

The Grapevine

A GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Senior Parents/Students –IF YOU HAVE NOT STARTED YOUR FAFSA application, please do so asap at www.fafsa.gov. Need more information?

www.studentaid.ed.gov/complefafsa has detailed instructions for every FAFSA question –

Also, you can view our Financial Aid Night presentation on our high school website. And, remember to check if any of your schools require the CSS Profile (a separate financial aid form required by some schools.) This form is available on the collegeboard.com website.

REMEMBER THE FAFSA FORM IS FREE – MAKE SURE YOU USE THE CORRECT WEBSITE ABOVE.

SENIOR SCOREBOARD: As of **January 4**, the following students have received college acceptance: **Ali Abdelgulli:** Western Connecticut State University; **Matthew Adamou:** Clarkson; **Christopher Agor:** Arcadia, University of Delaware, Seton Hall; **Tanjeena Begum:** Western Connecticut; **Cassandra Bielmeier:** Indiana University at Bloomington, Pace University; **Fiona Brady:** Hofstra, Western Connecticut; **Alexsandra Brenner Pereira:** Dean College, Lyndon State; **Evan Brofford:** Colorado State, Penn State; **Ashley Carroccio:** Mitchell College, Post University; **Kelli Carvajal:** Mitchell College; **Thomas Delaney:** Fairfield University, University of New Hampshire, University of Scranton, Western Connecticut; **Emily Doran:** Marist, University of Scranton; **Kimberly Escobar:** University of New Haven, University Saint Joseph, Saint Michael's College, University of Vermont; **Michaela Ferlow:** Arcadia, Eastern Connecticut, Lasell, Lebanon Valley, Southern New Hampshire; **Krystal Ferrante:** Western Connecticut State University, **Taylor Franzese:** University of Tampa; **Brandi Gibson:** Western Connecticut; **Ayden Gold:** Western Connecticut, **Esteban Granda:** Rutgers, **Samuel Grossenbacher:** Norwich University; **Anthony Harkin:** Western Connecticut; **Jessica Ho:** Fordham University; **Kurt Jonke:** Penn State; **Kira Joseph-Lim:** Arcadia University; **Christopher Kipp:** University of Delaware; **Isabela Lamorte:** Western Connecticut State University; **Brian Lewis:** Iona; **Molly Malumphy:** Eastern Connecticut, Southern Connecticut, Western New England; **Kevin McNulty:** Lyndon State; **Kelsey Mecha:** Columbia College Chicago; **Morgan Melendez:** Quinnipiac; **Raquel Morehouse:** University of Maine, University of Massachusetts Amherst; **Patrick Murphy:** Iona, Penn State, St. Bonaventure University; **Abigail Myhill:** University of Maine, University of Massachusetts Amherst; **Vanessa Nepomuceno:** Fairfield University; **Emma Norcross:** Eastern Connecticut, Hofstra, Roger Williams; **Margaret O'Connell:** Bridgewater State; **Caitlyn Parker:** Western Connecticut, Nova Southeastern, Quinnipiac, University of Scranton; Daniel Ripperger: Cedarville University, Liberty University; **Keegan Robertine:** Western Connecticut State University; **Liam Roberts:** Hofstra;

Kevin Roman: Western Connecticut; **Rachel Santospirito**: Rutgers; **Codi Sealund**: Western Connecticut; **Victoria Seiden**: Quinnipiac, Roger Williams, Westfield State; **Olivia Streaman**: Fordham, Rutgers; **Elizabeth Swanson**: New York University; **Rebecca Thomas**: Brandeis University; **Taylor Val**: Eastern Connecticut, West Virginia State; **Divanie Yamraj**: Fordham, Iona, Quinnipiac, College of Saint Rose, Western Connecticut.

Seniors: Please record your college acceptances in Naviance or report them to your counselor or Mrs. Neill for listing in the Grapevine. If you wish to report scholarship received send an email to Mrs. Neill or stop by the Career Center. Colleges are only reported **once** in the Grapevine as admissions come in – all accepted schools will be reported in the June Grapevine for all seniors.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (Seniors Only)-All applications are available in Naviance by going to the College Tab and scrolling down to Scholarship List. Remember if you need to send recommendation letters, you need to see Mrs. Neill in the Career Center, or in some cases, drop off application and your letters will be attached and picked up by the sponsor. DO NOT WAIT TILL THE DUE DATE – SOME TAKE TIME TO BE MAILED!!

Ronald McDonald National Scholarship – Due 1/18
United States JCI Senate Foundation – Due 1/20
Big Y Scholarship – Due 2/1
Meserve Memorial Fund – Due 2/1
Bohdan Kolinsky Memorial Scholarship – Due 2/9
Roberta B. Willis (CT State-see below- Due 2/15
Hood Sportsmanship – Due 3/10
Connecticut Building Congress – Due 3/10
Connecticut Nurserymen’s Foundation 3/13
PWC (Engineering) – Due 3/15
Knights of Columbus – Due 3/31
Thrift Mart – Due 4/1
American Legion – Due 4/1
Danbury Dental – Due 4/1
Ellen Knowles (vocational only or 2 year school) – Due 4/1
NM Police Union – Due 4/1
Stephen Phillips Memorial – 4/3
Vincent Gorman – 4/1
Pat Warde Sherman Education Association – Due 4/26
Milton Fisher – Due 4/30
Roger Sherman DAR – 5/1
Sherman Higher Education Fund 5/1

The Connecticut Governor’s Scholarship, formerly the Capital Scholarship is now called “**The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship**”. Fill out this form if you have listed a Connecticut school in step 6 on your FAFSA and you fulfill all other criteria on the form. Information will be electronically sent to the State of Connecticut for consideration. **Due: 2/15**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 2017

- Scholarships are for seniors planning to continue their education at either a 4 year or 2 year college or technical school
- Each scholarship is different and reading for details is important. Be mindful of deadlines. There are rarely extensions or excuses accepted if an application is late
- Never fill out an application in pencil
- Most applications can be downloaded from Naviance unless otherwise noted. [All scholarship applications and websites can be found in Naviance by going to the Colleges Tab and scrolling down to the Scholarship List – click on the name of the scholarship and then download the application. See Mrs. Neill if you need help.](#)
- Students applying for scholarship should ask for a copy of their transcript which they can copy and attach to their application. Students should bring their applications to the Career Center in self-addressed, stamped envelopes so letters of recommendation can be inserted. **DO NOT WAIT TILL THE DEADLINE.** Make sure all directions are followed. Print out your SAT/ACT scores from College Board if needed and be sure to insert a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) if requested.
- The following applications when they become available, can be dropped off in the Career Center without envelopes, as someone will hand pick these up on the due date:
- Students should be in good standing if applying for scholarship

American Legion Post 31

Common Application

Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation (vocational or 2-year school only)

French Honor Society/National Honor Society

John Pettibone

Knights of Columbus

Lion's Club

Litchfield County University Club – part sent directly; part dropped off at school

New Milford Board of Realtors

PTO

Thrift Mart

Vincent Gorman Scholarship

Woman's Club

For national and general scholarship search, try the following websites: Fastweb.com, salliemae.com or cappex.com