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CLASS OF 2010

FROM MR. SNYDER

THE COLLEGE ESSAY

Although many public universities do not require an essay as part of the application, most private schools (e.g.: Washington University, Valparaiso University, Westminster College, etc.) do. In Missouri, Truman State University is currently the only public school to ask the applicant for a writing sample.

While writing the personal essay can be a time consuming and stressful experience, you should be aware that the essay can breathe life into your application unlike anything else submitted to support your candidacy. The essay should give the admissions committee a more complete picture of you beyond grades and ACT scores. If you are unsure how to get started, please talk to one of the counselors and/or your English teacher. **Allow plenty of time to write and rewrite.** After completing your rough draft, you may want to again seek a counselor or teacher's advice.

Read the application directions carefully. Some colleges may ask for a writing sample that you have already prepared for an English or history class and one that has been graded by a Lutheran North teacher. Other times the application will offer several choices to choose from in writing an original essay (the Northwestern University application is famous for its choice of unique and quirky essay topics), or occasionally it will suggest that you develop your own essay topic.

As Mrs. Bureson, and I talk to college admissions officers throughout the year, we hear the same lament over and over: "student essays are not focused enough." In other words, as you begin to develop your essay, concentrate on a *specific* event or experience. For example, if you choose to write about a travel experience, narrow the scope to a single event, possibly even a few minutes out of an entire trip. Rather than presenting a travelogue about your trip to Europe, paint a very specific picture about your first ride on the Paris metro: the sights, sounds, smells, and people that you experienced. Bring that one small experience alive to your reader.

If you have some all encompassing passion—attending games in every National League Baseball stadium—or building homes every summer with Habitat for Humanity—or learning sign language to better communicate with a deaf grandparent, use that as a vehicle for letting the admissions committee know who you are. Once again, though, keep your essay specific and focused.

College admissions officers read literally thousands of essays each year. Think about what will make yours stand out in such a crowd and cause the reader to pause and think about what you have written. Remember, a strong essay can confirm an admissions decision if other standards are met and can sway an admissions decision in close cases.

COLLEGE VISITS TO LHSN

Remember, if you are interested in meeting with a particular school, you will need to come to the Counseling Center to sign up. You must sign up by 3:00 PM the day before the visit. You will not be able to sign up the morning of the visit, so plan ahead. Passes will be delivered to you. You must go to class first and give the pass to your teacher. These passes do not automatically excuse you from class; leaving class is at the discretion of your teacher and all work assigned during your absence must be made up.

College	Date	Time
Missouri State University	October 6	10:30 AM
Harris Stowe-State University	October 7	8:45 AM
Truman State University	October 7	10:45 AM
University of Central Missouri	October 8	Noon
Westminster College	October 13	10:30 AM
Morehouse College	October 13	1:15 PM
St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley	October 16	8:45 AM
McKendree University	October 20	8:45 AM
St. Louis College of Pharmacy	October 20	10:30 AM
Ball State University	October 20	11:15 AM
Webster University	October 21	10:30 AM
Carleton College	October 21	1:45 PM
William Jewell College	October 22	8:45 AM
Concordia University-Chicago	October 22	10:15 AM
Columbia College	October 28	8:45 AM
Saint Louis University	October 30	10:15 AM
Murray State University	October 30	11:30 AM
University of Missouri-Kansas City	November 3	8:45 AM
John Brown University	November 5	8:45 AM
Concordia University-Mequon	November 6	8:45 AM
Grove City College	November 6	8:45 AM
Concordia University-Seward	November 6	10:15 AM



DID YOU KNOW?

You may now find a link to Naviance on the home page of the LHSN web site. Just go to www.lhsn.org, and in the lower right hand corner of the page you will see Naviance listed. Click there and it will take you directly to the Family Connection “sign in” page

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!!

Breyan Brown
Candice Brown

Christina Burton
Jalessa Cain
Cassandra Davis
Thomas Diedrich
Samuel Gahr
Elizabeth Hanson
Brendan Mark
Sharie Moen
Sarah Moreland
Steven Musselwhite
Ryan O’Hare
Hannah Pauluhn
Jonathan Plump
Gabrielle Simmons
Jordan Tingle
Krista Wilson

Claflin University
Alcorn State University
South Carolina State University
Bennett College
Northwest Missouri State Univ
Concordia University-Seward
Claflin University
University of Missouri-Columbia
Concordia University-Mequon
Concordia University-Seward
Concordia University-Mequon
Concordia University-Seward
Southern IL Univ-Edwardsville
Concordia University-Mequon
Concordia University-Seward
Concordia University-Seward
MO Univ of Science & Technology
Northwest Missouri State University
Murray State University
Hampton University
Univ of Missouri-Kansas City

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!!!

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT & SUMMER PROGRAMS

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.

COLLEGE FAIRS/OPEN HOUSES

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY will be in St. Louis at the Marriott St. Louis Airport on October 3rd at 10:00 AM. You will need to register to attend at admissions.nyu.edu/visit.

NACAC PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS FAIR Unfortunately this fair is not held in St. Louis. The closest fair is on Saturday, October 10th from 1:00-3:00 PM at Roosevelt University, Chicago College of Performing Arts, Auditorium Building 430 S. Michigan Ave. For a listing of the schools that will be in attendance, please visit the website at www.nacacnet.org.

NACAC COLLEGE FAIR will be held Sunday, October 18th from 12:00-3:00 PM at Saint Louis University Simon Recreation Center 3639 Laclede Ave. For more information, please visit their website at www.nacacnet.org.

Meramec CC Area College Night Date: Monday, October 19, 2009 Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Place: Meramec Community College

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY is Sunday, October 18th, from 1:00-5:00 PM at the Washington University, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts. If you wish to pursue an education and career in the visual and related arts, this event is for you. You'll meet with representatives from institutions offering professional programs accredited by the national association of schools of art and design. For more information, or a listing of what you will need to bring with you, please visit their web site at www.portfolioday.net

TULANE UNIVERSITY will have a representative in St. Louis at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac on October 20th at 7:00 PM. You will need to RSVP to attend at 1-800-873-WAVE.

The Muny is hosting a Performing Arts College Fair in the Orthwein Building at The Muny on Sunday, November 1st from 1-4:00 PM. This event is open to all high school students. There is no charge for this event, but participants must register by October 15th to attend. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail the program organizer, Nancy Sherwin at nsherwin@muny.org. Please provide your name, address, and telephone number.

WESTMINSTER ACADEMY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR will be held on their campus November 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM. They are planning on over 50 Christian colleges to be in attendance that evening. For a listing of the colleges, please visit their website at www.wcastl.org/upper/college/collegefair.php.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY will have a representative at the Marriott St. Louis Airport on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 AM. You will need to RSVP to attend at admissions.nyu.edu/visit.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA is hosting an information session on Sunday, October 4th at 7:00 PM at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel and Suites. No registration is required.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY is hosting an information session at Whitaker Hall, room 100 on Thursday, October 8th from 7:00-8:00 PM. No reservations are needed to attend.

TULANE UNIVERSITY will have a representative in St. Louis at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac on October 20th at 7:00 PM. You will need to RSVP to attend at 1-800-873-WAVE.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY will be in St. Louis at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet from 7:00-9:00 PM on November 19th. This session is for prospective students and their families.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY has set dates for their 2009-2010 Show Me Days. The dates are: October 3, November 14, February 13, and March 27. Show Me Day begins at 10 AM at the Show Me Center. The day will include a campus tour, complimentary lunch, and an academic fair. To attend any of these dates, please register at www.semo.edu, click on "Visit". You may also register by telephone at 573.651.2590.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY is hosting their Multicultural Showcase on Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 AM. This program will highlight academic programs, scholarship opportunities and social outlets for multicultural students on campus. Register for this event online at www.semo.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND is hosting **Spider Saturdays** on October 17, and November 14. On selected Saturdays, the Office of Admission offers a more in-depth introduction than what is typically offered in their information sessions and tours. In addition to the information session and tour, there will be opportunities to hear about academics, student life, and experiential learning from faculty, staff, and current students.

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND is hosting a **Multicultural Overnight Visitation Experience** on Sunday, November 8. Multicultural students who are high school juniors and seniors are invited to this special overnight program. This includes participation in the fall open house the next day.

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND is hosting an **Open House** on Monday, November 9. This program provides prospective students a first-hand look at Richmond's top-notch academics, exciting real-world opportunities, and active student and residential life. The day includes panel discussions with students and faculty, admission and financial aid sessions, walking tours, and lunch on campus.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY is hosting their Multicultural Pride Day on Friday, October 23. If you are interested in attending, please register at consider.k-state.edu/specialevents.

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 any of the following dates at <http://admissions.truman.edu/visit/>.

- Saturday, September 26
- Saturday, November 7
- Saturday, January 23
- Saturday, February 20
- 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.

- Saturday, Oct. 17 - Fall Open House
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 - Shadow-A-Tech Day
- Thursday, Nov. 19 - Shadow-A-Tech Day
- Thursday, Dec. 3 - Automotive Shadow-A-Tech Day
- 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

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY is hosting a diversity showcase on Saturday, November 7th. You will be able to meet the faculty and students, tour the campus, and check out the residence halls while exploring career and degree options. You may register online to attend at <http://sdp.mst.edu>, or by telephone at 1-800-522-0938.

Illinois Wesleyan University is hosting a Multicultural Weekend on November 12-14, 2009. This event is designed especially for students who want to explore the diverse community at Illinois Wesleyan. MCW is a wonderful opportunity for students with sincere interest in Illinois Wesleyan University to learn more about IWU and experience campus as a real student. To register, please contact Khair Sadrud-Din at ksadrud@iwu.edu or call 1-800-332-2498.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY has set dates for their fall Preview Days. To register for any of the following days, please visit their web site at visit.slu.edu.

- Saturday, Oct. 3
- Monday, Oct. 12
- Sunday, Nov. 1
- Saturday, Nov. 17

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:

- October 8-9
- November 14
- December 4
- January 16
- February 11-12
- March 15
- March 25-26
- April 24

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

- Friday, Nov. 6, 2009
- Monday, Feb. 15, 2010
- Saturday, March 13, 2010
- Friday, April 9, 2010

Please be sure and RSVP at www.umkc.edu/welcome

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY is hosting an open house for high school seniors on Monday, October 19th, or Friday, October 23rd. The program will start at 8:15 AM. To attend, please register online by October 9th at www.lehigh.edu/sropenhouse.

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. The dates are:

- October 17, 2009
- November 14, 2009
- January 18, 2010
- March 20, 2010
- April 10, 2010

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-CHICAGO is hosting Visit Days for Fall 2009. The dates are Monday, October 12th, and Saturday, November 21st.

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, or call toll-free 1-800-451-2683.

ROANOKE COLLEGE Fall Visit day is Saturday, October 24. Personal visits are Monday-Friday throughout the year and on Saturdays from September-April. To register please visit their website at www.roanoke.edu/visit, or call 540-375-2270.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

WEBSITES TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION - www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.org, www.fastweb.com, and www.schoolsoup.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.

BRIGHT FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES

The Bright Flight scholarship is changing for high school seniors graduating in the class of 2010. Beginning in the fall of 2010, students whose ACT or SAT composite scores are in the top 3 percent of all Missouri students taking those tests will be eligible to receive an annual award of up to \$3,000, while students who score in the top 4-5 percent on those tests will be eligible to receive an annual award of up to \$1,000. (Award amounts are conditional on sufficient state appropriations.) The ACT scores to strive for are a 31 (top 3 percent) or a 30 (top 4-5 percent). The qualifying SAT scores for 2010 graduates are not yet available. Seniors must achieve a qualifying score by the June 2010 test date.

ACT PREPARATION AND STRATEGY CLASS

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY is offering ACT Prep classes on Saturdays throughout the 2009-2010 school year from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Workshops will include: explanation of the ACT, diagnostic and intensive reviews of english, mathematics, reading and science portions, overview of the writing portion of the ACT, and lunch. The cost to attend is \$20 per class. You must register online to at explore.webster.edu/actworkshop to attend. The class dates are:

- October 3 (Seniors only)
- November 21 (Seniors only)
- January 16
- February 27
- April 24

HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY is hosting an ACT Preparation Session on Saturday, October 10th from 8:00-2:30 PM. The cost of the session is \$30 (non-refundable) and spaces are limited. Contact the Office of Admissions at 314-340-3300 to make your reservations.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTS: ACT & SAT

ACT: www.act.org

December 12, 2009 - Register by Nov 6
February 6, 2010 - Register by Jan 5, 2010
April 10, 2010 - Register by March 5
June 12, 2010 - Register by May 7
ACT High school code - 262-985

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

November 7, 2009 - Register by October 1
December 5, 2009 - Register by October 30
January 23, 2010 - Register by December 15
March 13, 2010 - Register by February 4
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.

SENIOR TIMELINE – WHAT YOU NEED TO BE DOING!

- Next **ACT** is December 12. Register by Nov., 6. **SAT** Nov. 7. Register by Oct, 1.
- Begin drafting college application essays.
- Check housing availability at the colleges to which you're applying. Residence hall space may be limited.
- Visit your top school choices.
- Please inform the Counseling Center about any acceptances and we will be glad to share your news with the rest of the community!!

LHSN COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCEDURES

LHSN's procedure for sending in college applications is that everything, including the application, fee, transcript and recommendations, is sent in together in order to maintain accountability and accuracy. This eliminates the problem of documents arriving at admissions offices in a piecemeal fashion. The Counseling Center needs **five working days** to process your application, so please plan ahead. Do not anticipate that your information will get out within a day or two. **A penalty of \$5.00 will be added for applications dropped by less than five working days prior to the deadline.** The Counseling Center does not guarantee that applications turned in with fewer than five working days will be processed in time to meet postmark, or received by deadlines. *A lack of preparation on your part does not constitute an emergency on our part!* Hand in the entire application together, and please hand it directly to a person, Mrs. Burreson, Mr. Snyder or Mrs. McFarland. Do not give your applications to anyone else, i.e. office aides. Be certain that you complete **your portion** of all of your forms. We will make one copy of your application packet to keep in your file folder located in the open files at the back of the Counseling Center.