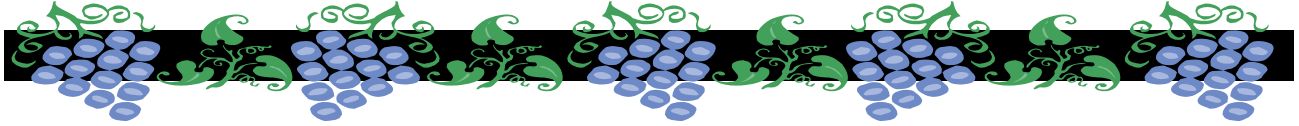


# *The Grapevine*

A SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER



## ***SENIORS:***

**Attention Seniors:** Please notify your guidance counselor or Mrs. Spencer if you have heard from a college. If you have received an email or letter request from your colleges to send your mid-year grades, please advise your counselors in person or by email.

## ***JUNIORS:***

**Start preparing for the SAT!** It is being offered at GPA on April 29<sup>th</sup>. All Juniors take it free on this day. You can start preparing by going to [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) and/or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Both sites have free preparation help. Juniors should also be setting up college visits for spring. Start researching possible colleges on Naviance. Click super match for easy college search.

**ATTENTION Junior Parents:** Junior Parent Night is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Community Commons.

**Juniors** can set up their Collegeboard accounts during their Advisory Class. Simply go to collegeboard.com and follow the instructions.

***SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:*** Students should check out the **Summer Enrichment Programs** in the Counseling Office. It may seem early, but in many cases there are application deadlines and sometimes the longer you wait, the more competitive the applicant pool. **Capital Workforce started accepting applications on February 9<sup>th</sup>.** There are many jobs for 14 and 15 year olds. Go to [www.capitalworkforce.org](http://www.capitalworkforce.org) to fill out a pre-application for summer 2015. Capital Workforce also has a 5-6 week summer work and learn experience in July-August for students between 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Many students ask about **Merit Scholarships** from colleges. Some schools may not consider merit scholarships unless financial aid forms are filled out. Other schools may automatically offer merit scholarships based on the student's transcript. Check with the schools you are applying to and ask how they award merit scholarships.

***CONGRATULATIONS to the following SENIORS***

***As of February 18<sup>th</sup>, the following seniors have been accepted to college:***

**Anastasia Allinson:** Goodwin College, **Lloyd Baranoski:** Keene State College; **Madison Baranoski:** Muhlenberg College, **Akeel Benjamin:** Eastern CT State University, Quinnipiac University, Central CT State University; **Kasani Blake:** Eastern CT State University, Monroe College; **Ryan Brumant:** Newbury College, Post University, St. Peters University; **Carmilla Caceres:** Manchester Community College; **Alivia Caruso:** Columbia College Chicago; **Javante Danvers:** Southern CT State University, University of St. Joseph, UCONN; **Nataly D'Oleo:** Central CT State University, Eastern CT State University, Western CT State University; **Karina Escobar:** Bay Path College, Eastern CT State University, University of Hartford; **Treonna Hawley:** Newbury College, **Derrick Holloway:** Southern New Hampshire University, University of New Haven; **Shantel Isaacs:** Colby-Sawyer College, Eastern CT State University, Newbury College, Southern Vermont College, University of St. Joseph; **Joseph Johnson:** Central CT State University, Eastern CT State University, University of New Haven, Quinnipiac University, Western CT State University; **Suzette Kuerbitz:** University of St. Joseph; **Christofor Lavoie:** New England Technical Institute; **Ashlee Machado:** Eastern New England College; **Lauren Peoples:** Salve Regina University, University of St. Joseph; **Hannah Polinski:** Southern CT State University, University of Hartford, University of St. Joseph, Westfield State University; **Chelsea Sanchez:** Franklin Pierce University; **Marvin Scott:** Wesley College; **Kelly Shouldice:** Bay Path College, Elizabethtown College, Loyola University Chicago, Southern CT State University, University of St. Joseph; **Tyler Snow:** Johnson & Wales University; **Ian Tardiff:** Long Island University, New England College, Newbury College

***SENIORS,*** are you reporting your college acceptances to your counselor or to Mrs. Spencer? If not, please do so we can enter your name here in the Grapevine.

***Congratulations to those reporting scholarships/grants:*** **Hannah Polinski:** University of Hartford - \$17,000 - Presidential Scholarship; **Kelly Shouldice:** Elizabethtown College - \$25,000, Bay Path College - \$17,000 (honors program), University of St. Joseph - \$22,000, Loyola University Chicago - \$15,000; **Tyler Snow:** Johnson & Wales University - \$7,000

***Seniors:*** If you wish to report scholarships received, see Ms. Corcoran or stop by the Guidance Suite.

## ***CONGRATULATIONS to the following HONOR ROLL STUDENTS***

### ***Grade 9***

**High Honors:** Shawn Akomeah, Michael Cotton, Taylor Davis, Ariana DeJesus, Aliza DelVaglio, Cameron Gilbert, Marissa Guilmain, Quyen Le, Asia Lumpkin, Teeah McDonald, Rehema Mtawali, Imani Nutter, Jacinda Pinnock, Timothy Powers, MonCherie Salmon, Joseph Smith; **Honors:** Sana Ahmad, Adely Almodovar, Rashida Chambers, Kasandra Colon, Odaliz Cortes, Christian Gonzalez, Brittney Guevara, Sujeily Hernandez, Jayleah-Faith Hunt, Isabella Mauriello, Jared McGregor, Alyssa Monteiro, Stephanie Nielson, Stephanie Owusu, James Parsley, Christian Peoples, Kimberly Perez, Nick Sombric;

### ***Grade 10***

**High Honors:** Gifty Asante, Karen Avila, Brenda Castillo Jiminian, Alyssa Duffey, Jenna Emond, Keenan Gadson, Jadea Harris, Eleanore Hewett, Brendan Medovich, Ranazia Monroe, Nhan Nguyen, Cristian Osorio, Joshua Silvester, Kiarra Smith, Myia Tedeschi, Ellen Wolfe; **Honors:** Michelle Appiagyei, Destiny Chiverton, Tyra DeClaire, Kayla DeJoie, Xavier Fort, Deneja Gallimore, Sommer Hitchcock, Nicole MacHattie, Uyen Nguyen, Destiny Ojeda, Jocelyn Oliver, Nathan Rockx, Bridget Shouldice, Natalia Warburton;

### ***Grade 11***

**High Honors:** Gregory Adams, Destiny Arroyo, Destiny Berry, Mark Billingsley, Talia Clarke, Yaw Darko, Richard Hamilton, Aaron Hill, John Kaminski, Micaela Logan, Nancy Lys, Kailah McCall, Angelique Melakian, Paige Montgomery, Adelina Pardo, Sarah Pasqualini, Lauren Paul, Lydia Pynn, Mikaela Rivera, Gabriella Robertson, Magan Santana, Reinaldo Steward, Dymonic Tann, Mattea Whitford; **Honors:** Samad Ahmad, Darnisha Antuna, Aire Bragg, Jimieshah Bryan, Aurmani Campos, Jasmine Cruz, Cecile Davis, Joseph Fultz, Brianna Jarvis, Kylisha Long

### ***Grade 12***

**High Honors:** Anastasia Allinson, Madison Baranoski, Carmilla Caceres, Alivia Caruso, Nataly D'Oleo, Javante Danvers, Karina Escobar, Lauren Hartley, Joseph Johnson, Suzette Kuerbitz, Philip Lilley, Marvin Mendoza, Lauren Peoples, Hannah Polinski, Kay-Kaniele Reid, Chelsea Sanchez, Kelly Shouldice, Matthew Smith, Tayshia Stapleton; **Honors:** Tiana Arnott, Zaire Baldwin, Lloyd Baranoski, Meghyn Barger, Akeel Benjamin, Ryan Brumant, Cecilia Davila, Treonna Hawley, Derrick Holloway, Shantel Isaacs, Ashlee Machado, Rufino Medina, Muhammed Niang, Juan Romero, Ian Tardif, Alyssa Valente, Desteny Vizcarrondo, Angela Zorilla

### ***SCHOLARSHIPS:***

***Hartford Foundation for Public Giving:*** Several scholarships are available. Deadline to apply is March 25<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

***Common Scholarship Application:*** 20 scholarships – only one application! Check off what you are applying for on the cover sheet and make sure you attach a copy of your Student Aid Report. **Deadline: April 4<sup>th</sup>**

***A. Russell Ayre Scholarship:*** Criteria include service to the community, academic achievement and financial need. A personal statement is required. **Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>**

***Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation Vocational Scholarship:*** For students planning to attend a **vocational program or two year college**. Criteria include high school vocational courses, employment and community activities, along with an essay on how this scholarship will help you to pursue your goals. One letter of recommendation is needed from an employer or vocational education teacher. **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

***Kline Family Community Service Scholarship:*** Open to graduating seniors who will attend the University of Connecticut. Application online at [www.Klinefamilyshcolarship.org](http://www.Klinefamilyshcolarship.org)  
**Deadline: April 25<sup>th</sup>**

***Big Sun Scholarship:*** Open to graduating senior student athletes regardless of the sport they are engaged in. Applicants will need to send in a short essay answering the following question: *How did your participation in sports during your high school years influence you? Has your participation influenced your career goals? Has your participation influenced how you relate to your family?* Application online at [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)  
**Deadline: June 19<sup>th</sup>**

***Abbott and Fenner Scholarship:*** The A & F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors who will attend any accredited post-secondary institution. To apply, applicants will need to write a short 500-1000 word essay answering the following question: **Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.** For more information go to [www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm) **Deadline: June 15<sup>th</sup>**

***Through the Looking Glass Scholarship:*** The Through the Looking Glass Scholarship is available to high school seniors who have parents with disabilities. To be eligible, a student must be a graduating senior, have at least one parent with a disability, and be planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college or a technical or vocational school in Fall 2014. Those planning

to attend a 2 or 4 year college should be pursuing an AA, AS, BA or BS degree.

Applications are online at [www.lookingglass.org](http://www.lookingglass.org) **Deadline: March 17<sup>th</sup>**

***Glenn Moon Scholarship:*** The ARTC (Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut) awards Glenn Moon Scholarships to students who plan a career in education. Applications are online at [www.artct.org](http://www.artct.org) **Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>**

***CarterCares Scholarship:*** The Carter Cares scholarship is available to high school seniors. To be eligible, you must be accepted for full-time enrollment into a 4-year college, university or community college and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. To apply, students need to submit a presentation on the following: UConn Medical School Professor David Greenfield Says, "The lure of text messages is a lot like the appeal of slot machines- both can be difficult to overcome." **Education & public service programs directed at encouraging drivers to put down their phones while driving have not caught on as hoped & accidents & fatalities caused by distracted driving continue to climb. Something drastic must happen to STOP distracted driving...What do you suggest?** Applications are available on their website at [www.GetCarter.com](http://www.GetCarter.com) **Deadline: March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Seniors,** log onto [www.naviance.com](http://www.naviance.com) for a complete list of scholarships.

**For Juniors and Seniors:** There is a scholarship for students who love to write poetry. See Guidance Counselors for more information.