeroom again in two days.

## Tips on Completing College Applications:

### ***DO***

**DO follow the rules.** If an application asks you to choose one essay, do not answer them all. Read the application directions completely before answering any questions.

**DO include everything.** Verify all forms have been signed and that you have included all essays and recommendations. Double check that you have not left out anything important! Make copies for your records.

**DO pay attention to deadlines.** Submit your application with plenty of time to spare. You may want to send your application via certified mail or request an email receipt if you applied online, for added assurance that it arrived on time.

### ***DON'TS***

**DON'T procrastinate.** Letting things wait until the last minute might mean leaving something out or making mistakes on the application. You want to take as much time as possible on your application.

**DON'T leave anything out.** Be careful to not treat an online application like an instant message (IM) or e-mail. An admissions office does not want to see smiley faces or IM slang. Treat an online application with the same seriousness as you would a paper one.

### ***Common Application Errors***

**Signatures:** Before mailing, verify that all necessary forms have been signed.

**“I’ll start the application next week.”** Don’t run out of time to complete the application. Give yourself at least two weeks to find mistakes.

**“I already ran a spell-check on my computer.”** Words can be spelled correctly but used incorrectly. Ask a counselor, teacher or family member to proofread the application to catch any errors or poor phrasing.

**“One copy is enough.”** Print out any online forms and keep copies of all paperwork.

**“I assume this is right.”** If you’re confused by a question or any part of the application, ask someone. A quick call to the admissions office can save you from making an embarrassing error.

**“I can send my application as soon as I’m finished.”** Before you seal the envelope or click “Send” on your computer, double- and triple-check that you have included all necessary materials.

## ***How Will You Pay for Your College Education?***

Attend Winslow Township High School's Financial Planning Night for  
College Bound Students

When: Wednesday, January 24, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: WTHS Auditorium

### **Scholarship Information**

#### **Where to start**

**Start at the Scholarship File Cabinet in the guidance office. Then Go online** and take advantage of free scholarship searches such as [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for local and national awards. **Consult** your school guidance counselor about private and corporate sponsorships. **Search** your community. There are many organizations, both religious and cultural, that may offer awards.

#### **How to prepare**

**Get organized** and keep the scholarships you are working on separate from those you have not started. Use a calendar to keep track of dates and deadlines. Create a folder for each scholarship application and materials. **Know your time frame to apply.** Complete and send the easiest scholarships first. Then focus on the scholarships with earlier deadlines and ones that may require more time. Allow plenty of time when requesting letters of recommendation.

#### **Submit your application**

**Remember** to check spelling and grammar. **Proofread your materials** and have a teacher, parent or friend read over your application and essay if submitting online or by mail. They can provide feedback and catch mistakes.

#### **What Do Judges Look For?**

**Do you qualify?** Every year, students waste time by applying for awards they aren't eligible to win. If you don't qualify, don't enter!

**Is your application presented well?** Type your essay, place the application, essay and other contents in a large folder for mailing. Do not fold any of the materials.

**Did you include all required documents?** Make sure you include all required academic transcripts, references and letters of recommendation.

**Did you answer all of the questions?** Double-check that you haven't forgotten any required information.

**Remember – check the scholarship file cabinet regularly.**