

# The Senior Bulletin

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South Houston High School

## From High School to Higher Education

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### Why Should College Be Your Goal?

**More Job Opportunities** - more and more jobs, especially high tech jobs, require education beyond high school. A college education gives you more career choices. It also makes changing jobs or careers later in your life easier.

**More Money** - People who go to college generally earn more than people who do not. Over a lifetime of work, a college graduate can expect to earn almost twice as much as someone with only a high school diploma, and someone with a professional degree, such as a doctor or a lawyer, can make almost four times as much.

**Greater Knowledge** - A college education will help you understand the world around you, think critically, express thoughts clearly in speech and in writing, and make wiser decisions.

**Increased Potential** - College provides you with opportunities to explore your interests, discover new areas of knowledge, consider lifelong goals, and become a responsible citizen.

**What Steps Should You Take To Put Your Goal In Reach?** - The most important way to prepare for college is to take college preparatory courses in high school. If you earn your high school diploma, you should be able to find a college to attend. Some people may begin their journey at a community college and then continue at a university while others will begin at a university. Talk with your counselor about the appropriate steps for you to take to begin your college journey.

## What If I Want To Play Sports In College?

If you want to participate in athletics on the college level, then you must register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This organization is the governing body over Division I, Division II, and Division III college athletics that sets the academic standards, and athletic rules and regulations to which all colleges must adhere.

Ideally, athletes should register in their junior year of high school; however, if you have not yet registered, you need to do so as soon as possible. The only method for registration is online at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). Once you are on the website, select "Prospective Student-Athletes" and click on "Domestic Student Release Form." Complete the form online. There is a \$50 application fee; however, any student who used a fee waiver for the SAT is eligible for a fee waiver for this clearinghouse. You must see your counselor for the waiver. The release form authorizes high schools to release academic information to the clearinghouse and authorizes the clearinghouse to send the information to colleges that request your eligibility status. Once you have completed the release form, print a copy of it and also print Copy 1 and Copy 2 of the transcript release form, and give them to your high school registrar.

This publication, *The Senior Bulletin*, will be published periodically during the 2008-2009 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

# Scholarships & Opportunities For Seniors

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.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com), [www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org), [www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com), and [www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com).




## Scholarships:

1. Expired
2. 2008 SAE Engineering Scholarships—Applicants must intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science, be a US citizen, meet the minimum requirements with regard to GPA, the SAT and/or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. Scholarships range in value from \$1000 to \$10,000. For more information and/or to apply online, go to [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm). There are some paper applications available at SHHS counseling office. All applications must be postmarked or submitted online by the December 1st deadline. There is a \$5 processing fee attached to this scholarship.
3. Expired
4. AXA Achievement Scholarship—This scholarship will award 42 state winners \$10,000. Students will be asked to describe in detail an outstanding achievement they have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. Consideration will also be given to extracurricular activities, work experience, and the applicant's academic record. Applications (pages 1-6) and required attachments (including either an official or unofficial transcript and a grading scale) must be postmarked no later than December 15th. Therefore, all completed applications are due to Ms. Alsdorf by December 8th. All materials must be submitted in one envelope. You may also choose to apply online at [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com). Same deadlines apply.
5. Expired
6. Expired
7. Expired
8. Expired
9. CollegeWeekLive.com \$3500 Scholarship—One \$3500 scholarship will be awarded to the student who best responds to the following question: "Going to college is a big, important step in one's life. What are you looking forward to the most about going to college, and why?" Students must be in grades 9-12 and must login and participate in the free CollegeWeekLive.com virtual college fair being held online Nov. 12 & 13. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 9. Applications are being accepted online now at: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/showApphtx?appId=10440>.
10. Expired
11. DAR Good Citizens Scholarship-Essay Contest—This program is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. Applicants must exhibit the following qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. If you believe this describes you, please come by the counseling office and pick up the information. You could be selected to participate in this program. SHHS can only select one DAR representative. Interested students must submit the required information by November 10th to qualify for selection.





## Scholarships Continued:

12. Hispanic Scholarship Fund—  In general, the requirements are that a student must be of Hispanic heritage, be a US citizen or legal permanent resident, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and must apply for the FAFSA when it becomes available in late December. Specific requirements depend upon if a student is applying for a college scholarship program or a community college scholarship program. Interested students must visit [www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx](http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx) and scroll down to “High School Students” to apply and/or for more information.

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## Opportunities

1. Senior Parent Night— Expired
2. TAMU Century Scholars Visit— Expired
3. University of St. Thomas Visit— Expired
4. Wendy’s High School Heisman Award—Expired
5. Texas Tech University Day— Expired
6. University of Texas in Austin— UT encourages all interested applicants to visit [www.bealonghorn.utexas.edu](http://www.bealonghorn.utexas.edu) as soon as possible to explore admissions, housing, scholarship, and financial aid procedures. They also encourage students to sign up for a UT EID, a secure user name for all UT Austin online services. Students will then be able to check their application status, visit the campus, register for opportunities, and contact Myra Fuentes, the admissions representative located at the Houston office.
7. University of Houston - Students can apply to the Honors College. These students will enjoy smaller class sizes, priority registration, personalized academic advising, and the opportunity to live on campus in Honor’s housing. There is the potential for additional scholarship opportunities as well. Students will complete a separate application for both the Honor’s College and the University of Houston. Students can apply online to the Honors College at [www.uh.edu/honors](http://www.uh.edu/honors).
8. Texas A&M University Aggieland Saturday—  This event will be held at the College Station campus on Saturday, February 16th. Students can explore opportunities at Texas A&M, attend a campus tour, attend an Aggie baseball game, visit a Flight Simulator Lab, learn more about admissions, financial aid, and academic majors. Interested students can register and download the schedule and directions at [www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday](http://www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday).
9. University of Texas at Dallas -  Discover UTD will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 4:00 until 6:00 at the Marriott Hotel on 5150 Westheimer or on Sunday, November 4th from 4:00 until 6:00 at the Double Tree Hotel-Downtown at 400 Dallas Street. Register for this event online at [www.utdallas.edu/enroll/events](http://www.utdallas.edu/enroll/events). Students ranking in the top 15% of their class have assured admissions at UTD.



## Opportunities Cont.:

10. University of Arkansas Ready Razorback—  The university will be hosting an open house for future Razorbacks on Saturday, October 20th. This event will allow students to meet faculty, tour the campus, have lunch, learn about financial aid, scholarships, campus housing, and admissions. RSVP online at <http://visit.uark.edu/openhouse>.
11. Schreiner University Saturday—  This university located in the Texas Hill Country in Kerrville, Texas will host Saturday visit opportunities on November 10, February 23, and April 5. Students can visit the campus, meet students and professors, talk to financial aid staff, etc. Interested students can contact the university at 1-800-343-4919 or at [www.schreiner.edu](http://www.schreiner.edu).
12. Texas State University Bobcat G.O.L.D. weekend—  This university located in San Marcos, Texas will provide a weekend bus trip to the university on November 10th and 11th for free to students who register and who meet the following criteria: be a first generation student ranked in the top half of the class, complete and submit the Apply Texas application, submit SAT/ACT scores to Texas State, submit an official high school transcript with class rank. Interested students must pick up a registration form and a parent consent form in the counseling office. All information must be submitted to Texas State by the November 2nd deadline.
13. ITT Technical Institute open house—  This event will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Webster campus. RSVP to Vanessa Johnson at 281-316-4758.
14. University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) -  announces that it will automatically admit the entire top quarter of a senior class instead of just the top 10%. That includes numbers 1 –112 at SHHS. Go to [www.utsa.edu/admissions](http://www.utsa.edu/admissions) for more information
15. High School Senior Expo—  The Houston Hispanic Forum will once again host this **free** expo. The event offers a “one-stop shop” for seniors and their parents for completing the Apply Texas application, filling out the FAFSA 4caster, obtaining a PIN number, selecting a college, accessing and managing student loans, grants and scholarships, and much more. This event will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm at the Houston Community College Central Campus at 1300 Holman at Caroline. Breakfast will be served!
16. SchoolSoup.com—  This free scholarship database allows students to personalize their scholarship search and find potential scholarships that relate to their specific background. Take a look!
17. Lamar University Visit -  Elizabeth Lea, an admissions counselor, from Lamar University, located in Beaumont, Texas, will be in the SHHS cafeteria on Thursday, October 18th to answer questions and to give out material.
18. UT Pan Am Visit—  Jose Chavez, an admissions counselor, from University of Texas Pan American, located in Edinburg, Texas, will be in the SHHS cafeteria on Tuesday, October 30th to answer questions and to give out material.
19. University of Phoenix Making It Count Presentation -  This free workshop will provide information about college course online opportunities at this university. The event is November 8th from 6:15-8:30 pm at the University of Phoenix -West Loop location (4888 Loop Central Drive, Suite 350). Students must RSVP by November 5th. to Trinette James at [Trinette.James@monster.com](mailto:Trinette.James@monster.com) or call 513-619-5686. Dinner will be provided that night.

## *Need an Official Transcript for a Scholarship or for a University?*

Don't forget to request these from the registrar, Vilma Deleon, at least 3 days **BEFORE** you need them mailed. The blue request form is located next to the registrar's office at the switchboard. Fill out the form and turn it in to Mrs. Deleon. The registrar is the only person who can produce an official transcript, so plan ahead! **If you will be using a college application fee waiver, come get that from Ms. Brannan and turn it in to Mrs. Deleon to be mailed with your transcript.**

