



Senior Letter #1
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THE CLASS OF 2010

WELCOME TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR!

Dear 2010 THS Senior and Parent/Guardian,

Though the year is young, seniors already need to be preparing for life after graduation by registering for and taking SAT and/or ACT; details for doing so are in the information below. In addition, students who are not THEA exempt (2200 or higher on exit TAKS math & E/LA + a 3 or higher on the essay = exemption) must register for that as well (www.thea.nesinc.com). Equally as important is college application preparation; see website info below. TAMU & UT hopefuls MUST have applications in by Dec 15th; those headed elsewhere would be wise to submit by then as well. Please remember: applying to college is not difficult, but the process is time consuming and needs to be very thoughtfully completed with much attention paid to essays. Don't wait another day to begin!

Let me know how I can help you.

Mrs. Jordan

APPLY TEXAS: Links to all colleges as well as some two year colleges and private colleges. Visit online at www.applytexas.org for admissions and scholarship applications.

Seniors looking for financial help in going to college. Access **Federal Student Aid's** free scholarship search at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/scholarship

If you are of Hispanic descent, a 2010 graduation high school senior, and have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA go to the **HISPANIC Scholarship Fund** at www.hsf.net

FAST WEB: For scholarship search, college search, internships, part-time jobs, SAT & ACT registration dates, deadlines, and test dates visit website: www.fastweb.com



DEADLINE DATES TO REMEMBER:

OCTOBER 30TH: **THE HORATIO ALGER TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** will award 28-\$5,000 in college scholarships and grants. Must demonstrate integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, and financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family). Submit online application at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships

OCTOBER 30ST: **SAT TESTING**. On line registration at www.collegeboard.com

(THScode#442197)-Test will be given on December 5, 2009.



OCTOBER 31ST : COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP. All applicants must apply on line at www.coca-colascholars.org . Must exhibit leadership, commitment to community, and academic achievement.

OCTOBER 31ST : Texas A&M University at Commerce will be hosting the Main Event Preview Day. This will give interested students opportunity in checking out the school and academics that may be available by attending. Further information may be directed to Clark Mitchell (Admissions Counselor) 903-886-5112.

NOVEMBER 1ST : Texas Christian University Youth Entrepreneur Program offers scholarships to recognize high school entrepreneurs for their success in business. 1-\$5,000 and 5-\$1,000 will be awarded. If student attends TCU these scholarships will double. Learn more about the program at www.tcuveya.org

NOVEMBER 6TH : ACT TESTING. On line registration at www.actstudent.org (THS code #442197)-Test will be given on December 12, 2009.

DECEMBER 3RD : BAY CITY HIGH SCHOOL will host a college/career night at the Bay City school cafeteria from 6:00P.M. to 8:00P.M. Take advantage of this great opportunity to meet representatives from various colleges.

DECEMBER 15TH : The AXA Achievement Scholarship. \$10,000 scholarships to 52 students (one in each state, including Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico) and \$15,000 additional scholarships to 10 national recipients chosen from the pool of 52 state winners. Go to www.axa-achievement.com for more information.

JANUARY 31ST : If you are attending a university in **Austin, College Station, or Denton Texas** the TEXAS STUDENT HOUSING extends to 2010 high school graduates housing scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 a year OFF-CAMPUS housing renewable for up to four years. For more information go to www.texasstudenthousing.net

JANUARY 31ST : The **Sons of the Republic of Texas** is now offering the chance for upcoming graduating seniors to submit an essay titled "The Battle of Coleto and the Goliad Massacre". Scholarship awards are 1st place \$3,000, 2nd place \$2,000 and 3rd place \$1,000. See Mrs. Joines for scholarship guidelines.

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