

# The FHS Senior Newsletter – February 2018

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## SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

REMINDER: Federal ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) and State (<http://riseupms.com/financial#3>) financial aid applications are available and should be completed as soon as possible. HELP Grant applications are due by March 31.

**REMINDER – Win “A” Scholarship by The Citizens Bank:** Each “A” earned allows you a separate chance to enter a drawing for a \$1000 scholarship at the end of the year. Take your report card to the bank to register *after each nine weeks*.

**REMINDER – WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarship:** Does your family have Woodmen of the World Life Insurance? You may be eligible to apply for the WoodmenLife scholarships! They will award more than 600 scholarships of up to \$25,000! Go to [WoodmenLife.org](http://WoodmenLife.org), click Scholarships, click “Get Started Now”, and enter graduate. *Deadline is Feb. 28.*

**\*NEW – Forest Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship:** Based on financial need, scholastic achievement, and community and school involvement. Will be presented at Senior Awards Day. Pick up an application from Ms. Kenna’s office; *return to her by March 1.*

**\*NEW – David G. Hall, M.D. Memorial Scholarship:** The MS Academy of Family Physicians Foundation will award up to \$3,500 to MS seniors. Must write a 500-word essay titled “The Family Physician: Providing Your Medical Home.” Pick up an application from Ms. Kenna’s office; complete applications must be postmarked *by Mar. 1.*

**REMINDER – Mississippi Association of Supervisors County Employee Scholarship Program:** Up to two \$500 scholarships per county! Applicants must have an immediate family member currently working for or retired from a Mississippi County to be eligible to apply. Relatives of elected county officials are not eligible. Pick up an application from Ms. Kenna’s office or visit [www.mssupervisors.org/scholarship-program](http://www.mssupervisors.org/scholarship-program). Must be received at the MAS office *by Mar. 1.*

**\*NEW – American Association of Blacks in Energy Scholarship Program:** Must have a 3.0 or higher GPA; must plan to major in business, physical science, technology, engineering, or math; must be African

American, Hispanic, or Native American. Pick up an application from Ms. Kenna’s office. *Deadline is Mar. 15.*

**\*NEW – Mississippi Municipal League Scholarships:** Three \$2,000 scholarships available to MS seniors! Must write an essay on the topic “Why I Should Consider a Career in Municipal Government.” Pick up an application in Ms. Kenna’s office. *Entry deadline is May 4.*

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

*Feb. 19:* Presidents Day Holiday (no school)

*Feb. 21:* Sgt. Grocke from the Army will have a display set-up in the old locker bay during lunch.

*March 2:* 8:00 – Tally’s Delivery to seniors; Prom Payment Deadline

*March 7-9:* T3 Exams

*March 12-16:* Spring Break Holidays (no school)

## ACT INFORMATION

- Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- See Ms. Kenna to apply for an ACT fee waiver.
- Get2College is hosting free ACT Prep Workshops in Jackson on Mar. 31 and June 2. Register at <https://get2college.org/act-workshop-registration/>.

2017-2018 ACT Test Dates:

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>(Late Fee Required)</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| April 14, 2018   | March 9, 2018                | March 10-23, 2018          |
| June 9, 2018     | May 4, 2018                  | May 5-18, 2018             |
| July 14, 2018    | June 15, 2018                | June 16-22, 2018           |

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## College Information

**Excused College Days:** Seniors may visit any college on their own twice during their senior year to conduct college visits/tryouts, etc. The visits must be validated by a note from a college official. Seniors taking their college day must secure a form from Ms. Kenna, complete the form with teacher and administrative signatures indicating the date the senior will be absent, and return the form to Ms. Kenna at least two working days before the planned college day.

**Blue Mountain College:** [bmc.edu](http://bmc.edu)

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is Apr. 1.

**East Central Community College:** [eccc.edu](http://eccc.edu)

- The ECCC Foundation Scholarship Application is now available through the MYEC Portal. The deadline is Friday, Mar. 2. To log in to MYEC, you must have an ID and Password. (This is sent to you after you apply for admissions to ECCC).
- ECCC Cheerleading Co-Ed Stunt Clinics will be held every Sunday evening at 8 p.m. in the South Campus Gym.
- Orientation for Dual Credit students is Apr. 6.
- Interested in the cosmetology program? Pick up a packet from Mrs. Kenna's office. Due July 6.

**Hinds Community College:** [hindsc.edu](http://hindsc.edu)

- Scholarship deadline is Feb. 15.

**Jackson State University:** [jsums.edu](http://jsums.edu)

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is Feb. 15.

**Mississippi State University:** [msstate.edu](http://msstate.edu)

- Online registration for Orientation begins at 9:00 a.m. on Mar. 1 at [orientation.msstate.edu](http://orientation.msstate.edu).
- Spring Preview Days are Mar. 19 and 26. For more info, visit [springpreview.msstate.edu](http://springpreview.msstate.edu).

**Mississippi University for Women:**

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is May 1.

**Rust College:** [rustcollege.edu](http://rustcollege.edu)

- Preview Day is Feb. 23 @ 10:30 a.m.

**William Carey University:** [wmcarey.edu](http://wmcarey.edu)

- Campus tours available M-F 8:00-4:00.

**University of West Alabama:** [uwa.edu](http://uwa.edu)

- Spring Preview Days are Mar. 17 and Apr. 7. Reserve your spot at [uwa.edu/previewday](http://uwa.edu/previewday).
- Scholarship Priority Deadline is Apr. 15.
- Priority Housing Deadline is May 1.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Attention 18-Year-Old Men

Under federal law, all men (including non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. To register, go to the post office or visit [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

### Graduation Attire

For Commencement Exercises: Guys – you will need a white button-up shirt, long dark colored tie (not a bow tie), dark pants, and dark brown or black shoes. Girls – With your gown, you will need a light colored dress without a high neckline (so as not to interfere with robe collars) and the FHS traditional white shoes. Please be conservative and modest in your selections – Senior Awards Day and Graduation are school-sponsored events and you will not participate if dressed inappropriately.

### Transcripts

As you apply to colleges and scholarship organizations, you will often need to send in your official partial transcript (it's not a "final" transcript until you graduate). To send transcripts, give Ms. Kenna the letter or computer print-out requesting your transcript with the address of where to send it. Sign and date the request.

## COLLEGE & CAREER WEBSITES

[www.NextStepU.com](http://www.NextStepU.com)

[collegescorecard.ed.gov](http://collegescorecard.ed.gov)

[www.collegeappmap.org](http://www.collegeappmap.org)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.get2college.org](http://www.get2college.org)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org)

[www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com)

New Apple & Google App for Career Searching: **Job Scout**

Take a short assessment and Job Scout will use your results to handpick careers that match your interests. Features an on-the-job video for each career (over 1,000!) in the app.