

The Senior Bulletin

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South Houston High School

This publication, *The Senior Bulletin*, will be published periodically during the 2007-2008 school year. All Seniors are encouraged to read the bulletin and to share them with your parents. If at any time you have questions about information in the bulletin, please see the appropriate counselor.

12th grade: Ms. Alsdorf

Special population: Mrs. Hogan

Aspiring College Athletes Must Complete Clearinghouse

Seniors should be up to step six for filing their NCAA Clearinghouse form. Be sure to go back online and complete the required information and be sure to have your final transcript sent to the eligibility center after senior grades are finalized at the end of second semester.












Where? www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Why? To be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center in order to participate in college athletics

How? Complete the following steps (steps 1-5 should be completed already):

1. Meet with your counselor to pick up SAT or ACT information and to determine your eligibility for a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT
2. Register for an SAT or ACT and be sure to select 9999 as one of the choices when sending your scores so that the eligibility center will receive your scores for free
3. Go to the www.ncaaclearinghouse.net website and click on "Prospective Student-Athletes"
4. Complete the required information in the online application
5. Meet with your counselor to determine fee waiver eligibility for the clearinghouse and to complete a transcript request form.
6. After April 1st of your senior year, you **MUST** go back **online and complete your amateurism questionnaire to finalize the process.**
7. **At the end of your senior year, when all grades are final, you will request that the registrar send another transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center as well as to the college you will be attending.**

University Admissions Checklist:

-  Step 1: Take my SAT or ACT—You should have already taken one of these tests to be admitted to a university. UH-Downtown (the SMALL campus) does not require the SAT!
-  Step 2: Fill out my admissions application at www.applytexas.org or if the college does not use the Apply Texas application, then I need to go to the college's website and apply there.
-  Step 3: Fill out a request for my transcript to be sent to the colleges to which I have applied. These are in the counseling office. If I used a fee waiver on the SAT, go to my counselor and fill out a fee waiver request for my application as well. This will be submitted with the transcript.
-  Step 4: Contact the housing office at the university and apply for housing if I plan to live on campus.
-  Step 5: Contact the financial aid office at the university and request a financial aid packet. Non-U.S. citizens will complete the TASFA. It may be found at www.collegeforalltexas.com.
-  Step 6: Complete my FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov in order to apply for financial assistance from the government. Have my report sent to each college I am considering when I submit my FAFSA. It does not cost anything to apply. You and a parent must first request a pin # at www.pin.ed.gov.
-  Step 7: Continue filling out any scholarships advertised in the Senior Bulletin
-  Step 8: Colleges to which you have applied and submitted FAFSA information will mail you a Financial Aid Award Letter to inform you about what grants and aid you qualify at that institution.
-  Step 9: Make a decision on the college I will attend and notify that college of my intentions.
-  Step 10: Determine if I am exempt from the placement test called THEA (it's called the COMPASS at San Jacinto College). Most colleges will consider you exempt if you made at least a 2200 on the ELA portion of the EXIT level TAKS with at least a 3 on the essay and at least a 2200 on the Math portion of the EXIT level TAKS. Or, you could also be exempt if you have an ACT composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both the English and math parts or an SAT combined score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on both the critical reading and math or graduate from high school with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and have completed the recommended plan. If you do not meet any of these criteria, you must take the THEA test before you can take your first college class. To register for the THEA, go to www.thea.nesinc.com. San Jacinto college also offers THEA testing opportunities.
-  Step 11: Meet all high school graduation requirements so I can start college in the fall!!!!

Seniors should be through step 5 at this time. If you are not at step 5, some universities have later admissions deadlines. You need to complete the admissions steps immediately, and you need to go ahead and start your FAFSA application as well. You can also apply to any junior colleges. They have late deadlines as well. The following universities have later admissions deadlines:

Angelo State	August 6	Tarleton State	August 1	UT-Brownsville	July 1
Dallas Baptist	August 21	Texas A&M-Commerce	August 11	UT-Dallas	July 1
Lamar	August 1	Texas A&M-Corpus	July 1	UT-El Paso	May 1
Midwestern State	July 1	Texas A&M-Galveston	July 1	UT-Permian Basin	July 14
Prairie View A&M	June 1	Texas A&M-Kingsville	August 15	UT-Tyler	No deadline
Sam Houston State	August 1	Texas Southern	August 1		
Schreiner	May 1	Texas Tech	May 1	Univ. of Houston-Downtown	July 1
Stephen F. Austin	August 24	Texas Women's	July 15	University of North Texas	June 15
Sul Ross State	August 15	UT-Arlington	June 1	West Texas A&M	July 20
Concordia University	August 1	St. Edward's	May 1		

Seniors: This is a great opportunity to attend college at UTPB!

University of Texas-Permian Basin (UTPB) offers the **FALCON PROMISE**. This program covers the cost of tuition and fees for students from families making \$60,000 or less per year!!! To apply to UTPB, go to www.applytexas.org and submit your application. Then go to the registrar's office and request that your transcript be sent. Next, you **MUST** submit your FAFSA online and be sure to designate UTPB as one of your colleges. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITY!**

All community service hours must be turned in to either the box in the counseling office or to Mrs. Beaudry in room J106 by Wednesday, May 6th. NO EXCEPTIONS! All seniors who have performed 100+ hours of community service will receive special recognition during the senior breakfast and at graduation.



Scholarships:

If you are interested in an advertised scholarship or other opportunity, come to the counseling office and see Mrs. Brogan, the counselor's secretary. You will need to ask for the scholarship by the number assigned to it in the Bulletin. The deadline to be returned to the counselor may be earlier than what is printed on the application, so pay close attention! Sometimes we can only send a certain number of applications and so we must have time to evaluate all of them before the submission deadline.

There are more scholarship opportunities available than are sent to the schools, so you may do your own searches through some of the following websites: www.collegeboard.com, www.fastweb.com, www.collegenet.com, www.collegeforalltexans.com, www.adventuresineducation.org, www.finaid.com, www.srnexpress.com, www.ed.gov, www.gocollege.com, www.findcollegeaid.com.



48. University of Houston Academic Achievers Program—This \$2500 per year scholarship also provides one-on-one tutoring, study skills workshops, and other support. Interested students must be admitted to UH. Applications are available in the counseling office from Mrs. Brogan and are due to Ms. Alsdorf by April 10th. However, **THE SOONER YOU SUBMIT** the application, the **BETTER YOUR CHANCES** of receiving the scholarship!
96. Rotary Club of Pasadena South—will award scholarships not to exceed \$2,000, partially on a need basis, to persons wishing to enroll in an accredited Texas college or university. Applicants must also be a permanent resident of the state of Texas. Completed applications and all specified materials, including three letters of recommendation, must be submitted to Ms. Alsdorf by April 13th in order to meet the **pick up date in April**. The Rotary Club representative will take applications to the club by the April deadline.
101. The Pasadena ISD Education Foundation—gives ten \$1000 scholarships to seniors from the five PISD high schools. Special consideration is given to low income and first generation college students. Applicants **MUST** be planning to attend San Jacinto College. Applications are available in the counseling office and are due to Ms. Alsdorf by April 10th in order to meet the receipt deadline of April 17th.



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102. 2009 Student-View Scholarship Program—offers \$7000 worth of scholarships by drawing names from those students who complete an online survey. Students must log on to www.student-view.com and complete the 20 minute application survey about colleges in our area. The deadline is April 19th.
103. Matthys Elementary Alumni Scholarship—This scholarship will be awarded to a SHHS student that attended Matthys Elementary for at least one year. If this is you, pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan ASAP! You may return the application with pages 4 & 7 blank. Ms. Alsdorf and Mr. Zuniga will complete those pages after you have turned in all other materials. Applications MUST be returned to Ms. Alsdorf by April 20th in order to complete all other required pages by the April 27th deadline.
104. PFLAG HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation—awards scholarships to gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered youth in the Houston area. Applications are available in the counseling office or online at www.physf.org and are due to Ms. Alsdorf by April 23rd to meet the April 30th deadline.
105. PISD Crossing Guards Association Scholarship—this \$400 award is available to all seniors in PISD. Applications are available in the counseling office and are due to Ms. Alsdorf by April 24th in order to meet the May 1st receipt deadline.
106. First Service Credit Union's 2009 Verble W. Parish Scholarship—is open to seniors who have an account at First Service Credit Union. Applications are available in the counseling office and are due to Ms. Alsdorf by April 23rd in order to meet the receipt deadline of April 30th.
107. Vietnamese American Scholarship Foundation—offers four different scholarships and students may apply for all four if they meet the requirements. Students must be of Vietnamese descent and can apply online at <http://www.vietscholarships.org/scholarships.html>. Students wishing to mail applications should submit one package for all scholarships, including one personal information form, resume, essay responses for each scholarship, letter of recommendation, and transcript. Completed applications needing to be mailed must be submitted to Ms. Alsdorf by April 30th in order to meet the deadline of May 4th (ARRIVAL).
108. Pasadena/Bay Area Junior Forum Scholarship—to San Jacinto College. This organization will award one \$500 need based scholarship to an eligible student who attends San Jacinto college this fall. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and good attendance. Completed applications and all specified materials must be submitted to Ms. Alsdorf by April 14th to meet the postmark deadline of April 15th.
109. Thomas W. Thornton Memorial Scholarship—is ONLY offered to SHHS students, so there is less competition! Applicants must be planning to pursue a degree—in a technology related field of study at a two or four-year institution in the fall and have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. The award is a one-time cash award of \$500 made directly to the recipient's college upon proof of enrollment. Pick up applications from Ms. Brogan in the counseling office. Return completed application and all materials to Ms. Alsdorf by April 27th in order to get transcripts ready for the April 30th deadline.
110. Zeta Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma—is offering a \$600 scholarship to an outstanding graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in education. The recipient WILL be selected from one of the PISD high schools. Completed applications and all specified materials are due to Ms. Alsdorf by April 14th in order to meet the postmark deadline of April 18th.
111. Will to Win Scholarship—is open to seniors with ASTHMA who are pursuing higher education. \$5000 awards will be given to seniors in each of the following categories: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Community Service, Athletics, and Science. Applicants must have ASTHMA, have a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, have received at least one award related to one of the categories above, be a U.S. citizen, and have been accepted to an accredited college. Applications are available from Mrs. Brogan or online at www.schering-ploughwilltowin.com and are due to Ms. Alsdorf by April



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22nd in order to meet the April 30th RECEIPT deadline.

112. Class of 1968 Alumni Scholarship—The SHHS graduating class of 1968 will award two \$2,500 scholarships to deserving SHHS seniors this year. Interested seniors must pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office. Return completed applications and all required documents to Ms. Alsdorf by May 7th in order to meet a pick up deadline of May 12th.
113. Imagine America Foundation Scholarship—These \$1,000 certificates may be used at any career college participating in the program as listed on www.imagine-america.org. Students must meet the career college's standard entrance requirements for the requested program of study. 2009 HS graduates must have enrolled at the specified career school, in their course of study prior to December 31st, 2009. Interested students may pick up the application procedures from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office and should visit the website and apply by May 13th. Three SHHS students may receive this scholarship.

Seniors Receive Scholarship Awards

The following seniors have notified Ms. Alsdorf of scholarships received. If you have received a scholarship and your name is missing, please see Ms. Alsdorf in the counseling office. In April and May you should received award letters from the colleges and universities to which you have applied, PROVIDED THAT YOU COMPLETED THE FAFSA! Please bring in your award letters so that Mrs. Brogan or Ms. Alsdorf may make a copy.

Rebecca Berry—Baylor University \$44,000

Eriberto Calderon—Baylor University \$32,000; UH Academic Excellence \$18,000; UH Engineering Merit Scholarship \$24,000; Federal Pell Grant; HBU \$28,000

Laura Cardiel—St. John's University \$40,000; Tiffin University \$40,000

Hannah Do—Comcast Leaders and Achievers \$1000

Carlos Escobedo—Southwestern \$26,000; Texas Lutheran University \$44,000; University of St. Thomas \$36,000

Nelly Flores—Baylor \$17800; Federal Pell Grant; UT-SA \$9800

Hortencia Flores—Abilene Christian University \$10,000

Jeanette Garcia—Houston Baptist University \$24,000

Karen Guerrero—Baylor University \$10,000; U of St. Thomas \$36,000

Adrian Hernandez—UT \$2926; Federal Pell Grant; TEXAS Grant \$6080; Top Ten Percent Scholarship \$2000

Andrew Hernandez—UT \$2926; Federal Pell Grant; TEXAS Grant \$6080; Top Ten Percent Scholarship \$2000

Miracle Jernigan—Baylor University \$10,000

Cindy Le—Houston Baptist University \$34,000; University of St. Thomas \$48,000; University of Houston \$18,000

Brittany Marrisette—St. John's \$28,097; Federal Pell Grant;

Lilibeth Mata—Baylor University \$40,000; UT \$1000; U of St. Thomas \$48,000

Lindsay Moore—Hawaii Pacific University \$36,000

Robert Patterson—DeVry High School Scholarship \$1000/semester

Veronica Quiroa—UT \$7300; Federal Pell Grant; TEXAS Grant \$6080; Top Ten Percent Scholarship \$2000

Jada Uzosike—TEXAS Grant \$6080, Top Ten Percent Scholarship \$2000; Federal Pell Grant

Yahaira Vazquez—Baylor University \$32,000

Seniors Receive College Acceptance Letters!

Steven Arocho—Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU)

Janett Arriaga—University of Houston (UH)

Rebecca Berry—Baylor University (BU)

Eriberto Calderon—Baylor University, Mary Hardin-Baylor University, HBU, UH

Laura Cardiel—Angelo State University, Tiffin University, Sul Ross University, Sam Houston State University (SHSU), Lamar University, St. John's University

Carlos Castillo—Lamar University

Hannah Do—University of Houston

Carlos Escobedo—Colorado School of Mines, Southwestern College, Texas Lutheran University, University of St. Thomas (UST)

Nelly Flores—Baylor University, Houston Baptist University (HBU), Sam Houston State University, UT-San Antonio

Jeanette Garcia—Houston Baptist University, Sam Houston State University

Jamie Guei—Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin State University

Karen Guerrero—Baylor University, Texas A & M University, U of St. Thomas

Yesenia Guzman—Houston Baptist University, St. Mary's University

Adrian Hernandez—The University of Texas at Austin (UT), UH

Andrew Hernandez—The University of Texas at Austin, UH

Tiffany Jack—Baylor University, St. John's

Terri Jefferson—Huston-Tillotson

Miracle Jernigan—University of Houston

David Laguna—Western Michigan University

Cindy Le—University of St. Thomas, Houston Baptist University, University of Houston, Baylor University

Amy Lu—University of Houston, The University of Texas

Brenda Maldonado—University of Houston

Brittany Marrisette—St. John's University, University of Houston

Elizabeth Martinez—Baylor University, Texas A & M University (A & M)

Anthony Mata—St. John's University

Lilibeth Mata—University of St. Thomas, Baylor University, Houston Baptist University, The University of Texas, Rice University

Mersedes Morales—University of Houston-Downtown (UHD)

Araceli Olazaba—UH

David Oliva—Texas A & M University

Isamar Olivares—University of Houston, UT-Dallas

Robert Patterson—DeVry

Celene Quezada—Sam Houston State University

Veronica Quiroa—University of Texas

Christina Reyes—University of Houston

Laura Rocha—Baylor University

Chris Salazar—UH

Letrenia Scott—Stephen F. Austin State University

Jacqueline Silva—Texas State University

Natalie Silva—UHD

Jada Uzosike—The University of Texas

Yahaira Vazquez—Baylor University