

Incline High School Counselors' Newsletter

COUNSELOR TO PARENT NEWSLETTER

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2011 INCLINE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year our generous community awards a number of scholarships to our seniors through our **I.H.S. Scholarship Program**. This year the application deadline has come and gone. Currently, the I.H.S. Scholarship Committee and various sponsor committees are reviewing applications in consideration of the scholarship monies available. This evaluating process is a difficult and complicated one. All information is sorted and assessed. Each scholarship is unique. The criteria can focus on one or a combination of the following: academic achievement, athletic, artistic, and vocational endeavors, community service, leadership, citizenship, extra-curricular activities, work experience. Financial need is often, but not always, an important consideration. Awards and scholarship selections are revealed during the **Senior Awards and Scholarship Night** to be held **Wednesday, June 15**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** in the big gym.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS: If your senior is receiving a scholarship from a college or university or organization outside the I.H.S. Scholarship Program and you want the award honored during the awards ceremony, please make sure you notify Faith Nicole by emailing her at fnicole@washoe.k12.nv.us by **Monday, May 16, 2011**.

ARENA SCHEDULING...NOT

We will NOT be conducting an **ARENA-style** registration this year and look forward to sharing how registration will be handled this year as soon as we find out. The information will be shared in bulletins to parents and students.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Students will be challenged when they take the **Advanced Placement Exams May 2 through May 13**. Students who score 3 or better (on a scale of 1-5) are usually awarded credit or waivers when they get to college. Some students may even be eligible for sophomore standing immediately upon entering college. Students who score well on three or more exams in their high school career may also be eligible for recognition as AP Scholars. Each AP Exam consists of multiple choice and "free response" (essay or problem solving) questions and most exams take about three hours to complete. A team of high school and college readers from around the nation score exams during the last two weeks of June. Results are usually released in late July. Students can have their scores reported

directly to the schools they plan to apply to. For more information, contact Vice Principal Barbara Hedden.

AP TEST PREP

Kaplan and Apex Learning have combined their resources to develop comprehensive AP test prep courses. These courses combine AP test prep materials with the convenience and flexibility of the Internet. Preparation is available when and where you want it—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each course takes the student step-by-step through every section of the test, providing the skills and strategies needed to score higher. To learn more about these AP test prep courses or to enroll, visit www.kaptest.com or call 1-800-KAP-TEST.

How Will The IB Program Work?

The IB Program is a two-year program for high school students in their junior and senior years. Incline will offer two choices for IB students. The first is to commit to a four-year plan which, if completed successfully, would result in the awarding of the IB diploma. The second manner is through IB certificates. This would not require a four-year commitment, but would allow students to take part in the IB classes of their choice. Potential IB diploma students should begin preparing in middle school by taking Algebra 1 and a foreign language. Students apply to enter the Pre-IB Program in the spring of their eighth grade year. Students then take Pre-IB courses throughout their freshman and sophomore years.

Diploma Candidates

To participate as a diploma candidate the IB student must fulfill the following requirements:

- Participate in six IB subjects: Sciences, Math, English, History, Foreign Languages, the Arts. Three must be at higher level (240 hours) and three at the standard level (150 hours).
- Take IB examinations in each of the six subject areas (each student is responsible for paying an entry fee and the cost of all six exams).
- Write an original essay (called the Extended Essay) of approximately 4000 words.
- Take the Theory of Knowledge class.
- Participate in 150 hours of C.A.S. (Creativity, Action, Service).

For more information about the Diploma Program, contact Patty Haddad phaddad@washoe.k12.nv.us.

UNR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements for students applying for **Fall 2011**. Students must have 3 years of math (Algebra I and above) and 3 years of natural science, along with 4 years of English and 3 years of social sciences to be considered for admission. UNR will calculate an academic GPA based on these 13 courses, which must be a 3.00 weighted GPA or higher. A test waiver is in place for students who have all 13 required courses but do not meet the academic GPA requirement. Students who have the required coursework and score at least a 1040 on their SAT or a 22 on their ACT can waive the GPA requirement for admission. Students who do not meet these requirements will only be

considered under special admission policies. Please contact the Office for Prospective Students at 775.784.4700 option 1 for more details.

MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Established in 1999, the Millennium Scholarship provides financial assistance for Nevada high school students to attend an eligible institution of higher education. To qualify, students must:

- Graduate with a diploma from a Nevada public or private high school;
- Earn a GPA, weighted or unweighted of **3.25**
- Pass all of the Nevada Proficiency exams.
- Be a Nevada resident for at least two years of high school (note: student does not have to be a US citizen to be eligible).

Students must graduate with the core curriculum as defined in the NSHE Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Policies and Procedures of the Board of Regents in section 13.

Please refer to <http://nevadatreasurer.gov>

(Translation: have four years of math (including Algebra 3-4) and three years of natural science, in addition to four years of English and three years of social studies.)

There is no application form to be completed or submitted. The names of students who qualify at the end of their high school experience are submitted by the school district to the State Treasurer's Office.

To receive the Millennium Scholarship, the student must enroll in a Nevada community college or university (including Sierra Nevada College). The admission requirements for UNR and UNLV are different from the Millennium Scholarship requirements. Students need to contact the institution of their choice to learn about admissions procedures and requirements.

The amount of money received per semester is dependent on the number of credits in which the student is enrolled and the college or university attended. The maximum lifetime total award is **\$10,000** and must be used during the **six academic years** immediately following high school graduation. For more information, contact the Millennium Scholarship Office in the Office of the State Treasurer at 702-486-3383 or millennium@NevadaTreasurer.gov.

FAFSA ON THE WEB REMINDER

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**, otherwise known as **FAFSA**, is available on the Internet. The address is: www.fafsa.ed.gov/ By filing the FAFSA, students put themselves into the applicant pool for all financial aid programs. They need to file as soon as possible **after January 1, 2011**.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Students register for Supplemental Credit offerings on-line at www.washoe.k12.nv.us/suppcredit. Students still need to consult with their counselor first, but with a credit or debt card, they may register

for **summer school**, Credit-by-Exams (CBE), correspondence, PE Option, Supervised Curriculum PE (SCPE), Travel Study, WOLF Part-Time, and Work Experience.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT INCLINE

To find out about WCSD Summer School and for the most current course offerings, go to the Supplemental Credit Website at www.washoe.k12.nv.us/suppcredit. Please note that Summer School sites and courses are subject to change. The fee for high school courses is \$100 for each .5 credit. Summer school is conducted Monday through Friday. **Session I** will be held (TBA), from 7:30 a.m. to 11:47 a.m. **Session II** will be held (TBA), from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Enrollment dates: (TBA) For the most current information, visit www.washoe.k12.nv.us/suppcredit).

COLLEGE PLANNING

MyMajors.com conducts a 10-minute interview with students seeking assistance with their selection of a college or university major. After accumulating and analyzing the information submitted about the student's course achievements, course enjoyment, standardized test scores, and personal preferences, MyMajors recommends six majors from the 70 most commonly offered 4-year college and majors. Students can find information about this major such as what courses are required and what jobs may be available. Students will also find links to professional and interesting sites related to the major of their choice. There is no charge for this advice.

Embark.com makes applying to college easy by allowing students to apply to hundreds of colleges through one site. Students can research schools and find the perfect one, get inside advice from admissions professionals. Open up your free Embark.com account today.

(A more extensive listing of helpful websites is available on Edline.net by visiting the Counseling Center online.)

WUE, WUE, WUE

The **Western Undergraduate Exchange** (WUE) is a program through which students in participating states may enroll in designated two-year and four-year institutions and programs in other participating states at a special, reduced tuition level. Tuition for WUE students is the regular in-state tuition plus 50 percent of that amount. In all programs, the cost to WUE students is substantially less than nonresident tuition. Students do not need to demonstrate financial need to receive the WUE tuition benefit.

WUE participating states are Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Students apply to the institution of their choice. Students must mark prominently on the application for admission that they seek admission as a WUE student. For more info, visit www.wiche.edu



Make the Most of Your Summer

1. Look for **summer employment** that interests you and will help with your college applications. Contact related professionals or organizations in your community and ask about opportunities. If a paying job is not available, think about volunteering as an intern. The internship may lead to a paid position.
2. Get high school credit for summer travel by signing up for **Travel Study** through W.C.S.D. Supplemental Credit. Cost is \$15 per one-quarter (1/4) credit, for 120 hours of active participation in the education portion of the actual Travel Study. For more information or to enroll, visit **www.washoe.k12.nv.us/suppcredit**.
3. Use your summer vacation racking up community service hours by doing something you love to do. There are plenty of opportunities available to students. Call the Parasol Foundation at 298-0100, Tahoe Family Solutions at 298-0004. Possible resources: the Career Center, Idealist (www.idealist.org), Impact Online (www.impactonline.org), SERVENet (www.servenet.org). Be sure to have your hours listed and signed by your volunteer supervisor, then turn in the information to Mrs. McLochlin in the Career Center. Or, earn one-quarter (1/4) credit for each one hundred twenty (120) hours of Community Service. For more info, visit www.washoe.k12.nv.us/suppcredit
4. Begin your college search by researching and visiting college campuses. Begin the process by writing out an application essay. Check out summer programs that may give you a jump on college credits.
5. Start reviewing for SAT and ACT exams. Students can get a jump on college entrance exams with online prep courses, CD-ROM software, and study manuals.
6. Repair or gain credits by attending summer school, or work 212 hours and gain work experience credit (S/U grade) through the WCSD Supplemental Credit Office.

