



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2015

## Important November Dates

- Nov. 16 –Alabama College Visit @ VMHS
- Nov. 20 – Last day to register for Dec. ACT with late fee of \$25
- Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1 – Most Scholarship Deadlines
- Dec. 3 – Job Shadowing Presentation during GPS
- Dec. 8 – Stillman College Visit @ VMHS



## SCHOLARSHIPS!

**Smith Foundation Scholarship** – seniors with a minimum C+ GPA who plan to attend an approved 4-year college (U of South AL, Troy, U of M, AL A&M, Auburn U, UAB, UAH) or an accredited 2-year school for Nursing; student must also have made a “significant contribution” to family- \$15,000/year (renewable) – the deadline for Part I is Dec. 5 and Part II is Jan. 15 – apply at [www.smithscholarships.com](http://www.smithscholarships.com)

**Linly Helflin Scholarship** – for young women who plan to attend an accredited 4-year college in AL and who demonstrate economic need and academic proficiency– minimum 23 ACT - \$3,000/year (renewable) – deadline is Jan. 9 – apply at [www.linlyhelflin.org](http://www.linlyhelflin.org)

**Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award** – student must have completed at least 50 hours of volunteer work over the past 2 years and have a 3.5 GPA. Apply at [www.studentscholarships.org/volunteer.php](http://www.studentscholarships.org/volunteer.php) - \$500  
Deadline is November 29!

**BigSun Scholarship** - \$500- must currently be a high school athlete planning to attend college – Apply at [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)

**Go Build Scholarship** – Students interested in a career in the construction industry see Mrs. Miller to be nominated for this \$1,000 scholarship.

**\*See attached list of additional scholarships.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **The University of Miami** has a full-tuition, room & board, and books scholarship for a student with a 3.75 GPA who has overcome significant adversity. The student must also demonstrate financial need and have a record of school and community involvement. See Mrs. Miller immediately if you think you can be eligible for this award and are interested in attending the University of Miami. The deadline is Dec. 1!
- AUM now offers the Auburn Guarantee program. This program provides first-time freshman with a second opportunity to gain full admission to Auburn University after successfully completing first-year requirements (30 hours of core course work with a 2.5 GPA) at AUM. If you meet these requirements, you are guaranteed admission to Auburn for the beginning of your sophomore year. See Mrs. Miller for more information.
- The ACT requirement for UAB’s Presidential Recognition Scholarship has changed to a 30. Previously, students had to have a minimum ACT score of 33. This scholarship covers full tuition and fees. To qualify for a UAB scholarship, your admission application and all supporting documents must be received by Dec. 1 UAB will accept the Dec test score for scholarship upgrade purposes.
- Your college application completion should be underway! Be sure you know your selected school’s scholarship deadline. It could be Dec. 1. Also...make sure that your applications are complete.
- Remember to request the sending of your official transcript AFTER you have applied to the university. Request forms are located in the front office. Ask Mrs. Gibson for one, complete it and submit it with your money.
- Remember to give Mrs. Miller copies of any scholarship award letters you receive. We want to be sure to celebrate your hard work at Honors Day in May.