

# October Senior Update



## Is the ACT that important?

YES! YES! YES!

The ACT test is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States. It is a standardized test that allows schools to get an idea of how much you already know, as well as provides you with access to a specialized plan and ideas about what you may be interested in studying upon entering college. All students should take the ACT at least once, but many students see improvement in their scores if they take the test a second time. ACT scores are required for admission to many colleges and universities in Ohio and across the country!

Take the ACT if you are still trying to improve your scores or qualify for a scholarship.

The next ACT test date is **December 14**. Register by **November 8** to avoid late fees.

Register online at <http://www.act.org/>

Philo's school code is **364-155**. You need this code to register for the ACT!

If you receive free or reduced lunch, you are eligible to receive a fee waiver for the ACT! See your guidance counselor for a waiver form.

ACT Prep classes are offered throughout the year at Scholarship Central at 534

Putnam Avenue, Zanesville. Call 740-453-5192 for specific class dates and times, go to [www.mccf.org](http://www.mccf.org) to download the registration form online and see class dates.

### Financial Aid Presentation

Vicki Delucas, Financial Aid Coordinator from Ohio University Zanesville, will be here on Friday, **October 4** for a financial aid presentation on the FAFSA with our seniors. **Parents are more than welcome to attend at 8 a.m. in the Auditoria.**

### 2019 FAFSA HELP NIGHT

**October 9** - 6-8pm @ Scholarship Central

**November 5** - 6-8pm @ Scholarship Central

### **OUZ FIELD TRIP**

There will be a Field Trip to OUZ on Thursday **October 23** for interested Juniors and Seniors.

There will be a general information session followed by a campus tour and faculty expectations, differences between high school and college. Lunch will be provided by OUZ.

To attend, juniors and seniors may sign up in the Guidance Office and have a signed permission slip returned by **October 11**.

### **College Day Field Trip**

On **Friday, October 10**, Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to go to College Day at the Campus Center of Ohio University Zanesville/Zane State College.

While there, students will have the opportunity to meet with 55+ colleges, and universities, and recruiters to learn about them and all they have to offer. There will also be a financial aid overview.

To attend, Juniors and Seniors may sign up in the Guidance Office and have a parent-signed permission slip returned by **October 3**.

Your senior year is a time for fun and a time to finally enjoy getting to be the oldest in the building. Your year will be filled with memories made while hanging out with friends and soaking up these last few months before everyone goes their separate ways. But senior year is also an important year of preparation for what happens after you walk out the doors of PHS for the last time. Your senior year calendar should extend well beyond the Friday night football schedule! The more organized and prepared you can be now, the more stress free and manageable your senior year can be. A general guideline of dates and deadlines is given below.

After **October 1**, you can complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- **October 4** Financial Aid Presentation Philo High School.
- **October 23** Attend OUZ Field Trip.
- **October 10** Attend College Day at Zane State College.
- **October 26** Take the ACT if previously registered for this test date.
- **Before November 8** register to take the **December 16** ACT if needed.
- **Now-December.** Create a list of 3-5 colleges you want to apply to and research application requirements and deadlines.

**November-December:** Apply to colleges, paying close attention to specific schools deadlines and requirements!

**Now-Graduation:** Collect letters of recommendation and create activity lists of your participation in extracurricular, community service and other activities during high school that can be attached to your college applications.

**Now-Graduation:** Continue to work hard in all of your classes. Your senior year GPA does still factor into college admission and scholarship eligibility!

**Always:** Ask questions if you are unsure! Make an appointment to meet with Leslie Smith, Counselor, if you have any questions.

## Accounting Career Day

**November 8, 2019**

The Ohio State University 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. To RSVP, Contact Mandy Hohler at [mhohler@ohiocpa.com](mailto:mhohler@ohiocpa.com) or 800-686-2727 X 2245 no later than two weeks before the event date. Funded by The Ohio CPA foundation, allows students to attend at no cost.

## College Preparation Workshops

All Classes will be held 6-7 pm at Scholarship Central.

**October 15:** Common App How-To

**October 22:** Essay Writing How-To

**November 5:** FAFSA Workshop

**November 12 :** Resume/Activity Sheet

**November 19:** Scholarship How-To

**Registration is required. Sign up at [ScholarshipCentral.org](http://ScholarshipCentral.org) and click on Events.**

### College Visit Days & Important Dates

#### Ohio Dominican University

Preview Days: **October 5 and November 9**

#### OUZ

Nursing Open House **October 5**

#### Case Western Reserve University

Fall Open Houses **October 14 and**

**November 11**

#### University of Dayton

Open Houses **October 20 & November 10**

#### Purdue University

Visit Day **October 27**

#### U.S. Service Academies

Applications due to Troy Balderson

Representative by **November 1**

### The Ohio State University

**November 1** is a key, priority date. It is both the early action deadline and the deadline for consideration for larger merit scholarships and the Honors and Scholars Program, and majors within the College of Engineering. Submit a completed admission application, including all materials. These scholarships require additional steps or have different deadlines: Eminence Fellows Program, Morrill Scholarship, and Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship. Check the [OSU admissions website](#) for more information.

## Career Corner

Median yearly Earnings by Degree (2017)

Professional degree: \$95,500, Master's degree: \$72,850, Bachelor's degree: \$61,000, Associate's degree: \$43,500,  
Some college, no degree: \$40,248, High school diploma: \$37,000, Less than HS diploma: \$27,000

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Scholarships & Contests

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards:** Students who have volunteered can receive between \$1,000 and \$5,000 depending on award level. For more information go to <https://spirit.prudential.com/>. **Deadline November 5.**

**Voice of Democracy:** Open to all students. To apply, write an essay then record yourself reading the essay. The recording should last 3-5 minutes. For more information, visit

[/http://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships](http://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships). Stop in the Guidance Office for an official entry form.

**Deadline October 31.**

**Young Arts Award:** Open to all students. This award is targeted to talented art students grades 10-12. There are multiple winners and up to \$500,00 in awards are given each year! For more information, go to [youngarts.org/apply](http://youngarts.org/apply). **Deadline October 11.**

**MLK Book Scholarship:** Applicants must be minority students with at least a 3.0 grade point average, who have taken Honors, CP, or AP classes, have taken the ACT and received at least an 18 or SAT equivalent. Applicants must have applied to a 2 or 4-year college and have passed all parts of the Ohio State Tests. Attendance is mandatory at the MLK Prayer Breakfast on **January 20**. In order to receive the scholarship. If you qualify, please see Leslie Smith by **October 31**.

**Ohio Operating Engineers:** The Ohio Engineers Apprenticeship & Training Program will accept applications on **January 27-29** and **February 6-8** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at various training centers throughout the state. Earn as You Learn. Operating Engineers are the men and women who operate and repair equipment that builds America. Stop in the Guidance Office for more information.

### **Scholarship for Student Caregivers**

Two Scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded each year to student-caregivers to help cover costs of tuition and books. An online application form is required. Visit <http://www.caring.com/caregivers/scholarships-for-student-caregivers>. **Application for Fall 2020 will be due in July.**

### **National Co-op Scholarship Program:**

Scholarships totaling \$4.2 Million will be awarded and applies to nine institutions. Applicants must have at least a 3.5 grade point average, complete the application including a one-page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. For an application or to complete your application online, visit <http://www.waceinc.org>/**Deadline February 15.**

**Geyer-Cain Trust Scholarship:** Benefits Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan County residents who attend Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Applications are in the Guidance Office and online. Applications are due with attachments by **April 1**.

**Marietta College:** Any seniors who plan to enroll in Marietta College should let Leslie Smith know. You can be nominated for a \$1,000 renewable award. The deadline for seniors to be nominated is **December 15**.

\*When completing scholarship applications, make sure you have attached **ALL** of the requested scholarship items **prior** to submitting them.

**\*\*Please let Leslie Smith know when you have been accepted to colleges. We will start Acceptance Board once we have ten seniors who have been accepted!\*\***

**Happy Fall**

