



## COLLEGE GUIDANCE NEWS

Announcements include:

- College Financial Aid Night Monday, October 22
  - Want to spend your summer at Duke?
  - Applications for 2019 USSYP due Monday, October 22
  - Applications are open for the ACT Student Champion Award.
  - The 2019/2020 FAFSA is available!
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### College Financial Aid Night

Join us on Monday, October 22 for College Financial Aid Night in Rodgers Performance Hall. A representative from Valdosta State University's Financial Aid office will be here to discuss the college financial aid process and how to navigate through it. Parents of student's grades 8-12 and students are invited to attend. Senior parents and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend this event!

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Information for **Duke Summer Session for High School Students'** 2019 programs is now available! Choose from three transformative programs next summer:

**Summer College** – A four-week, credit-bearing program for students currently in 10<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade in which they take undergraduate-level courses.

**Summer Academy** – A three-week program for students currently in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade in which they take a certificate course.

**Accelerated STEM Academy** – A one-week, STEM-based program for students currently in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade that consists of a variety of hands-on labs, tours of Duke's research facilities, faculty lectures, and workshops.

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The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. The 57th annual program will be held in Washington, D.C., from March 2 – 9, 2019.



Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity will spend a week in Washington experiencing their national government in action. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, as well as participate in meetings with the president and a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. All transportation, hotel and meal expenses will be provided by The Hearst Foundations. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. **Applications are due on Monday, October 22.** Remember only one student per school district or private school is allowed to be nominated.

[Click here](#) to apply.

[Click here](#) for the 2019 USSYP Brochure.



**Applications are open for the ACT Student Champion Award!** The ACT Student Champion Award recognizes one student in each state who is tenacious and persistent, no matter the challenge, and is prepared for life after high school with a goal in mind and plan in place.

ACT Student Champions receive a \$500 non-renewable scholarship, certificate, and state-level recognition. Please encourage students in the graduating class of 2019 who have taken the ACT who fit the following criteria to apply:

- High school seniors who have overcome challenges and can articulate their education and/or career actions.
- At a minimum students must have a composite ACT score of 22 on a single test date OR a Gold ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate®

**Applications can be found [www.act.org/readinesschampions](http://www.act.org/readinesschampions). Applications are due October 31, 2018, and champions will be notified on or before January 31, 2019.**

**The 2019/2020 FAFSA is available starting October 1, 2018.**

Please visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov> to complete this by using 2017 tax and income information. The federal government provides more than \$150 billion in grants, loans, and work study funds to students each year. In order to get that money, you must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly called the FAFSA. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and easier than ever, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college.

Feel free to contact me with any questions about any topics mentioned above,

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