

## College Week Daily Bulletin

**Friday, March 19:** Victoria College will be at the high school Monday at 6:00 pm to explain the dual credit program and tell about the college. Sophomores and juniors who are taking dual credit next year and seniors are asked to stay after the presentation to complete the FAFSA with the VC representatives. Those completing the FAFSA need to bring all 2009 tax return documents. Please remind your parents to come with you if you will be completing the FAFSA.

**Monday, March 22:** Start planning for college by taking the right courses in high school. The content and degree of difficulty of your courses throughout high school is the first thing admission officers look at when they read a folder. Follow the distinguished or recommended high school plans and take challenging courses so you're marketable and ready for college when the time comes.

Victoria College will have a booth set up across from the office today. With your teacher's permission, you may stop by 4<sup>th</sup> period, or you can visit with them at lunch.

**Tuesday, March 23:** Planning for college and a career doesn't happen overnight. It's a process filled with research and exploration. Write down some of the things you're good at and enjoy doing, match them with careers that use those skills as part of the job, and then find colleges that provide degrees for those careers. Talk to someone in that field and shadow a professional to see what the job really entails. Interview people who went to a college you are interested in attending. Plan early!

ALL seniors will need to report to Mrs. Olivarez's room tomorrow during 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

**Wednesday, March 24:** Schedule a trip to visit a college you may be interested in. Consider doing some of the following on your visit: go to the student center, tour the athletic facilities, computer lab, and library, attend a class, speak with a professor, eat a meal in the campus dining hall, or visit the career center, heat center, and bookstore. Try to picture yourself going to school there to see if it would be a good fit for you.

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**Thursday:** Don't believe you can't afford college. College is NOT just for the very poor, very smart, or very talented. Many students add the tuition price, textbook fees, and the cost of living and think they can't possibly afford college. Financial aid comes in many forms—grants and scholarships you don't have to repay, and loans you do have to repay. Different forms are available based on financial need, academic achievement, and community/school service and involvement.

Blinn College will have a booth set up across from the office today. With your teacher's permission, you may stop by 4<sup>th</sup> period, or you can visit with them at lunch.

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**Make sure to wear your favorite college t-shirt tomorrow!**

**Friday:** The college and career planning process isn't something you should go through alone. Your parents, teachers, and counselor are all ready and willing to help you. Resources are abundant, but you must search them out. Researching the internet is a great start. Also, talk to Ms. Downs about what resources she has available.