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# CLASS OF 2010

*From the Counseling Center*

## DECISION-MAKING 101

With spring comes admissions letters from colleges. Hopefully, you've applied to schools that fit, and now you need to make some serious decisions. If you have an acceptance from a clear # 1 choice that meets your academic and social needs, and your family's economic requirements, the decision is easy. If, however, you have several acceptances from "suitable" schools, your decision is more difficult. Before making your final choice, think about what was important to you when you began the college selection process, and what you hope to get out of your college experience. You know a lot more about colleges now than when you started; think again about your "ideal school". Compare your list of acceptances with this ideal school, considering how closely each matches the factors that were important to you. For example, if major was most important, does the college have the one you desire? If location was of prime importance, does the college fit your ideal? Rank each of your acceptances in terms of "fit".

If you can, visit or revisit your top choices. Imagining yourself there as a student is more realistic now that you've been accepted. Stay overnight in a dorm if possible, eat at the dining hall, and attend a class or two. Talk to current students about what they love and what they dislike. Carefully note how the college feels to you now.

Money may also be a factor in your final decision. Consider any financial aid packages offered, looking especially at the amount of gift aid (grants and scholarships) versus loans. Factor this in when determining final total cost to you and your family. Compare offers from comparable schools carefully, and discuss them with the financial aid officer at your #1 choice. They might be willing to meet another school's offer.

After adding up all of the pros and cons, rank your acceptances. Now consider how you feel about your "top ranking" choice. If it feels right - go for it!



## COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTS: ACT & SAT

**ACT:** [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

April 10, 2010 - Register by March 5

June 12, 2010 - Register by May 7

ACT High school code - 262-985



**SAT:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

May 2, 2010 - Register by March 25

June 5, 2010 - Register by April 29

- **REGISTRATION FORMS** for both tests are in the Counseling Center. These forms will give you dates, times, testing locations and other important details.
- Test registration forms take time to read and complete. It is important to do an accurate job when completing them because this information is sent to prospective colleges.

## FAFSA FRENZY/MISSOURI COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY



The Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel (MASFAP) and the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) are partnering closely to bring an expanded *College Goal Sunday (CGS) program* to Missouri for 2010.

Historically, CGS has occurred on the first Sunday following the Super Bowl. For 2010, we are expanding the program to three main dates, and a few sites are offering additional date(s). Because not all CGS events will be on Sundays, it may be confusing to use the name "College Goal Sunday." The MDHE and MASFAP discussed naming options with the MDHE's High School Counselor Advisory Committee, and decided to use the name "FAFSA Frenzy" for 2010. Please see the table below for the expanded locations and dates:

Hosting organization/facility:	City/region:	Date(s):
Saint Louis Community College - Forest Park	St. Louis	Wed., March 10 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Saint Louis College of Health Careers	Fenton/St. Louis	Sunday, March 21 2:00-4:00 p.m.

What do I bring?

- Your parents, if available. Plan to attend even if they cannot.
- 2009 Tax returns-if they're ready.
- W-2 forms.
- Your student and parent PINs. Apply for your PINs at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

What do I bring if I haven't done my taxes yet?

- Last paycheck received in December 2009 by you and your parents showing year-to-date earnings.
- 2008 tax forms.
- 2009 statements of interest earned.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

The following students have been accepted to a variety of Colleges and Universities. Here is a listing of the students and their acceptances. Please be sure to congratulate them!!

Hannah Appelbaum	Concordia University-Chicago Concordia University-Mequon Truman State University Ohio Wesleyan University Coe College
Shane Belfield	Northwest Missouri State University Truman State University Indiana University of Pennsylvania Gannon University
Chelsea Bell	Concordia University-Nebraska University of Missouri-Kansas City Fisk University Tuskegee University
Joshua Brackman	University of Missouri-Columbia Concordia University-Nebraska Concordia University-Mequon Xavier University-Cincinnati Marquette University
Alfreda Brown	Tuskegee University
Breyan Brown	University of Central Missouri Claflin University Indiana University-Kokomo University of Missouri-Columbia Missouri State University
Candice Brown	Saint Louis University Alcorn State University South Carolina State University Bennett College Chicago State University Jackson State University Texas Southern University Claflin University
Zachary Burnett	University of Missouri-Kansas City Truman State University Saint Louis University
Christina Burton	Northwest Missouri State Univ University of Central Missouri University of Missouri-Columbia Concordia University-Chicago Missouri Western State University University of Missouri-Kansas City
Jalessa Cain Kellin Carter	Concordia University-Nebraska Concordia University-Chicago Southern Illinois Univ-Carbondale Kansas State University Ball State University
Elina Chereson Louis Cross	University of Central Missouri Southern Illinois Univ-Carbondale Lincoln University
Cassandra Davis Jaymi Davis	Claflin University Oral Roberts University Claflin University Liberty University

Thomas Diedrich	University of Missouri-Columbia Missouri State University University of Missouri-Kansas City
Mariah Evans	Samford University University of Missouri-Columbia Howard University
Lake Fluhr	Mississippi Valley State University MO Univ of Science & Technology Saint Louis University St. Johns University
Samuel Gahr	Concordia University-Mequon Concordia University-St. Paul University of Missouri-St. Louis University of Central Missouri
Benjamin Geisz	Rockhurst University Concordia University-Chicago Missouri State University
Katharine Gregory	Missouri State University University of Missouri-Kansas City Saint Louis University
Kevin Hagens	Concordia University-St. Paul
David Hamberg	Webster University
Michael Hamlin	Northwest Missouri State University
Brittany Hammond	Savannah State University
Elizabeth Hanson	Concordia University-Nebraska Concordia University-St. Paul Concordia University-Mequon Concordia University-Austin
Kyle Harris	Iowa Wesleyan College Southeast Missouri State University University of Missouri-Kansas City Culver-Stockton College Ball State University
Clifton Holmes	Rockhurst University Missouri State University Carthage College
Karla Houston	Saint Louis University
Kathryn Hussey	University of Missouri-Kansas City University of Missouri-Columbia Truman State University
Bria James	Concordia University-Chicago Saint Louis University Arizona State University
Ashley Johnson	Northwest Missouri State University Concordia University-Nebraska Quincy University Kansas State University
Michelle Johnson	University of Missouri-Kansas City Southeast Missouri State University University of Missouri-St. Louis University of Evansville Ball State University
Joshua Jones	Missouri State University Concordia University-Nebraska Concordia University-Chicago North Park University Truman State University
Jeremy Joyner	Murray State University Northwest Missouri State University
Tyler LaVo	University of Missouri-Columbia Central Missouri State University MO Univ. of Science & Technology

Nicholas Lentes-Gilson	Flashpoint Academy
Kristi Luther	Southern Methodist University University of Missouri-Columbia Truman State University
Christopher Mansfield	Loyola University-Chicago Truman State University University of Missouri-Columbia Quincy University
Brendan Mark	Augustana University Concordia University-Mequon University of Missouri-Columbia Missouri State University Concordia University-Chicago Saint Louis University MO Univ. of Science & Technology Concordia University-Nebraska Truman State University
Marquis McGee-Smith	Kansas State University Southern IL Univ-Carbondale Eastern Kentucky University Concordia University-Nebraska Southern IL Univ-Edwardsville
Sharie Moen Sarah Moreland	Avila University Columbia College Northwest Missouri State Univ. Webster University
Steven Musselwhite	Concordia University-Wisconsin McPherson College Bethany College Concordia University-St. Paul Concordia University-Nebraska
Anthony Noble Ryan O'Hare	Blackhawk College Concordia University-Nebraska Lindenwood University Northwest Missouri State University
Hannah Pauluhn	Concordia University-Nebraska Millikin University Ball State University
Chanae Parker Emirah Piece	MO Univ of Science & Technology Southern Illinois Univ-Carbondale Florida A & M University University of Missouri-Kansas City
Jonathan Plump	MO Univ of Science & Technology University of Missouri-Columbia
Adam Prahlow Elizabeth Renaud	Concordia University-Nebraska University of Missouri-Kansas City University of Missouri-St. Louis
Joi Robinson Andrew Scherer	University of Central Missouri Southeast Missouri State University Southern IL University-Edwardsville
Nathaniel Schmidtke	Northwest Missouri State University Murray State University University of Central Missouri
Jessica Scruggs	Southwest Baptist University Hannibal-LaGrange College Truman State University
Brianna Session	Missouri Baptist University MO Univ of Science & Technology

Gabrielle Simmons	Northwest Missouri State University DePaul University Ball State University Drake University
Christopher Solomon	Concordia University-Nebraska Chaminade University-Honolulu Valparaiso University Ball State University Truman State University
Jasmine Stewart	Xavier University Tuskegee University
Lydia Strini	Truman State University Kalamazoo College
Adam Tanney Jordan Tingle	Concordia University-Nebraska Murray State University Southeast Missouri State University University of Memphis
Anna Truetken Jessica Turner	University of Missouri-Columbia Southern IL University-Edwardsville St. Louis Comm. Coll @ Forest Park
Danny Underwood	University of Missouri-Columbia Northwest Missouri State University Concordia University-Nebraska Loyola University-Chicago Truman State University
Troya Valdespino	University of Missouri-Columbia University of Missouri-Kansas City Concordia University-Nebraska
Caitlin Vasser	George Mason University University of Iowa University of Missouri-Kansas City University of Oklahoma Xavier University-New Orleans
Jordyn Wartts Nathan Wesche	Jackson State University Truman State University St. Louis College of Pharmacy Drake University
Krista Wilson	Hampton University University of Missouri-Kansas City Concordia University-Nebraska

When you are accepted to a College or University, please be sure to let the Counseling Center know. We will add your name to the list!!!

<b>COLLEGE FAIRS/OPEN HOUSES</b>
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**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY** has set dates for their 09-10 Showcase Events. These events are designed to provide an introduction to the University for high school students who are beginning their college search. Please register online to attend the remaining date at <http://admissions.truman.edu/visit/>.

- Saturday, April 24

**RANKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE** has set dates for their 09/10 Open Houses. If you are interested in any of the dates listed below, please contact Rankens' Admission Office at 314-286-4809, or online at [www.Ranken.edu](http://www.Ranken.edu).

Sunday, Mar 7 - Spring Open House  
Thursday, Mar. 18 - Shadow-A-Tech Day  
Thursday, Apr. 8 - Shadow-A-Tech Day

Wednesday, Apr. 21 - Automotive  
Shadow-A-Tech Day

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-AUSTIN** has set their campus visit days for 2009-2010. To register for any of the following dates, please go online at [condordia.edu/visit](http://condordia.edu/visit):

- March 15
- March 25-26
- April 24

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY** is hosting UMKC Visit Days on the following Dates:

- Saturday, March 13, 2010
- Friday, April 9, 2010

Please be sure and RSVP at [www.umkc.edu/welcome](http://www.umkc.edu/welcome)

**UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE** Have set dates for their 09-10 open houses. To register to attend any of the following dates, please visit their website at: [www.evansville.edu/visit](http://www.evansville.edu/visit). The dates are:

- March 20, 2010
- April 10, 2010

**COVENANT COLLEGE** is hosting a Preview Weekend this school year. The date is: April 15-17, 2010. To register to attend please visit their website at [www.covenant.edu](http://www.covenant.edu), or call toll-free 1-800-451-2683.

**Engineer Your Career @ the University of Kansas** Engineer Your Career is a half-day program on May 7, 2010 that lets junior high and high school girls learn about the fun of engineering and computer science. Participants meet KU students and learn about engineering disciplines. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Contact Florence Boldridge, director of Diversity & Women's Programs for the School of Engineering [fboldridge@ku.edu](mailto:fboldridge@ku.edu), or 785-864-3620.

**SWE Weekend of Engineering** The KU Society of Women Engineers Weekend of Engineering is an opportunity for high school women to experience the University of Kansas campus and learn about career opportunities. The weekend program is packed with activities and information sessions as well as fun college events including Big 12 sports. The SWE Weekend of Engineering is geared toward juniors and seniors and will be held March 6-7. Cost is \$95. For more information, contact the Office of Diversity & Women's Programs, at [women-engineers@ku.edu](mailto:women-engineers@ku.edu), or 785-864-2989.

**Exponent @ the University of Kansas** an exclusive two-day look at engineering and computer science and the career potential they offer for high school juniors and seniors March 5-6, 2010. This interactive camp brings students on the KU campus for fun activities and a chance to meet KU Engineering faculty and students. Cost is to be determined and includes housing and meals. Contact Florence Boldridge, director of Diversity & Women's Programs for the School of Engineering, [fboldridge@ku.edu](mailto:fboldridge@ku.edu), or 785-864-3620.

**Chamberlain College of Nursing** has set dates for upcoming campus events. For updates on events, visit [chamberlain.edu/events](http://chamberlain.edu/events). The dates are:

- March 24-Experience Nursing Day 9:00-12:00 PM
- April 17-Open House 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- May 11-Open House 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

**Maryville University** has posted their 2009-2010 Campus Visit Programs. The programs are:

- **Saint for a Day** - Admitted students are invited to experience a day in the life of a Saint. Bring your sleeping bag and a pillow and spend Sunday evening on campus. Wake up Monday morning and shadow your Maryville host. The dates are:
  - March 14-15
  - March 28-29
  - April 11-12
- **Big Red Day** - It's never too early to see what it takes to become a SAINT. This program is designed for high school sophomores and juniors.
  - Saturday, April 17

Register for a visit program at [maryville.edu/visit](http://maryville.edu/visit) or call 800-MARYVIL

**Missouri University of Science and Technology** has set dates for their 2009-2010 Miner Days & Open Houses. The upcoming dates are:

- **Miner Days**
  - Friday, Mar. 5
  - Monday, Mar 15
  - Monday, Mar. 22
  - Monday, Apr. 5
  - Monday, Apr. 19
  - Friday, July 2
  - Friday, July 23
- **Open House**
  - Friday, Apr. 9

To register for any of the above dates, please contact MO S&T at 1-800-522-0938, or [visit.mst.edu](http://visit.mst.edu).

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-SCHOOL OF MUSIC** is hosting Mizzou Music Days on the following date: Saturday, March 6. During your visit you will learn more about what the school of music has to offer and you will also be able to audition. For more information, please visit their website at [music.missouri.edu](http://music.missouri.edu).

**WARTBURG COLLEGE** is hosting a Multicultural Visit Day on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to tour campus, talk to Admissions and Financial Aid personnel, speak with a Wartburg community panel, and attend breakout session. For more information, or to sign up for the visit, please contact Angela Weekley at 319-352-8476.

***Amtrak® Campus Visit Discount at [www.campusvisit.com/amtrak](http://www.campusvisit.com/amtrak)***

You and your parents can “buy one, get one free” when you wish to go look at a college you are interested in attending. Go online and get more information about booking a trip.

## COLLEGE VISITS TO LHSN

College	Date/Time
University of Central Missouri	March 3, 2010 8:45 a.m.
Chamberlain College of Nursing	March 4, 2010 10:15 a.m.
University of Missouri St. Louis	March 4, 2010 Noon
Truman State University <i>(Accepted Seniors Only)</i>	March 11, 2010 8:45 a.m.
Missouri State University	March 24, 2010 10:15 a.m.
Maryville University	March 30, 2010 8:45 a.m.
Truman State University	April 12, 2010 11:15 a.m.

## SENIOR TIMELINE - WHAT YOU NEED TO BE DOING IN MARCH

- File the applying Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1.
- Check with your prospective colleges about additional financial aid application forms and requirements.
- Tip: The earlier you start saving as much money as you can - from a part-time job, cutting back expenses or other sources - the more it adds up.
- Send mid-year reports to colleges, if necessary.
- Verify that colleges have received your applications.
- Send thank-you notes to your recommendation sources.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**WEBSITES TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** - [www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.org](http://www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.org), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), and [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com). If you stop by the counseling center, we have a flier available for the FastWeb website if you would like to pick one up.

**The American Legion** has made their [Need a Lift? College Financial Aid Handbook](#) available online. Please visit their website at: [www.legion.org/needalift](http://www.legion.org/needalift).

Scholarship information may be found on the Naviance website and in the scholarship notebooks in the Counseling Center. Naviance may be accessed from the LHSN website home page. You will find Naviance listed in the lower right hand corner of the page, if you click on this link you will go directly to your Naviance sign-in page.

Normally, all the scholarships listed on Naviance may also be found in the scholarship notebooks. Please be sure to look through these books, and/or the website from time to time to see if there are any scholarship opportunities for you. We may update scholarships on a daily basis.

The scholarships listed on Naviance and in our notebooks are not a complete listing of all scholarships that may be found. These scholarships are ones that we have been mailed, or been made aware of. Please be sure to do additional searches on your own, as you may find scholarships that may apply to you that we are not aware of.

### *SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES*

We are updating all academic enrichment programs along with summer programs on Naviance. You may find the programs on Family Connection in the “About College” section, click on Enrichment Programs. There you will find information about programs we are aware of. This list will become more populated as we become aware of programs. Please check back from time to time for additions to this page.

John Burroughs hosted a Summer Opportunities Fair this winter and posted some of the camp information on the Summer Opportunities Fair web site. For more information on the camps that were present, please visit the Summer Opportunities web site at <http://www.summeropportunitiesfair.org>.