

December 2007

# Tips for Success

*A monthly newsletter for seniors at West Anchorage High School*  
Available every month online at [www.asdk12.org/staff/barker\\_debbie](http://www.asdk12.org/staff/barker_debbie)

## ARE YOU ON TRACK?

### • Goals for October 2007:

- Register for college entrance exams, like SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer
- Request letters of recommendation

*(See October Newsletter)*

### • Goals for November 2007:

- Search for your perfect college
- Request information directly from schools

*(See November Newsletter)*

### • Goals for December 2007:

- Create a Scholarship Portfolio
- Take additional classes, if needed

*(Check it out! →)*

*Be you in what line of life you may, it will be amongst your misfortunes if you have not time properly to attend to monetary matters. Want of attention to these matters has impeded the progress of science and of genius itself.*

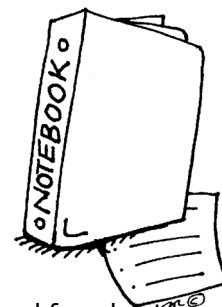
*--William Cobbett (1763-1835)*

## A Message from Your Counselor, Ms. Barker:

♪ Money, money, money, MON-EY! ♪ Don't we all wish we had just a little more? If you're planning to attend a two- or four-year college, you'll certainly need some! Luckily, there is a plethora of individuals and foundations out there who are DOLING out money in the form of scholarships to help people just like you! Read "Scholarship Portfolios" below to find out more.

More concerned about earning the credits you need NOW to graduate on time? There are several options you probably didn't know about. Read "The Great Credit Race" on the back to determine which suits your needs best.

You're almost halfway through your senior year! Pat yourself on the back! ☺



## Scholarship Portfolios

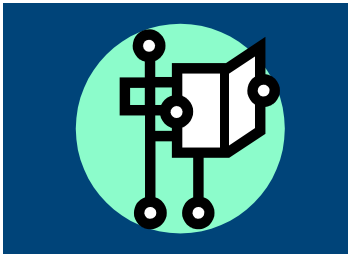
You want to go to college. You checked out colleges online and found out how much they cost. You decide you can't afford it, so you'll just mow lawns for a lifetime. NO, WAIT! There are people who want to help you. Yes, there are actual people out there who will give \_(Your Name Here)\_ financial aid!

So, just how do you GET those scholarships? One way is to search on collegeboard.com, as discussed in last month's newsletter (go to collegeboard.com, click on "For Students," then click on "Pay for College"). To cast a wider net all at one time, you should consider creating a scholarship folder. And what better time to do it than over your holiday break?

A scholarship folder is created by YOU, and it details and describes why you deserve to be awarded money for school. It includes a personal essay, academic information, activities in which you've been involved, awards you've earned, recommendations from those who know you (see October newsletter to read more), and your financial situation. The folder basically gives the reader an picture of YOU.

Start by going to [www.asdk12.org/crc/guidelines.asp](http://www.asdk12.org/crc/guidelines.asp). Here you will find the portfolio guidelines, including a helpful checklist and PDFs to make creating your folder easier.

Our very own Career Resource Center expert, Ms. Rutz, will be holding workshops to answer all of your burning scholarship folder questions this month on Dec. 4, 6, 11, and 13 at lunchtime in the CRC. Be sure to save the dates!

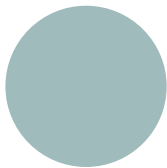


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*Education is our  
passport to the  
future, for  
tomorrow  
belongs to the  
people who  
prepare for it  
today.*

--Malcolm X (1925-1965)

## The Great Credit Race

Looking for ways to squeeze in some more credits? Some of you want to retake a class in which you didn't do well, and some of you just need an extra class or two to meet the 22.5 credit requirement to graduate. Check out these options:

### ★ Continuation School / Night School

**Times** Tues, Wed, and Thu 6:00-8:00pm  
**Credit** Many choices; Student can take one or two classes  
**Cost** Free to Anchorage School District students  
**Contact** Talk with your counselor

### ★ COHO APEX Courses

**Times** Online courses enrolling now for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
**Credit** Many choices  
**Cost** \$85 per course for ASD students  
**Internet Link** [www.asdk12.org/schools/COHO/pages/Brochure.pdf](http://www.asdk12.org/schools/COHO/pages/Brochure.pdf)  
**Contact** Talk with your counselor

### ★ BYU Correspondence

**Times** Online courses / Self-paced  
**Credit** Many choices  
**NOTE:** *Student MUST get a Credit-By-Choice form approved **FIRST**. (Get this in the counseling office, or go to the last page of this link: [www.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/CBC\\_App\\_6.pdf](http://www.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/CBC_App_6.pdf))*  
**Cost** Courses start at ~\$115  
**Internet Link** [elearn.byu.edu](http://elearn.byu.edu) (or call 1-800-914-8931 for info)  
**Contact** Get the CBC form and BYU booklet from your counselor

### ★ Work Experience

**Times** Based on your work schedule  
**Credit** Depends on your hours, as assessed by Wk Exp coordinator  
**Cost** Free to ASD students during the school year  
**Contact** Coordinator: Mr. Steve Guthrie (office in the Cove)  
Phone 742-2620 / [guthrie\\_steven@asdk12.org](mailto:guthrie_steven@asdk12.org)

Have questions? Talk with your counselor TODAY so you're on the right track to graduate!



### IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER...

12/4	Scholarship Portfolio Workshop in the CRC at lunch
12/6	Scholarship Portfolio Workshop in the CRC at lunch
12/11	Scholarship Portfolio Workshop in the CRC at lunch
12/12	Senior Seminar, Part I (scholarships, NCAA, websites) @ 6:30pm in library
12/13	Scholarship Portfolio Workshop in the CRC at lunch
12/19-20	Semester Finals
12/21	Inservice Day
12/22-1/6	Winter Break

### NEXT MONTH!

FAFSA (Financial Aid)  
Apprenticeships