

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER COUNSELOR'S BULLETIN

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If you would like to earn FREE college tuition, apply for Oklahoma's Promise and complete the requirements. For more information, go to www.okpromise.org. You may apply online or see Mrs. Neal for an application. **REMINDER:** If you are an Oklahoma's Promise student, your cumulative GPA must be a 2.50 or above **at graduation** in order to receive the Oklahoma's Promise award. You must also have a 2.50 **at graduation** in your core classes. If you are unsure of your GPA, please see Mrs. Neal or visit www.okpromise.org. For more information, you may also call 1-800-858-1840.

Sophomore Parents: The Pre-ACT tests results have been reviewed with sophomores through the English classes. Please be sure to visit with your child and have them explain the test results and the interest inventory results to you. Students were allowed to record results. The actual paper copies were collected and are being used when the students complete career research activities in December. The actual score reports will be sent home with students after the career research activity which will conclude on December 12. I will be glad to email a copy to you or you may stop by the school and I will be glad to review the results with you.

READING PROFICIENCY TEST:

Oklahoma statutes require that any person under age 18 wishing to apply for a driver's license or permit must demonstrate a satisfactory reading ability at the eighth-grade level.

Students who have not met 8th grade reading proficiency or who have not taken an 8th grade reading proficiency test may take the **Grade 8 OCCT Alternative Reading Assessment** scheduled to be administered in the Broken Bow High School auditorium the mornings of **November 7, February 6, and April 10**. Students should see Mrs. Neal to register or to verify reading proficiency test status.

**** Remember:** Students who have passed an 8th grade reading test will need a letter from the office in order to take the driving permit test. You may pick up the letter 2-3 days prior to taking the test. For more information, you may contact a local driver's education office. GOOD LUCK☺

November 12--Sophomores: Kiamichi Technology Center assembly @ 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium for ALL sophomores. Each student will have the opportunity to learn more about KTC programs and the upcoming KTC Sophomore Showcase tour.

December 6: Choctaw Nation High School Student Services and Choctaw Nation Educational Talent Search students can attend an ACT PREP workshop at the **Idabel Kiamichi Technology Center**.

To register for a workshop: Talent Search students – Call 1-800-522-6170, Ext. 2711.

High School Student Services Members - Call 1-800-522-6170 Ext. 4105.

*****Remember to keep your four-year plans up to date as you will be enrolled for next year by your four-year plan. See Mrs. Neal at your earliest convenience.***

Remember: Tutoring is offered FREE-OF-CHARGE on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:05-4:00 in Mrs. Compton's room. Students may attend as needed. No appointments are necessary.

Lunch Tutoring: Offered daily in the library during the lunch hour. FREE to all high school students.

Don't Forget: FREE Online tutoring is available from 2-9 p.m. daily through the Broken Bow Public Library website www.oklibrary.net. Click the Tutor.com icon, then enter your library card number.

ESSAY CONTESTS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

Student Photography Scholarships

Deadline: November 15, 2018

Founded in memory of James Alan Cox, a television photojournalist, The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists aims to provide financial support to student photographers of high school and college age. Five digital cameras will be awarded to high school students.

Website: <http://jamesalancoxfoundation.org/> 

Education Matters Scholarship.

Deadline: November 30, 2018.

Speaking up for education could lead to helping you pay for your own. One applicant will be awarded the \$5,000 Education Matters Scholarship. **Submit an online written response to the question:** “What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn’t matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?” (250 words or less).

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

Youth Forward Scholarship

Deadline: December 1, 2018

Volunteerism is increasingly important in American society. Indeed, many of today's high schools require some type of volunteer work in order to graduate. Colleges and universities also seek to encourage students to "give back" to their communities. This scholarship seeks to reward a few deserving youth for their commitment to the spirit of volunteerism. Six \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

Website: <https://www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/> 

The National WWII High School Student Essay Contest

Deadline: December 28, 2018

In celebration of its newest special exhibit, *So Ready For Laughter: The Legacy of Bob Hope*, The National WWII Museum is focusing its 2018 student essay contest on what the duty of art and artists should be during times of war and conflict. Speaking of his efforts, Hope humbly said ***“I was offering time and laughs – the men and women fighting the war were offering up their lives. They taught me what sacrifice was all about.”*** For the essay contest, The National WWII Museum is asking high school students to consider Hope’s quote and to explain in 1000 words or less what you feel the role of art and artists should be during times of war and conflict. Award: 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$750, 3rd - \$500.

Website: <http://www.Nationalww2museum.org/learn/education/for-students/essay-contests/high-school.html>

Top Ten List Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2018

Unigo.com wants to know what's truly special and different about you. Get creative, be serious, or tug at their heart strings. Give them 10 reasons you should receive this \$1,500 scholarship.

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship> 

The UNIGO \$10K Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2018

Submit an online written response to the question: Imagine a historical figure is brought back to life. Who is it? What's their favorite mobile app?

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship> 

DietSpotlight Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2018

The DietSpotlight Scholarship Program was created in hopes that it may encourage students in various health fields to work toward a future in which obesity and its related problems can be controlled. Applicants must submit a 900-1500 word-essay addressing the use of apps in promotion of a healthy lifestyle. **Awards:** One \$3,000 scholarship and three \$1,000 scholarship.

Website: <https://www.dietspotlight.com/scholarship/essay/>

Drive Smart: No Distractions, No Excuses Scholarship

Deadline: January 6, 2019

You probably know that any sort of distraction—applying makeup, eating, fixing your hair, turning to talk to passengers—is dangerous. Most people understand and don't even argue with the fact. If we all understand that it's dangerous, why do teens still text or talk on the phone and drive? Applicants must create digital shorts to help educate their peers about the dangers of driving distracted. Students may submit multiple shorts. **Awards:** One \$10,000, two \$5,000, and three \$1,000 scholarships.

Website: <https://drivesmartnow.com>

Drive2Life Student Contest:

Deadline: February 4, 2019

Your creativity could earn you money! Students create a script or storyboard for a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) about preventing drowsy driving. **One Grand Prize student winner:** \$1,000 plus a trip to NYC. **Two Runner-up student winners:** \$500 each.

Website: www.scholastic.com/drive2life/

ACT INFORMATION:

- *The ACT test will be given at **Broken Bow High School** on February 9, 2019. The regular registration deadline for this test date is January 4, 2019.
- *The Learning Express Library offers an online ACT practice test and many other tests as well. This is a free service to the public. Go to www.oklibrary.net and click the Learning Express icon, then create an account to access the Learning Express Library site. Next, enter your Southeastern Public Library Systems card number.
- *You may want to purchase the *Official ACT Prep Guide* (\$32.95) or the *ACT Online Prep* (\$39.95) at www.actstudent.org.
- *OU is offering Saturday ACT prep courses throughout the year. The cost is \$95. To register, go to <http://youth.ou.edu> or see Mrs. Neal.
- ***A FREE online ACT test prep tool for students with personalized, self-guided plans based on test results from the PreACT and the ACT test, as well as official ACT practice tests. Website: www.act.org/academy.**

“Never put in electronic form anything that you wouldn't want viewed by a million people, including your friends, colleagues, students, and supervisor – and your mother”

ACT NATIONAL TEST DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>
February 9, 2019 @BB	Jan. 4, 2019	January 18, 2019
April 13, 2019*	March 8, 2019	March 22, 2019
June 8, 2019*	May 3, 2019	May 17, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 21, 2019
ACT Test: \$50.50	www.actstudent.org	ACT w/writing \$67.00
*Test Information Release: \$20.00 for December, April, and June tests.		

The ACT can be registered for online at www.act.org. Be sure to use our high school code 370-478. You must upload a picture of yourself as part of the registration. You will also need to show your **PHOTO ID & ADMISSION TICKET** when you show up to test. See Mrs. Neal for an **ACT ID letter** if you do not have a photo ID.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

*Visit www.okhighered.org/ for information on Oklahoma colleges, admissions, graduation requirements, Oklahoma's Promise, and college planning,

*To learn more about saving for college or career tech costs after graduation, visit www.ok4saving.org.

*Sophomores interested in the United States Military Academy West Point should request the e-brochure "Your Guide to Successful Admission." This will help prepare you for the application process which begins the *junior* year. Also see discover.usma.edu/guide.

*To learn about military career options, visit www.todaysmilitary.com/futures. I also have several **Futures** magazines which provide an in-depth look into the lives of the people who make up today's Military.

*If you are planning to be awarded BIA money when you graduate, make sure you have a C.D.I.B. card **and** a tribal membership card.

*If you have a C.D.I.B. card, HSSS or Johnson O'Malley will reimburse the cost of the ACT test. For Johnson O'Malley reimbursement, please bring proof of payment to Mrs. Battles. HSSS reimbursement forms are available in the office.

*Any student who is interested in athletics in a NCAA school, see Mrs. Neal for curricular requirements.

*If you or your parents would like the counselor's bulletin e-mailed monthly, please email your request to jneal@bbisd.org or jnealschoolcounselor@gmail.com. Feel free to use either email if you need something, but don't have time to see me during the school day.

*Please see Mrs. Neal for your login information for STI INFORMATION NOW. This program is excellent for tracking grades, assignments, and attendance.

*Other useful websites: www.finaid.org, www.ocap.org, www.OKCollegeStart.org, www.ucango2.org, www.OklahomaMoneyMatters.org, www.scholarshipexperts.com, www.scholarshipmonkey.com, www.scholarships.com, www.scholarships360.org, www.scholarships4school.com, www.studentaid.gov

“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.”
