

# The Senior Bulletin

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.

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## *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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com).
- ✓ Step 6: Complete my FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com), [www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org), [www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com), [www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com), [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov), [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com), [www.findcollegeaid.com](http://www.findcollegeaid.com).



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).

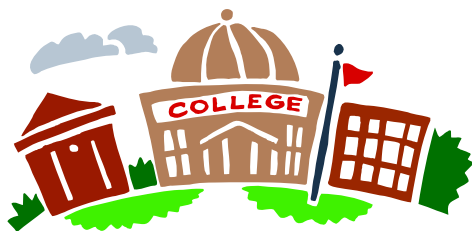
112. Class of 1968 Alumni Scholarship—The SHHS graduating class of 1968 will award two \$2,500 scholarships to deserving SHHS seniors this year. Interested seniors must pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office. Return completed applications and all required documents to Ms. Alsdorf 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](http://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.



## Scholarships Cont.:

114. Williams Elementary Scholarship—committee will award a graduating senior \$500 for higher education. This scholarship will be given to a student who demonstrates leadership in the community and in school activities. Applicants must have attended Williams Elementary School for at least 4 years. Eligible seniors may pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office. Return completed applications and all required documents to Ms. Alsdorf by May 6th in order to meet the arrival deadline of May 11th.
115. South Houston Chamber of Commerce Scholarship—awards two one-time \$1,000 scholarships. Applicants must reside in the City of South Houston and attend a Pasadena ISD high school, so competition is not large. There is an essay involved with this scholarship, so start early. Pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office and return the completed application and all other materials to Ms. Alsdorf by May 14th in order to meet the ARRIVAL deadline of May 22nd.
116. UH Omega Delta Phi Scholarship—This UH fraternity will award one male and one female a \$500 book scholarship. Applicants must be attending UH in the fall and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications are available from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office and must be returned to Ms. Alsdorf by May 4th in order to meet the receipt deadline of May 11th.
117. Norman Bundy Memorial Scholarship—this local scholarship is a one time award of \$250 to one senior at South Houston High School. All interested seniors may pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office. Completed applications must be returned to Ms. Alsdorf by May 13th in order to be presented to the scholarship committee for consideration.
118. Celebrating Our Elders Scholarship Project—U of H Clear Lake sponsors this scholarship which awards between \$200 to \$2,000 to eligible seniors. Applicants of any race must write an essay honoring an African-American or Hispanic elder which tells of the support this elder offered to the applicant and how this made a difference in the applicant’s life. Seniors who have such an elder and who will write an essay about him/her may pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office or go online to [www.uhcl.edu/intercultural/COE..](http://www.uhcl.edu/intercultural/COE..) Completed applications and all required documentation must be MAILED by the STUDENT or submitted online by the June 30th deadline.



## *College-bound Seniors Need the THEA Test*

One of the last steps you will need to take as a college-bound senior is to register for the THEA test. Remember that this is the placement test that colleges use to determine which levels of classes you will be approved to register for in college. Therefore, the test MUST be taken before you can register for classes on the college level. Some students are exempt from this test based on TAKS results; if you made a 2200 on Math and/or a 2200 on ELA with a 3 on the essay, then you are exempt and must show proof to your college. The THEA test cost \$29 and there is no fee waiver provided to schools for that test. Some testing centers may add additional fees to their base test fee as well. If you are going to San Jacinto College in the fall, you may go to their testing center and take their placement test called the COMPASS. However, that test may not be honored by another institution.

The remaining test administrations for the THEA are as follows:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
June 21	May 23
July 26	June 27

You can register for the THEA by going to [www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com), select “Register Now,” and follow the instructions. Be sure to have available your email address, social security number, and credit card information. If you are uncomfortable with online registration, please contact the testing center at the college to which you plan to attend.

# *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, HBU \$34,000

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, Dell Scholars \$20,000, Mary Gibbs Jones \$16,000, Houston Rodeo \$15,000, Optimist \$2000

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, HBU \$32,000

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

Yesenia Guzman—Mary Gibbs Jones \$16,000, St. Mary's \$50,000, Baylor \$30,191

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; UH Academic Excellence \$18,000

Tiffany Jack—Houston Rodeo \$15,000

Miracle Jernigan—Baylor University \$10,000

Cindy Le—Houston Baptist University \$34,000; University of St. Thomas \$48,000; University of Houston \$18,000, Dell Scholars \$20,000

Amy Lu—Mary Gibbs Jones \$16,000

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

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

Lindsay Moore—Hawaii Pacific University \$36,000, A & M Galveston \$15,000

Nicole Neveu—Phi Beta Kappa \$3,000

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

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

Jessica Rangel—Houston Rodeo \$15,000

Christina Reyes—UH Academic Excellence \$18,000

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

# Seniors Receive College Acceptance Letters!

Carlos Alvarez—UH                      Steven Arocho—SFASU                      Janett Arriaga—UH  
 Rebecca Berry—Baylor University (BU), HBU      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      Crystal Cervantes—St. Mary's University, UH                      Hannah Do—UH  
 Carlos Escobedo—Colorado School of Mines, Southwestern College, Texas Lutheran University, University of St. Thomas (UST)  
 Nelly Flores—BU, HBU, SHSU, UT-San Antonio      Hortencia Flores—Abilene Christian University  
 Jeanette Garcia—HBU, SHSU                      Jamie Guei—Lamar University, SHSU, SFASU, UH  
 Karen Guerrero—BU, Texas A & M University, U ST                      Yesenia Guzman—HBU, St. Mary's University  
 Adrian Hernandez—UT, UH                      Andrew Hernandez—UT, UH                      Tiffany Jack—BU, St. John's  
 Terri Jefferson—Huston-Tillotson                      Miracle Jernigan—UH, SFASU, BU  
 David Laguna—Western Michigan University                      Cindy Le—HBU, UST, UH, BU                      Amy Lu—UH, UT  
 Brenda Maldonado—UH                      Brittany Marrisette—St. John's University, UH                      Elizabeth Martinez—BU, A & M  
 Anthony Mata—St. John's University                      Lilibeth Mata—Rice University, UST, BU, UT, HBU  
  
 Lindsay Moore—Hawaii Pacific University, Texas A & M Galveston                      Mercedes Morales-UH-Downtown (UHD)  
 Araceli Olazaba—UH                      David Oliva—A & M                      Isamar Olivares—UH, UT-Dallas  
 Robert Patterson—DeVry                      Celene Quezada—SHSU                      Veronica Quiroa—UT  
 Jonathan Ramos—BU, SHSU                      Christina Reyes—UH                      Elizabeth Reyes—UT-San Antonio  
  
 Laura Rocha—BU                      Chris Salazar—UH                      Letrenia Scott—SFASU  
 Jacqueline Silva—Texas State University                      Natalie Silva—UHD  
 Jada Uzosike—UT                      Yahaira Vazquez—BU, UH                      Renisha Wilkins—Texas Southern University