

TWO MINUTES # 4
8 December 2023

9-12 **FHS STUDENTS NAMED ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS.** Illinois State Scholars represent the top ten percent of high school seniors from more than 700 high schools across the state. Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary SAT test scores and sixth-semester class rank. Congratulations to **Owen Brubaker, Khadija Elahmady, Paige Lower, and Xander Vogel.**

12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**

FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID is a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. FHS will be having a FAFSA completion workshop early in the 2nd semester to help parents with filling out the form. For more information, go to the Financial Aid/FAFSA tab under FHS Counselor’s Corner on the district website. **Students and parents can get started by creating a FSA ID by going to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>** This year’s FAFSA application will be available no later than **December 31.**

You will need 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.

***Applying is easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool! Students and parents who have filed their 2022 federal tax return will be using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax information into the FAFSA form.**

SENIORS NEED TO HAVE THESE 5 THINGS IN ONE EASY TO ACCESS LOCATION.

1. Social Security #, 2. FHS code 141980, 3. HS Transcript of grades (Parchment account), 4. SAT score report, and 5. Complete inoculation records. These will be used for applications, scholarships, enrollments, etc.

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. When asked for a filed FAFSA, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.

9-12 **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. Try **www.scholarships.com** to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
ISAC Gift Assistance	Various	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	2-29	11-12
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-1 Ends 4-1	12
Burger King Scholarship	12-15	12
Equitable Excellence Scholarship	12-18	12
IL Electric Coop Memorial Scholarship	12-31	12
USDA Scholars (Native Americans)	12-31	12
Future of STEM @ HBCU colleges	12-31	12
Children of Veterans	1-5	12
Asian & Pacific Islanders Scholars	1-9	12
Bezos Scholars Program	1-12	12
Profile in Courage	1-13	12
Verna Ross Orndorff	1-15	12
Timberline Billing Service	1-16	12
Rock Rover Professional Engineers	1-19	12
Quad City Regional Auto Show	1-21	12
Quad City Engineering & Science	1-23	12

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

11-12 **CAREER REPRESENTATIVES** The following is a listing of representatives that will have presenters here in the next few weeks.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
UW Platteville	Monday, December 11	2:30
WACC	Wednesday, December 13	2:15 All sophomores

9-12 **Struggling with School, Friends, Family or Life in general?** Set up an appointment with Mr. Baisden or Mrs. Facio in Student Services. - We are here to help.

9-12 **FIRST SEMESTER** comes to an end on **December 22**. Are you doing the best you can? These grades are **“Official”** and will stay on your permanent transcript.

9-12 **STUDENTS WANTING SCHEDULE CHANGES** need to see Mr. Baisden (11-12th grade) or Mrs. Facio (9-10th grade) by Wednesday, **December 20**. Classes are very full and making a change could be difficult. Look over the master schedule, which can be found on the HS website under counselor’s corner and then high school planning. If your change is plausible, and/or possible, stop in with a plan to see if a change can be done.

9-11 **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted in February. Students need to start planning for next year’s courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed this semester will have to be taken again next year. **Talk to your teachers about class options and pre-requisites.**

10-12 **SENIORS, JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES** Log in to your College Board account to view your complete SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and PSAT8/9 score reports. Many of you may have forgotten your username and/or your password. FHS does not have that information. It is your personal account with an outside entity. Just click on the “Forgot username or password? Then follow the directions. **If you do not have an account**, click on “Don’t have an account? Sign up”. If you are still having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service **866-756-7346** they are very helpful and easy to talk to.

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/>.

10 **HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** is available to all sophomores. Students are invited to apply to be selected as Fulton High School's HOBY Ambassador. There are 3 more spots for FHS students. If chosen you will need to pay **\$325** for the 4-day event held in June at Illinois Wesleyan University. During this seminar, you along with other 10th graders, have the opportunity to meet, interact with, and question regionally, nationally and internationally renowned leaders. Students who are interested should contact Mrs. Pepper or Mrs. Facio for more information.

9 **IMSA - FRESHMAN WHO HAVE EXCEPTIONAL TALENT IN MATH AND SCIENCE** are encouraged to consider the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. The IMSA provides a three-year residential experience designed to promote mathematics and science learning within a context of a comprehensive problem-centered and integrative program. Parents and students are encouraged to visit the IMSA web site at www.imsa.edu for applications and more information. Application and all required forms are due February 1.