*FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE…*

REACHOUTRECOVERY, a non-for profit organization that focuses on educating the public on the harmful effects of drug use, is seeking aspiring student Actors, Film Directors, Graphic Designers, Musicians, and Writers who want to intern with them and assist in their mission. The representative will be at SMA for an informational session Thursday, February 28th, 8:30-9:00am in the conference room. Must register in the counseling office.

**ACT NEWS!!!**

**One lucky student will win a $40,000 Scholarship + a bonus $5,000 Tech Package:** Eligible sophomores and juniors that register for the April, June, or July, 2019 US national test date (and opt-in to the giveaway during registration) has a chance to win the scholarship. Register now: <http://www.act.org/>

***HOPELINE Text Line serves anyone in any type of situation, providing them access to free, 24/7 emotional support and information they need via the medium they already use and trust: text.
Someone texts into HOPELINE — 741741 — anywhere, anytime, about any type of challenge or struggle.
A live, trained specialist receives the text and responds quickly.
Each person that text in is important to us and we care about what they are dealing with.***

The Counseling office has new codes for the Counseling Goggle classroom to keep all students informed on academic requirements, scholarships, important deadlines, college/technical careers, and job opportunities during the year. Each grade has a specific code. Please encourage your student to register via Gmail:

**SENIORS: d32ew6**

**JUNIORS:  p61i92f**

**SOPHOMORES: lv2m49**

**FRESHMAN: q01uhx**

SAT/ACT PREP CLASSES AT USF SARASOTA-MANATEE CAMPUS:

This four (4) session prep course is open to a maximum of 25 registered high school students. Cost is $65.00 per participant. Location: USF Sarasota-Manatee 8350 N. Tamiami Trail; Sarasota, FL 34243.

Students will need to purchase two books before the class begins: ACT for Dummies: 6th Ed., which costs approximately $15.00-$20.00 at local bookstores or online (CD version not needed); and 5 lb. Book of ACT Practice Problems by Manhattan Prep, which costs approximately $13.00-$15.00. SAT materials will be distributed in class.

MARCH 2, 2019 - MARCH 12, 2019 SESSION DATES & TIMES:

 Saturday, March 2: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

 Tuesday, March 5: 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

 Saturday, March 9: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

 Tuesday, March 12: 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

<https://secure.touchnet.com/C20235_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=5501>

COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Seeking high-achieving, low-income high school juniors can receive special [awards and opportunities](https://mx.technolutions.net/mpss/c/FAE/jM0HAA/t.2ox/SWNPanf7RYOI1Y-Ox8vOhg/h3/xeMym-2BV7yu59pwiv2W8lC4ntau-2BpWLKjr1a2baGlB2m7ozgWIhPLlTs7Vb-2F-2BPM6-2FcvmOn8evNGDDA9V-2FHYvP6uSecX-2FGCr-2Fzoer9mCqwb-2FA-3D), including a full scholarship to a college summer program, an invitation to a National College Admissions Conference, campus visits, essay feedback, and more. Deadline: March 20th, 2019

<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match/how-to-apply>

Check out the webinars for students & parents at:

<https://www.questbridge.org/questcasts>

YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT (YLS)

Presented by the Youth Leadership Consortium (YLC), is a free, four-day, overnight, college empowerment conference at the University of Chicago for a diverse cohort of 200 low-income high school juniors from all ethnic backgrounds. It is designed to give these young leaders the practical tools they need to successfully apply to top universities, have full access to scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and set a course for academic and career success. The deadline is Friday, March 8, 2019 at 1:00pm PST. Location and Date:
•August 8–11, 2019 – University of Chicago
Eligibility:
•Current high school junior (Class of 2020)
•Students from all ethnic backgrounds are welcome to apply
•Low income, as defined by Pell eligibility (more details are included in the application)
•3.0 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent based on your school scale
•Currently attend high school in the United States or a US territory
•Plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university after high school graduation
•It is FREE to apply and participate (room and dining covered by YLS)
•Round-trip transportation to Chicago will be provided for students that request financial assistance within the application
<https://ylc.hsfts.net/yls-application>

NEWS FROM **DUKE UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAMS:**

**Summer authentic college experience of living in Duke University’s dorms and taking credit-bearing classes alongside undergraduate students, but also the opportunity to accompany your college application with a letter of recommendation from a Duke instructor and transcript from Duke University.**

[**https://summersession.duke.edu/high-school-students**](https://summersession.duke.edu/high-school-students)

MAJORS, CAREERS & COLLEGE SEARCH

* Explore the new site for CAREER & COLLEGE Resources from Sarasota County: Scholarships, Career discovery, Tests prep, and more.
<https://launchyourplan.com/>
* **Don't know what Major you are interested in yet? Discover your strengths, who you are and what you can accomplish in college and in a future career.**

**Take 20 minutes to find out what college majors are a natural fit based on your unique strengths. You'll also receive recommended colleges based on your ideal majors. https://pages.collegefactual.com/find-my-major/**

**SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

The College Board is investing $25 million in a new scholarship program, with students earning $5 million in scholarships each year, beginning with the class of 2020 (Current Juniors). You can get a scholarship for practicing for the SAT on Khan Academy, making a list of colleges to attend, raising your tests scores and more...

Register now to be notified! <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS ONLY:

**SELBY FOUNDATION:**

**For students who demonstrate financial need. Applications are now.** **The deadline April 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

[**http://www.selbyfdn.org/scholarship-application.html**](http://www.selbyfdn.org/scholarship-application.html)

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS (BF): Opens October 1st, 2018

In order to be evaluated to receive the scholarship, students must select at least one state university. Check out the link below for more information.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/pdf/nm4c_brochure.pdf>

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID (FAFSA): Opens October 1st. Click below to learn the documents needed to apply & locations to receive free assistance with application. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

SCHOLARSHIP FOR ROOM & BOARD WHILE IN COLLEGE:
Apply to join Southern Scholarship Foundation for the Fall 2019 term! Our online application can be found on our website [www.SouthernScholarship.org](http://www.southernscholarship.org/) and are due April 1st.
Southern Scholarship Foundation! Simply visit SouthernScholarship.org and click “Apply”:

We serve college students at all levels attending:
•Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)
•Flagler College (Tallahassee Campus)
•Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)
•Florida State University (FSU)
•Santa Fe College (SFC)
•Tallahassee Community College (TCC)
•University of Florida (UF)

Requirements for Consideration:
•Current (and maintained throughout stay) 3.0 or higher GPA
•Financial Need (measured by having a 7500 or lower EFC according to the FAFSA application) \*Some exceptions may be made\*
•Good Character (1 or more letter(s) of recommendation, and a strong ability to live cooperatively with others and complete daily tasks at the house)

Application Deadlines:
•Fall Move-In: April 1
•Spring Move-In: November 1
•Late applications cannot be accepted

**THE UNCF STEM SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

**Awards $25,000 scholarships to 100 graduating high school seniors to pursue a STEM-focused degree in college.**Deadline: **March 3, 2019**

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| * General Eligibility: African American; 3.0 GPA
* High school senior entering U.S.
* Accredited college or university **Fall 2019**
* demonstrated unmet or financial need
* U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident

Email us with any questions: stemsscholars@uncf.org |

The primary goal of our scholarship is to remove financial barriers to college for 500 African American science-focused students over 5 years. The program includes in-depth academic wrap-around support services including no-cost online, video-based, math and science tutoring for every scholar throughout college.

<https://www.uncf.org/programs/fund-ii-uncf-stem-scholars>

ANTONY SALERNO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

For seniors with Financial Need. **Deadline: February 28th, 2019**

\*\*\*Check the Scholarship Binder in the Counseling office\*\*

**ROTARY FUTURES CENTER: VENICE HIGH SCHOOL**

**The Rotary Futures College Resource Center is an innovative approach to post-secondary decision-making that utilizes a resource center with 13 Internet computers, numerous printed materials, and willing volunteers to assist students, parents, and community members with linking education, career, and life opportunities. Contact for an appointment to access all the scholarships available.**

<http://rotaryfutures.org/>

**Address: 1 Indian Ave, Venice, FL 34285**

**Phone: (941) 480-3178**

MANASOTA TRACK COMMITTEE (MTC) Scholarship 2019:

Deadline, March 31st, 2019. Check out eligibility/requirements <http://manasotatrackclub.org/scholarships/>

Interested in Health Science degree? Check out this scholarship:

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SUN TRUST:

How about $500 for college from the SunTrust College Scholarship Program? 2 winners will be chosen every 2 weeks from October 29th until May 13th, 2019. Enter now: <https://offtocollegesweepstakes.suntrust.com/?cid=va-offtocollege>

ARE YOU OF FULL OR PARTIAL ITALIAN DESCENT?

The Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society is offering a $1,000 scholarship. Package is the Counseling office (scholarship binder).

Deadline March 1, 2019.

THE FINE ART SOCIETY OF SARASOTA:

For seniors pursuing careers in the arts. Deadline, March 1st, 2019

<https://fineartssarasota.org/scholarship/>

MARY FRAN CARROLL SCHOLARSHIPS **to residents of Sarasota County, Florida for tuition, books and fees at an accredited college, university or vocational program (*housing and living expenses not eligible*).  The scholarships, which can be used for tuition, books and fees, can also be renewed annually for up to five academic years if the student maintains a minimum GPA of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) and continues to make progress on their academic/career goals. Apply at:** [**www.ccfdioceseofvenice.org**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccfdioceseofvenice.org&data=01%7C01%7Cccf%40dioceseofvenice.org%7Ce5336665204b43a573a308d672adb2b2%7Cd0a4b1ea41dc486fbbe8f8977cb9c60b%7C1&sdata=BwyjXDPIKNdotYbVs8CWBD6iUugstPXyJkJsAgbQXLE%3D&reserved=0) **by February 28, 2019 at 11:59 PM.**

LOU KOMAROV MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP from Southern Trust Financial Planning: $1,000 scholarship based on financial need. Deadline: MARCH 18, 2019. Information is located in the Counseling office: Scholarship binder

AUXILIARY OF DOCTORS HOSPITAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Must show financial need (adjusted gross income not more than 90,000), GPA; 3.0. Deadline, April 1st, 2019

FRIENDS OF NEWTOWN STATES SCHOLARSHIP:

Must demonstrate financial need, GPA: 2.5.Deadline, April 1st, 2019.

\*\*Both packets are available in the Counseling office (Scholarship Binder) \*\*

REALTORS ASSOCIATION OF SARASOTA AND MANATEE (RASM):

Deadline: 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2019 and be available for a possible interview on Friday, April 26. Only those selected for an interview will be notified. Merit and/or financial need based:

<http://sarasotamanateerealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-RASM-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

$$$$ FREE SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH $$$$$

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com/)
In addition to registering for the SAT, you can investigate scholarship opportunities here.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com/)
includes over 275,000 awards in the database.

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org/)
Sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, this site provides a comprehensive guide to student financial aid, provides information regarding scholarship scams, and provides tools for estimating the family contribution.

[www.embark.com](http://www.embark.com/)

This site provides exploration of scholarships, careers, and majors/careers, internships and interviews with people from a range of career areas.

 **RESOURCES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

* Sarasota County Schools offers information on high school requirements, local scholarships, financial aid and more… Go to Featured resources, College and Financial Aid Heading:

<http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/students.aspx>

* High School Students Progression Plan provides information on how to create a successful educational experience for students toward graduation.  Details pertaining to progression from grade to grade, acceleration, and graduation are included.

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/curriculum/default.aspx?id=10092>

* Parent Guides, Life after High School Graduation, Fastest Growing

Careers and more. <https://www.floridastudentsachieve.org/>

* Explore Institutions, Discover Degrees & Certificate Programs

Find out what degrees and certificate programs are offered at each institution and what courses are required, Get Ready for College

Pay for College, Find the resources you need to pay for college, including scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs:

<https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college>

* Financial Literacy for middle & high school students:

(Banking, budgeting and saving, credit and debt, insurance and financial frauds and scams): <http://financeyourfuture.myfloridacfo.com/index.html>

* Florida Department of education site with info on high school graduation requirements, state assessments:

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/graduation-requirements/>

* Florida University System: Honors programs, majors, financial aid, transfers: <http://www.flbog.edu/>
* Information on strategies to help our children deal with difficulty situations that may lead to trauma: National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH): <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/helping-children-and-adolescents-cope-with-violence-and-disasters-parents/index.shtml>
* School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA):

<http://www.sswaa.org/?page=252>

* The [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](http://ncbh.msgfocus.com/c/1lVGbVlfidEBYsXyT5Jsu9BQo) (1-800-273-TALK (8255)) is available 24/7 to provide confidential support for individuals in crisis, as well as concerned family and loved ones.
* <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>