Senior Year! It’s Finally Here! Get ready for information overload! You are entering a very exciting, fast-paced and important time in your life. Not only will you be busy with so many activities associated with school, but you also have many decisions to make about your future. I will do my best to keep you up-to-date on any information about scholarships, college fairs, visitation days, etc. in several ways. First, join my Remind class by texting @rhs2020sr to 81010 to receive important updates and reminders. Second, I will send out monthly newsletters to be distributed in your English or Science classes. Third, I will make daily morning and afternoon announcements when needed. Lastly, information will be shared on the school’s website at rhs.sccboe.org. Please remember that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to complete applications and return them in a timely manner. YOU need to be searching for information on schools, scholarships, etc. on your own NOW. Don’t wait until it’s too late! Feel free to come by if I can assist you in any way. Remember to involve your parent(s)/guardian(s) or other mentors as you make your decisions about your future. Share this information with them and seek their advice and input in your decision-making process. HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING INFORMATION

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**Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). ACT with Writing cost $67. ACT without Writing cost $50.50. If you are on free or reduced lunch you qualify for a fee waiver. These are available in the counselor’s office.**

ACT FEE WAIVERS are available for the ACT if you qualify for free/reduced lunches, receive public assistance or live in federally subsidized public housing, are a ward of the state or reside in a foster home, or are homeless, a member of Upward Bound, or your family income falls below the USDA levels for free/reduced lunches. You must be currently enrolled in 11th or 12th grade and be testing in the United States, US territories, or Puerto Rico. Limit of two fee waivers for ACT.

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

If you are considering participating in Division I or II athletics as a college freshman, you must register with and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. This requires that you take a certain number of core courses and maintain a certain grade point average depending on your ACT/SAT score. Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for information and to register. When registering for the ACT or SAT, remember that “official” test scores must be sent from the testing agency to the NCAA using code 9999. Test scores that appear on a high school transcript will not be accepted.

If you are considering participating in athletics at an NAIA school, you must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center at [www.playNAIA.org](http://www.playNAIA.org). To be certified by the NAIA, you must meet two of the following three requirements: maintain a 2.0 GPA, score at least an 18 on the ACT, and/or be ranked in the top half of your graduating class.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

Males who are 18 years of age must register with the Selective Service System. Register at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You must register to be eligible for federal financial aid as well as for financial aid at most colleges. **You must register within 30 days of your 18th birthday!**
College Representatives at RHS

***All reps will be located in the research lab across from Mrs. Merritt’s classroom***

1. University of Alabama - 8/26 (12:30-1:00)
2. University of Huntsville - 9/12 (12:15-1:00)
3. Jacksonville State University- 9/23 (12:15-1:00)
4. Auburn University at Montgomery - 9/26 (12:15-1:00)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PREVIEW DAYS

- Alabama A&M University – will be held in the Spring...can schedule tour on your own
- Alabama State University (ASU) - schedule a tour
- Auburn University (AU) - Saturday Tours/Must Register September 21st, October 19th, November 9th
- Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM)– October 12th, January 25th, March 7th
- Birmingham Southern College (BSC) - September 14th, October 14th, November 11th
- Faulkner University – schedule a visit
- Gadsden State Community College - TBA
- Huntingdon College – October 12th, November 9th, February 17th
- Jacksonville State University (JSU)-September 7th, October 5th
- Jefferson State Community College - TBA
- Judson College – September 21st, November 16th, January 25th May 16th
- Miles College - TBA
- Mississippi State University (MSU) - TBA
- Samford University-September 28th, October 5th, & November 16th
- Spring Hill College – Schedule a visit
- Stillman College – Schedule a visit
- Talladega College - TBA
- Troy University – September 28th
- Tuskegee University - TBA
- University of Alabama (UA) - September 23rd, October 14th, November 11th, November 18th (must register)
- University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) - October 5th, February 29th
- University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) - TBA
- University of Mobile – September 20th, October 14th, November 22nd
- University of Montevallo- October 12th
- University of North Alabama – November 2nd
- University of South Alabama-October 19th, November 16th
- University of West Alabama – October 26th, November 9th

Check the websites of colleges/universities to find out about preview days designed to introduce prospective students to their institutions. Some require invitations, some require registration, and some offer fun activities such as free admission to ballgames, etc. Most of these are planned on weekends so that you do not have to miss school to attend. Dates are always subject to change. If you go on a school day you must bring back proof to be excused for that day. It does not count against you.
**Colleges Fairs**

- **Jeff State Health Sciences Career Fair** will be held **Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at the Shelby-Hoover Campus Health Sciences Building. Biomedical equipment technology, emergency medical services, medical laboratory technology, non-credit fast-track programs, nursing, physical therapy assistant, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, and veterinary technology will be available. You must register at [jeffersonstate.edu/healthfair](http://jeffersonstate.edu/healthfair)

- **The Birmingham National College Fair** will be held **Sunday, September 15, 2019, from 1-4 p.m.** at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex in Birmingham, AL. Admission is free. You can meet representatives from colleges and universities from throughout the country and get information on admission requirements, financial aid, testing, college majors, and more. You must register at [https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registration/EventSelectForState?stateName=alabama](https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registration/EventSelectForState?stateName=alabama)

- **Exploring College Options** will be held on 3 different dates. September 8th at 7:00 p.m at the Westin in Huntsville. September 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Birmingham Marriott and September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel. Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn and Stanford will be on site to provide information to students and parents. RSVP at [www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org)

- **St Clair County College Fair** will be at **Moody High School** this year on **September 24, 2019**. Field trip forms will be sent out to seniors as soon as dates and times have been assigned.

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**Helpful Hints**

Apply early! **** Read carefully and follow directions. ****Do not leave blanks on application forms. Use your full legal name, not a nickname.**** Keep copies of EVERYTHING you send in.

Visit & make contacts at the schools you are considering. ** Respond quickly to all requests from admissions/financial aid/etc. offices.

Complete applications in black ink or type them. Apply on-line if possible.

Use a professional-sounding email address, not something like gogirl@hotmamas.com. Do NOT use your school email.

Request letters of recommendation from teachers and others NOW so that they have plenty of time to prepare them!

Check your email often for information from colleges/universities to which you have applied.

Take responsibility. Don't expect anyone to do these things for you!

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**Important Dates to Know**

- **08/29/19** Last day for senior tux/drapes at RHS. Must bring $30 for sitting fee.
- **10/01/19** FAFSA window opens to begin filing. You will need guardians 2018 tax information. ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov))
- **10/01/19** Senior Work Keys
- **10/15/19** JSU College Tour (permissions forms will be sent closer to time)
- **10/24/19** FAFSA Day at RHS 8:30-11:00 Jeff State will be here to help
- **11/19/19** UAB College Tour (permission forms will be sent closer to time)
- **12/01/19** Application deadline for many colleges and universities
- **December, February & March** are major scholarship deadline months for many colleges and universities

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**All dates are subject to change**
Scholarship Information

☐ **Varsity Tutors Scholarship Contest** ([http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship](http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship)) Each month there is an essay contest that awards $1,000 to the winner. Entries are reviewed by the Varsity Tutors at the end of the month and a winner is chosen. **Deadlines run from the 1st to the 15th of each month.**

☐ **National YoungArts** – [http://www.youngarts.org/apply](http://www.youngarts.org/apply) – recognizes and supports America’s most talented 17-18 year olds in the visual, literary and performing arts. **Deadline for applications is October 11, 2019.**

☐ **The Horatio-Alger Association** [https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/) If integrity, determination and courage describe you, then you have what it takes to be a Horatio Alger Scholar; awards go to students who possess the character to succeed in life. Provide financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Awards values range from $5,000 to $20,000. **Application deadline August 1st-October 25, 2019.**

☐ **Coca Cola Scholars Program** [http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org) This is an achievement-based scholarship looking at academics and extracurricular activities. **Applications open August 1st- October 31, 2019.**

☐ **The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** recognize youth volunteerism in our school and community. [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit) or [www.principals.org/prudential.](http://www.principals.org/prudential) The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities. **Apply online by November 5, 2019.**

☐ **Wendy's High School Heisman** ([https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/](https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/)) has opened the door for **any senior student-athlete** to apply for the **Wendy's High School Heisman Awards Program.** The award honors both male and female high school students who excel in academics, athletics and student leadership. Application deadline still TBA.

☐ **Driver Safety Scholarship Fund** - $1,00-$2,000 students will write an essay explaining the dangers of texting and driving and practical steps to ending this problem. You can view the link to the scholarship details and application here: [www.mkhlawyers.com/scholarship](http://www.mkhlawyers.com/scholarship). **Deadline is April 20, 2020**

☐ **WBRC Fox 6 News Rising Star** -- $5,000 Students must have a 3.0 GPA or better. Interview process required. See Mrs. Marbury for application. **Deadline February 1, 2020**