



## News You Can Use...From the Office of Academic Affairs

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**College Fair... NACAC presents the National College Fair in Charlotte on March 30, 2008 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart visit [www.nacacnet.org/NCF](http://www.nacacnet.org/NCF) for more info!**

### Academic Opportunities:

- The US Military's Annual Summer Leaders Seminar will be held June 7-13, 2008, and June 14-20, 2008. See Mrs. Nelson for a brochure or go to <http://admissions.usma.edu>. Apply before March 31, 2008.
- Summer Ventures in Science and Math—Interested in a four-week opportunity to pursue math and science interests in a university research setting? The program is free and available to motivated individuals. Apply at <http://www.summerventures.org> before January 31<sup>st</sup>! The final copy must be printed out and mailed from school, so leave time for Mrs. Nelson to make the deadline on your behalf.

### SAT Info:

- **Free Resources available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com):**
  - SAT Question of the Day (daily practice question)
  - SAT Preparation Center (see test directions, practice questions, and a full-length practice test)
- The next SAT is January 26<sup>th</sup> (if you're already registered) and then March 1 (on NCA's campus) if you register by January 29. Our test site code is 34702 and NCA's high school code (for scores to be sent here) is 340681.
- **SAT Prep Course** UNCC has sessions in February, April, and July. See Mrs. Nelson for more info or go to [www.continuinged.uncc.edu/sat](http://www.continuinged.uncc.edu/sat).

### Financial Aid Info: (Free FAFSA handouts available in the College Resource Room)

- **FAFSA** is different this year. Paper copies are no longer sent to schools, but students can obtain them by calling 800-4-FED-AID. However, PDF copies are available online. Students can complete the form by computer, or by hand and mail the form for processing. Be sure to register for a PIN so submit it entirely online. File as soon as possible after January 1<sup>st</sup>, but you need your tax returns to complete the form.
- **FAFSA Day** will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008. This is a free workshop to help you file the FAFSA. If you would like to participate, you need to register by calling 1.866.866.CFNC or visit [www.CFNC.org/fafsaday](http://www.CFNC.org/fafsaday). Before the workshop students and parents need to complete federal tax returns and obtain PINs at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>. It is also recommended that you complete as much as possible of the Pre-Application worksheet (available at [www.fafse.ed.gov](http://www.fafse.ed.gov))
- **CSS/Financial Aid Profile** This form is required by some colleges when you apply for non-federal financial aid. Paper copies are available in the College Resource Room or at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The College Board charges a nominal fee to process this information.
- **Free Copies** of Bank of America's brochure on "Paying for your college education." This brochure gives an overview of the basics on financial aid. It explains several options open to all college students. Available in the college resource room.

**Scholarship Info:** Please see Mrs. Nelson for more info on each item below.

- **Wal-Mart Scholarship**—Apply online at [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org) by January 14, 2008.
- **Robert C. Byrd Scholarship**—for seniors with a 3.5 or higher unweighted GPA. Apply by February 8.
- **Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble**--\$1000 scholarship for a student studying music (voice major) in college. A written theory test will be given. [www.ccensemble.org](http://www.ccensemble.org). Application must be postmarked by January 23.
- **Nurse Scholars Program**—Apply at [www.CFNC.org/NSP](http://www.CFNC.org/NSP).
- **Prospective Teachers Scholarship-Loan**—Apply at [www.CFNC.org/PTSL](http://www.CFNC.org/PTSL).
- **KFC Scholarship**—for students with financial need. Apply by February 15 at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org). See Mrs. Nelson for a brochure.
- **Assistance League of Charlotte**—for a senior who plans to attend one of the 16 UNC campuses and exemplifies community service. Minimum 3.2 GPA required and 1000 on SAT math& critical reading. This scholarship is based in part on financial need. See Mrs. Nelson for an application. Deadline March 8, 2008.
- **American Legion Scholarship**—especially for veterans' dependents. [www.needalift.org](http://www.needalift.org).
- **Essay Contest**—a \$2500 scholarship for ten winning essays. See Mrs. Nelson for a packet and postmark your essay by March 3.
- **UNC-Chapel Hill scholarships.** [www.studentaid.unc.edu](http://www.studentaid.unc.edu) Submit CSS Profile by March 1.

## Other Events:

- Remember that all young men must register within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Register on-line at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or pick up a registration card at any post office.
- **Governor's Page:** Spend a week in Raleigh learning about state government. If you're in good academic standing, call 800.820.4483 or apply at [www.volunteernc.org/code/govpage.htm](http://www.volunteernc.org/code/govpage.htm).

