

# Guidance Newsletter

October 2016

## Important Dates

October 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	FALL BREAK
Tuesday, October 18th	Franklin College Visit - Mrs. Badger's 7th period
Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	PSAT – Sophomores & Juniors Report Cards issued
Saturday, October 22nd	ACT
Tuesday, October 25th	VU & VUJC Visit - HS Homeroom (juniors & seniors)
Thursday, October 27th	Early Release - 1pm Parent Teacher Conferences 1:15-6:00pm Financial Aid Night, 5pm (seniors)
Friday, October 28th	No School for students Parent Teacher Conferences 8-11am
Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Early Action Deadline for Butler (seniors) Deadline for IU Achievement Scholarships & IU Selective Scholarship consideration Deadline for Purdue Merit Based Scholarships
Thursday, November 3rd	Deadline to register for Dec. 3rd SAT
Friday, November 4th	Deadline to register for Dec. 10th ACT
Saturday, November 5th	SAT

## **Chase Salmon named National Merit Semifinalist and among first worldwide to be admitted to Indiana University**

Congratulations to Chase Salmon on being announced as a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Chase will now have the opportunity to continue in the National Merit Scholarship Competition for \$33 million in scholarship awards. Chase was among the highest scoring PSAT test takers for his grade in Indiana.

In addition, on Monday, October 3rd a team from Indiana University's Office of Admissions visited Barr-Reeve to hand deliver an admission packet and scholarship letter to Chase, one of the first students in the nation and in the world to be admitted to IU for the Class of 2021. Barr-Reeve was one of only two high schools in the state that IU's Office of Admissions visited to make such a presentation. The entire high school was brought to the gym to share in such awesome news!! The event was shared on IU's Office of Admissions' Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat social media outlets and front page of the Washington Times Herald. Congratulations Chase!

## **November 1st Quickly Approaching!!**

November 1st is the deadline for several admission & scholarship programs including:

- IU : Nov. 1st deadline to be considered for IU Achievement and Selective Scholarships
- Purdue: Nov. 1st deadline for maximum consideration for merit based scholarships. Application deadline for Computer Science, Nursing, Vet Technology & Vet Technician
- Butler: Nov. 1st Early Action Deadline
- UE: Nov. 1st Deadline for Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, or Nursing Direct Entry Programs

## **FAFSA now available!!**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA became available October 1, 2016 and is the form all college-bound seniors will want to file in order to apply for any state or federal financial aid. The deadline is March 10, 2017. However, some colleges may have an earlier deadline. Students are encouraged to file early in order to have more time to compare costs between schools. In addition to the FAFSA being available earlier than in years past, families will now report prior-prior year income. This year families will report 2015 income information on their FAFSA.

## **Sophomores & Juniors to take PSAT on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

All sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) Wednesday, October 19th from 8:00-approximately 11:30am. This test is paid for by the Indiana Department of Education. It is a great practice for preparing for the SAT.

PSAT scores have held increasing importance in recent years. Students must score 940 or higher in order to be eligible to earn dual credit through Oakland City University in English 11 or 12 Honors, Psychology, U.S. History, Government, Pre-Calculus, or AP Calculus. In addition, failure to meet College & Career Readiness benchmarks on the PSAT will require students to participate in the Accuplacer Assessment which could result in remediation during the junior or senior years of high school in order to be 'College and Career Ready' upon graduation. The PSAT is the only way juniors can be considered for entry into the National Merit Scholarship Competition. It is important that all students do their very best on test day.

Students should bring with them two #2 pencils (mechanical pencils should NOT be used) and their own calculator. Test results will be returned in December. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Sward at 486-3265 ext. 227 or [csward@barr.k12.in.us](mailto:csward@barr.k12.in.us).

## **Financial Aid Night October 27th**

We will be having a Financial Aid Night on Thursday, Oct. 27th at 5:00pm in the cafeteria for seniors and parents. A Financial Aid Administrator from Vincennes University will present on filing the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which is the form all college-bound seniors will want to file in order to be considered for any state or federal aid. The FAFSA became available on Oct. 1st and will be due March 10, 2017. (Some colleges may have earlier deadlines.) Families are encouraged to file early to receive early aid decisions. Hope to see you on the 27th! This night coincides with our Parent/Teacher Conferences.

## **College Goal Sunday**

College Goal Sunday will be held Nov. 13th and Feb. 12th. College Goal Sunday is a free event where seniors and parents can receive help filing their FAFSA. The event is staffed by qualified Financial Aid

Administrators who volunteer their time to help families. There are 40 locations across Indiana (VU and VU Jasper are the closest sites for us.) Time is 2:00pm local time. Learn more at [www.collegegoalsunday.org](http://www.collegegoalsunday.org).

### **U.S. Gypsum Employment Opportunities**

U.S. Gypsum in Shoals, Indiana is like many industries across the nation - they will be losing a large part of their workforce due to retirements in the coming years. As the baby-boomers reach retirement age, they are leaving a number of vacant positions for the younger generation to fill. This is a great opportunity for our students! Current openings include Production Operators and Fork Lift Drivers. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a legal resident, have a high school diploma, and be willing to work any shift. Starting pay is \$15.10/hour. USG offers an excellent benefits package which includes tuition reimbursement, medical, dental, and vision insurance, life insurance, 401k, shoe allowance, paid vacation & holidays, and paid parental leave. Many opportunities for advancement and movement within the company are available.

Visit [www.usg.com](http://www.usg.com) to learn more!

### **Indiana State University Offers Unique Scholarships for 9-12th grades**

Indiana State University is the only university in Indiana that has partnered with Raise Me to offer micro-scholarships you can start earning right away.

Earn an A in Biology or another core course = \$100

Perfect Attendance = \$100

Community Service? Earn \$10/hour toward your tuition bill.

Students can create their free Raise.me account now. Start adding your information from freshman year up to this semester. Follow ISU by Dec. 1st of your senior year to be eligible for your award! Learn more at [www.indstate.edu/raiseme](http://www.indstate.edu/raiseme). Students can earn up to \$11,200 for their high school achievements!!

### **University of Evansville Offers Teaching Fellows Program**

The University of Evansville is stepping up efforts to recruit minority teachers and teachers in high need areas through the Teaching Fellows Program. The Teaching Fellows Program provides scholarships for prospective teachers in needed areas which includes free tuition for the junior year and a forgivable loan for the senior year. This program is open to teacher candidates who are majoring in math, life science/biology, chemistry, physics, foreign language, or special education. Learn more at

[www.evansville.edu/majors/education/teachingAcesFellows.cfm](http://www.evansville.edu/majors/education/teachingAcesFellows.cfm)

### **IU Visits Seniors September 30th**

On Friday, September 30th Jennifer Reynolds with the IU Office of Admissions spoke to several seniors about the many opportunities available for students at IU.

250+ majors that students can mix & match to pursue their passions

300+ overseas study programs

750+ student organizations

1,500+ performances each year

20+ learning communities

13 career centers

1,500+ organizations that recruit on campus

[www.iub.edu](http://www.iub.edu)

## **Indiana State University offers 'Graduation Guarantee'**

If you sign up for ISU's Sycamore Graduation Guarantee and can't cross the commencement stage in four years, you'll take the rest of your courses tuition-free!

[www.indstate.edu/graduationguarantee](http://www.indstate.edu/graduationguarantee)

## **FREE STUFF**

Follow ISU on Instagram & you might win free stuff!! They give out free apparel and other items via Instagram. The ISU Admissions Rep (and Barr-Reeve alum), Carly Tuttle shared this with us. Whatever college you are interested in follow them on Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, or whatever form of social media you prefer! It's a great way to stay up to date with your college! (& you just might win free stuff!)

## **Sophomores can attend HOBY**

Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) offers highly motivational leadership development seminars for 10th graders in the United States and around the world each spring. Since HOBY's founding in 1958, more than 365,000 high school sophomores have attended HOBY's unique leadership seminars. With one ambassador from nearly every high school in Indiana, it's easy to see how HOBY Indiana mobilizes potential leaders. HOBY Leadership Seminar is held one week in June at Butler University. Cost is \$195.

Interested students should see Mrs. Sward.

## **Ivy Tech Associate Accelerated Program (ASAP)**

Ivy Tech Community College's one-year Associate Accelerated Program (ASAP) helps high school graduates earn an associate degree in just 11 months. Coursework is spread over five eight-week terms, and classes are held from 9a.m. to 5p.m. Monday-Friday. Students can then transfer those credits directly toward a four-year degree at the college or university of their choice. Students can be nominated for this program.

If interested, please see Mrs. Sward. To learn more visit [www.ivytech.edu/ASAP](http://www.ivytech.edu/ASAP).

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars News**

Did you know? In addition to IU and Purdue offering housing scholarships for 21st Century Scholars, now Indiana State University does too?!?!?! The 21st Century Excellence Scholarship includes standard on-campus housing for 21st Century Scholars who have two of the following three: 1270 SAT/26ACT or 3.75 GPA or top 10% of their class. Students must apply and be admitted to ISU by March 1st.

What if I don't have this GPA or these test scores? They still offer a \$1500 scholarship/year towards on-campus housing for 21st Century Scholars who have a 3.0 GPA or higher. ISU also provides a free laptop or iPad to all students with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

21st Century Scholars pays tuition at a state supported or public college/university. I am often asked what does 21st Century Scholars pay at a private institution? The answer is about \$7,500/year. Again, it can only be used toward tuition.

## **AmeriCorps NCCC**

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is accepting applications from men and women ages 18-24 who are enthusiastic and hardworking. AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, 10-month, residential, national service program in which young adults serve nationwide each year. During their service, members are provided housing, food, uniforms, and the equipment that they will need to be successful in

the field. They will receive a modest bi-weekly stipend for personal expenses and if they successfully complete the program, they are awarded a \$5,775 Education Award. This award can be used for future tuition costs or to pay back student loans. Visit [www.nationalservice.gov/nccc](http://www.nationalservice.gov/nccc) to learn more.

### **Important Information for Seniors applying to Purdue:**

Students can expect an admission decision about 12 weeks after their application and all required material have been submitted. Decisions will begin to be release on Friday, October 21, after 5 p.m. Thereafter, new decisions will be released weekly (rather than daily) on Fridays.

A reminder, Purdue's supplemental scholarship application will be available November 1 - January 1 to all *applicants*. This is a change from previous years, when students needed to be admitted before they gained access. This application is used for a small set of academic-department scholarships, which have very specific criteria (including a financial-need component for many). Students who complete the supplemental scholarship application must also submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by January **1**.

### **Energy Academy for Students and Teachers**

The Duke Energy Academy at Purdue University is an immersive program for high-achieving high school juniors and seniors as well as secondary science teachers. During the week-long course on STEM-related energy topics, participants will be provided with resources and incentives to inspire both students and teachers in sustainable energy solutions. The program is free to all participants and teachers will be paid a stipend upon successful program completion. Students and teachers may apply now. Visit the Academy website at [www.purdue.edu/energyacademy](http://www.purdue.edu/energyacademy) to learn more.

### **College Preview Days/Open Houses**

*\*Students are allowed two days of college visitations during their senior year and one day during the junior year. It is the responsibility of the student/parent to set up an individual college visit. To do so, you should contact the Admissions Office at the particular university at least 2 weeks prior to the date you would like to visit. Students must have proper paperwork (2 forms) on file in the guidance office for the absence to be excused and not count as an absence.*

**Seniors Exploring Engineering at Purdue** will be held Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for young women who have an interest in engineering. Connect with current engineering students, interact with current engineering career professionals, tour campus and enjoy a free lunch. To register, visit [www.purdue.edu/WIEP](http://www.purdue.edu/WIEP) and look under 'events' tab. Registrations are due by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> are limited to the first 250 students.

**Indiana State University** will be hosting the following visit dates:

October 10	Sycamore Preview Day
October 21	Find Your Blue: <b>SOPHOMORE EDITION</b>
October 25	Honors Visit Day
November 5	Sycamore Preview Day
November 10	Honors Visit Day
November 12	College of Health and Human Services Preview Day
November 16	Teachers of Tomorrow Day
November 29	Honors Visit Day

To find out more or to register, please visit [indstate.edu/visiting](http://indstate.edu/visiting).

**Marian University** will be hosting the following preview days this year:

October 8	Fall Preview Day
February 18	Blue and Gold Day
March 18	Spring Preview Day
April 7	Nursing Open House
April 8	Blue and Gold Days

Register now for any of these events by emailing [campusvisit@marian.edu](mailto:campusvisit@marian.edu), calling 1-800-772-7264, or visiting [www.marian.edu/EventDaySignUp](http://www.marian.edu/EventDaySignUp).

**University of Southern Indiana:** USI will be hosting Open Houses on October 15, November 12, March 18, and April 8th. Visit [www.usi.edu/visit](http://www.usi.edu/visit) to sign up or call 812-464-1765. Weekday visit options are also available.

**Vincennes University** will be hosting PreVU Days on Oct. 21 & 22 and Nov. 18 & 19. Tour campus, enjoy a free lunch, and meet with admissions, financial aid, and your department of interest!! Visit [www.vinu.edu/prevu](http://www.vinu.edu/prevu) to register.

**Goshen College** hosts a variety of visit options:

Nov. 4	Explore Goshen Day
Jan. 16	Open House
Feb. 20	Open House
April 7	Explore Goshen Day
June 26	Summer Open House
July 17	Summer Open House

Schedule your visit at [www.goshen.edu/visit](http://www.goshen.edu/visit) Goshen College is an affordable, nationally-recognized Christian liberal arts college in Northern Indiana known for leadership in intercultural and international education, sustainability and social justice.

**University of Indianapolis Visit Days:**

October 14	Preview Day for Fine Arts: Art, Music, and Theatre
October 19	Health Professions Preview Day
October 20	Preview Day for Engineering and Sports Careers
November 5	High School Day

Register online at [www.admissions.uindy.edu/visit](http://www.admissions.uindy.edu/visit)

## **Scholarships and Financial Aid**

IU Achievement Scholarships – Provost Scholarship is \$1,000 - \$8,000 per year for incoming in-state Freshmen. Scholarship amounts are determined by academic performance. Academic performance will be assessed based on information provided through your application for admission, including official test scores, and high school transcript information if all materials are received by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Indiana State offers a number of excellent scholarship opportunities:**

President's Scholarship:	Full tuition and on-campus housing X 4 years
University Honors Scholarship:	Full tuition X 4 years
President's Academic Excellence Scholarship:	\$6,000/year X 4 years
Academic Excellence Award:	\$4,000/year X 4 years

To be eligible for the above listed scholarships students must meet 2 of the 3: 1270 SAT/26 ACT or 3.75 GPA or top 10% of their class.

Students must apply to ISU by Dec. 1st and fill out a separate scholarship application by Dec. 15th (for the President's Scholarship, University Honors Scholarship, and President's Academic Excellence Scholarship). ISU offers other scholarship as well. Check out [www.indstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships) to learn more.

### **Hagan Scholarship - Helping Rural Students Graduate College Debt Free**

Award: Scholarships up to \$40,000  
 School: Almost any in Indiana (VU is not an eligible school for this scholarship)  
 Major: Any  
 Criteria: Must have attended an eligible high school as a junior & senior (Barr-Reeve/Daviess county is eligible b/c we have fewer than 50,000 citizens); must have 3.5 GPA with a 23 on the ACT or higher, must complete the FAFSA; family EFC must be less than \$7,500; must not have been convicted of a felony. Apply online at [www.hsfmo.org](http://www.hsfmo.org)  
 Deadline: November 15, 2016

### **Purdue University Trustees Scholarship**

Award: \$10,000/year  
 School: Purdue  
 Major: Any  
 Criteria: Must have complete application on file by Nov. 1st; Awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and experience in leadership, service, and/or school or community activity.  
 Deadline: Nov. 1, 2016

### **Purdue University Presidential Scholarship**

Award: \$2,000-\$8,000/year  
 School: Purdue  
 Major: Any  
 Criteria: Must have complete application on file by Nov. 1st; Awarded to students who demonstrate high academic achievement and experience in leadership, service, and/or school or community activity.  
 Deadline: Nov. 1, 2016

### **Purdue University Marquis Scholarship**

Award: \$4,000/year  
 School: Purdue  
 Major: Any  
 Criteria: Must have complete application on file by Nov. 1st; Family income (student and parent)

between \$40,000-\$100,000. Students must demonstrate academic achievement and experience in leadership, service, and/or school or community activity. Must file FAFSA by March 1st

Deadline: Nov. 1, 2016 (priority)

### **Purdue Promise (Indiana 21st Century Scholars)**

Award: Financial aid package that includes gift aid and work study to meet the student's full financial need

School: Purdue

Major: Any

Criteria: Income-eligible 21st Century Scholars (family income of \$50,000 or less - student and parent); Must file FAFSA by March 1st

Deadline: November 1st (priority)

### **Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship**

Award: Provides up to \$7,500 annually to high achieving students

School: Any

Major: Education

Criteria: Student must agree to teach in Indiana for at least 5 years; 200 scholarships available each year, with the first cohort starting Fall 2017; Students must graduate from an Indiana high school and either graduate in the highest 20% of the class OR receive a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT. Application opens November 1st. Visit [www.che.in.gov](http://www.che.in.gov) to learn more. If a student is receiving a full tuition scholarship, this scholarship can be used toward housing.

Deadline: Unknown

### **Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship**

Award: Awards range from \$4,000-\$50,000

School: Any

Major: Any

Criteria: Must be high school senior and a U.S. citizen. Applications are judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applications are available online at [www.enf.elks.org/mvs](http://www.enf.elks.org/mvs).

Deadline: November 30, 2016

### **TESTING INFORMATION**

#### **2016-2017 SAT DATES:**

<b>Test Date:</b>	<b>Regular Registration Deadline:</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline:</b>
November 5	October 7	October 25
December 3	November 3	November 22
January 21	December 21	January 10
March 11	February 10	February 28
May 6	April 7	April 25
June 3	May 9	May 24



**2016-2017 ACT DATES:**

<b>Test Date:</b>	<b>Regular Registration Deadline:</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline:</b>
October 22	September 16	September 30
December 10	November 4	November 18
February 11	January 13	January 20
April 8	March 3	March 17
June 10	May 5	May 19

- Remember if you are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar or in Project Aspire, you can get a fee waiver for the test registration fee. Please see Mrs. Sward or Mrs. Clark to obtain a fee waiver.
- To register for the SAT please visit [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register).
- To register for the ACT please visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- **Barr-Reeve CEEB Code to register is 152-395.**

- Students wishing to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse must list the NCAA eligibility center on their test registration as a school/institution to receive their test scores. NCAA eligibility center code is 9999. IU and Purdue also require test scores be sent directly from the testing agency.
- Eligible students can register with a fee waiver during the late period for any SAT test date. No late fee will apply. Note that deadlines for registering online are later than for paper registrations. See [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register) for appropriate deadlines.

**SAT Reminder for Seniors & Parents:**

IU and Purdue REQUIRE SAT and ACT test scores come directly from the testing agency. If you are applying to IU or Purdue, you will want to make sure you've sent your SAT or ACT test scores directly to them when you registered for the test. If not, you can do so now, but there may be a small fee. Remember November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to have EVERYTHING (INCLUDING TEST SCORES) to IU or Purdue.

**SAT Prep Course offered through USI:****Getting Ready for the New SAT – Grades 9-12**

Cost \$120 (if you do both sessions; one session costs \$65)

ACA400 Verbal Skills for the SAT: October 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am-3pm USI Education Center, Room 1126

ACA401 Math Skills for the SAT: October 29<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm USI Education Center, Room 1126

To register call 1-800-467-8600 or email [outreach@usi.edu](mailto:outreach@usi.edu)

Visit [www.usi.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.usi.edu/lifelonglearning) to learn more.