

TWO MINUTES # 5
January/February 2024

12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**

FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID is now a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School.

FAFSA Completion Workshop- February 8, 2024 - 6:00-7:00 pm in the High School Library.

Eric Valdez, Financial Assistance Advisor at SVCC, will help students and parents with filling out their FAFSA. **1 parent and the student should have completed a FSA ID prior to this workshop** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. This will allow for the FAFSA to be submitted that night. Please bring the following; **Social Security Number, Records of income for 2022 (see below)**, such as income earned from work and business, child support paid or received and any other untaxed income. If you have them, refer to the W-2 Forms or Federal Income Tax Return IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, **Information about assets**, such as savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs; and investment real estate, business and farm, **Driver's license number**, if you have one, **Dates of birth**, include the month, day and year. **Month and year of marriage, separation, divorce or other change in marital status, Alien Registration Number**, if your student is not a U.S. citizen.

- 11-12 **SVCC Dual Credit students** are able to apply for scholarships to help pay for their credits. Students should check the svcc.edu web site on the **first of each month** to apply for scholarship help. They are also encouraged to apply for scholarships for 2nd semester classes. Those applications become available in October. Juniors when asked for a filed FAFSA, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.
- 9-11 **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** is starting up **soon**. Students need to start planning for next year's courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed 1st and/or 2nd semester will have to be taken again next year. Talk to your teachers about class options and **pre-requisites**.
1. **Dual Enrollment Sessions** – with Sophomores and Juniors. (WACC Application) Feb 12-15
 2. **General Class Options sessions** – with Freshmen – Feb. 20 & 21
 3. **WACC Application** – Due February 29
 4. **CEO Applications** – Due March 3
 5. **Teacher Recommendations** – for all students 8th grade – 11th grade – Feb. 26-March 1.
 6. **2024-2025 Registration** – by class 8th grade – 11th grade – March 7-15.
Late March-Early April – Student requests tabulated and Master Schedule parameters set for scheduling.
- For more information, check out the **2024-2025 Course Handbook** located in the Fulton High School Section of the district website in FHS Counselor's Corner – High School Planning.
- 10-11 **WACC APPLICATIONS – DUE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29** students who want to be considered for enrollment at Whiteside Area Career Center **MUST** have their application completed along with a one or two paragraph statement stating their reasons for wishing to take courses at WACC, no later than **February 29**.
- 12 **EXPLORE SAUK** is an opportunity to visit the campus and talk to current students. On **February 19**, 10:00-11:30 you can learn more about their many programs of study, financial aid, campus tour, clubs & organizations, student support services and so much more. Want to talk to one of the instructors about a particular academic department? Just ask! Sign up now and learn about all of the possibilities they have to offer. RSVP to <https://www.svcc.edu/visit> or call 815-835-6266.
- 10-11 **2024-25 CEO APPLICATION - DUE MARCH 3**. The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) Class Advisory Board welcomes your application to participate in the 2024-2025 CEO Class. This course is supported by the business community in the Sauk Valley region in partnership with the member schools of the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC). The class meets at a variety of businesses in the region and is facilitated by LeAndra Hartman in collaboration with our business partners. As a member of the CEO Class, you will be challenged in new and exciting ways, and you will learn from some of the best and brightest business minds in the area. In addition, you will have the opportunity to develop a lasting and important network of contacts. The class meets for 1.5 hours each school day (7:50-9:20) and you can plan on spending time outside of the school day following through with the work and projects of the class. The application and more info can be found on the CEO website. **The application must be completed in full and submitted by MARCH 3 if you are interested in applying.** Here is a link to the website: <https://www.wacc-ceo.com/> **Start your application TODAY.**

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11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**

9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found on the school's web-site and are due within the next few weeks. Go to Fulton High School-FHS Counselor's Corner-Scholarships. You can also go to www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
World Class Scholarship	1-31	12
Future STEM Scholars	1-31	12
USDA 1890 National Scholars Program	1-31	12
USDA 1894 Tribal Scholars Program	1-31	12
Flavorful Futures	1-31	12
Warren A. Morrow	2-2	12
Make an Impact	2-5	12
Bi-County Special Education Scholarship	2-15	12
Bi-County Foundation Gen. Education Sch.	2-15	12
QC Community Foundation	2-15	12
VFW Continuing Education	2-15	12
IL School Counselor Association Student	2-16	12
1 st Gateway Credit Union	2-16	12
Sharar Foundation Red & Gold Scholarship	2-26	12
Sharar Foundation Scholarship Clinton CC	3-1	12
Marquis "What Fuels You?"	3-1	12
Metallica Scholars	3-1	12
Golden Apple Scholarship	12-1 to 4-1	12
Illinois Chemical Education Association	3-5	12

Many more due in March

Local River Bend scholarships coming soon. Check out past applications to get started.

9-12 **SCHOLARSHIPS** are being updated weekly. Check out our school website each week to see what scholarship applications deadlines are coming up. Scholarships are listed in 3 categories; River Bend-Area/Regional-National. Go to the following website: <https://www.riverbendschools.org/> Then Fulton High School – FHS Counselor's Corner – Scholarships – Scholarship Applications.

9-10 **2024 RURAL HEALTH CAREERS CAMP** is a three-day (June 24-26), overnight educational program for high school students interested in the healthcare field. Students will participate in hands-on learning activities and labs that represent different healthcare careers and stay at an overnight facility to experience living on a college campus. Some of the healthcare careers already scheduled are: medicine, nursing, social work, dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical lab sciences, and many more! For more information and for the application to apply, please visit this webpage: <https://ncrhp.uic.edu/programs/experiences/rural-health-careers-camp/>.

9-12 **XELLO – CAREER EXPLORATION** Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the **XELLO** button on "Counselor's Corner". Here you can explore your own personal career options. Using your own interests, personality type and learning style this program will help you explore careers that match your wants and needs. It will help you decide what type of training you will need whether it is "On the Job Training" or Post-High School education in a college of some sort. With this program, you get to be in the driver's seat.

11-12 **ARE YOU AN 18 YEARS OLD MALE?** If you are you must register with selective service. You can register as early as 17 years and 3 months old. You are required by law to register. By doing so you will be eligible for student loans and grants, job training and government jobs as well as avoiding a 5-year prison sentence and up to \$250,000 fine. Register at the post-office, drivers licensing facility, or on line at <https://www.sss.gov/>. **Another way a young man can register is to check a box on the application form for federal student financial aid (FAFSA). Check "Register Me" on Box #22 of that form, and the Department of Education will furnish Selective Service with the information to register you.**

9-12 **COUNSELOR'S CORNER** – If you have any questions or are looking for more information go to the following link; <https://www.riverbendschools.org/> - Fulton High School – FHS Counselor's Corner