

CCS Senior Update: 8th Edition February 3, 2012

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Financial Aid!!

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshops for students and parents are coming up! Make sure to register on the I Know I Can website for a FAFSA workshop where you and your family can receive one-on-one help in completing your FAFSA! I Know I Can advisors are also visiting all of the senior classes and providing information about the FAFSA. All students who are considering college next year should file a FAFSA- let IKIC help you!

Need extra money for college? CCS students who do or would qualify for free or reduced lunch should register and attend a **Save Smart** program at I Know I Can. Register at www.iknowican.org. This is a GREAT program!

Scholarships:

Apply for scholarships!!! Read the list below, check your FastWeb account and research your own scholarship connections through your Naviance Family Connection site, church, community organizations, parent workplaces...

Bring copies of ALL college acceptance letters and ALL scholarship offers to school and give them to your counselor! We **must** collect this information for every senior. We will be sure to publicize your good news.

Senior Grades:

Colleges may request your first semester grades and factor those into their admissions decisions, so check to see if your colleges require Midyear Reports. If you brought up your grades during the first half of your senior year, you may want to supply those to colleges so that they can see your improvement. Remember, if a college accepts you, and your grades drop significantly this year, they can revoke your admission. You want to work hard and be as prepared as possible for your freshman year.

VCAP:

Please follow our school's procedures to complete any failed/ missing course requirements in our VCAP program. See your counselor if you have questions.

Naviance Family Connection Site:

Please go to your our high school's Naviance Family Connection site (www.Naviance.com/brookhaven) for a WEALTH of college and career information, including updated scholarship information.

Transcript Requests and College Applications:

If you have not applied for any colleges yet, make sure to check in with your counselor. Many colleges and universities accept applications on a "rolling" basis, meaning they will continue to accept applications throughout the rest of this school year. Don't wait! You have better admission and financial aid opportunities the earlier you are admitted!

I Know I Can Application Fee Waivers and Payments:

Every high school is fortunate to have an I Know I Can Advisor who works with juniors and seniors in the areas of college applications and financial aid. If you haven't met our advisor yet, check with your counselor about his/her schedule!

IKIC is committed to alleviating the financial barriers associated with the college application process for all CCS families regardless of socioeconomic status. To honor this commitment, IKIC will provide CCS students up to FIVE fee waivers and/or checks for college application fees. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, IKIC will provide fee waivers for all college application fees. If a student does not qualify for free or reduced lunch or colleges do not accept fee waivers, IKIC will provide checks for college application fees. In order to process a check request, a student must turn in the Check Request Form with a copy of the first page of their application and documentation of how much the college application fee is to your IKIC Advisor. Check requests take at least TWO WEEKS (14 days) to process. Please plan in advance if you would like to use this service.

Internship Credit:

Have you completed your internship credit? If not, meet with your internship coordinator this week to plan how you will finish this graduation requirement as soon as possible!

TESTING INFORMATION:

Most colleges (including OSU) will require that your scores be sent directly from the testing companies. Therefore, list every school you may be considering and be prepared to pay extra for additional score reports if you add schools after taking a test! It can take up to a week for colleges to receive your scores AFTER you order them, so send all score at least two weeks before your application deadlines!

ACT - Register by March 9th for the April 14th test date.

You may want to retest to raise your scores for certain scholarships or NCAA eligibility.

You may pick up packets in the guidance office or register online at www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com

****If you have qualified for Free or Reduced lunch, you may use at least two fee waivers per test (may not apply for late or standby registration). Please see your counselor ASAP for more information! Our School Code:**

***Remember to do some test prep before each test. Reacquaint yourself with types of questions for each test and guessing strategies for each test. Review math concepts. Try a site such as www.number2.com for free tutorials and test practice! Another online site is available through www.infohio.org (go to 9-12, then click Learning**

Express Library and create an account). Pick up practice booklets from your counselor. Other community test prep resources include:

ALL ATHLETES:

Thinking about playing sports at a Division I or II college? You must sign up with the NCAA Clearinghouse ASAP! NCAA Sign-up is done on-line. www.eligibilitycenter.org
See your counselor to determine if you are eligible for a fee waiver. When registering for the ACT/SAT the NCAA wants your scores sent directly. Add their code 9999 as one of your choices in box O under schools and scholarships.

Great Opportunities and Options:

Consider a year of service before college. Programs like City Year give high school graduates the opportunity to serve their community and earn money for college. Go to <http://www.cityyear.org/columbus.aspx> for more information.

Scholarships:

Remember- check your colleges' web sites for scholarships!! Most scholarships come from colleges, not private sources! It is your job to read the information below and determine if you fit the criteria for the various scholarships. Please see your counselor for any copies of scholarship paper applications. These scholarships are also listed in your Naviance Family Connection site.

- 16. The Atlas Butler Awards recognizes outstanding community service.** If you know someone who would be willing to write about your amazing deeds, have them nominate you at www.AtlasButlerAwards.com . Winners will be chosen each month!
- 25. Are you an undocumented student (not a US citizen)?** Please see your counselor for a list of scholarships that you may be eligible for. Deadlines vary, so get started now!
- 26. Oh the Places You'll Go!** College Scholarship recognizes seniors who understand the limitless possibilities of a great education. Go to www.ohtheplaces.org for more information and to apply. Yes, it is the Dr. Seuss book, *Oh the Places You'll Go!*
- 28. Big33 Scholarship.** Seniors in Ohio and Pennsylvania. 2.0 GPA during 10th and 11th grade years. Go to www.big33.org to apply. **Deadline Feb. 17.**
- 32. The John McConnell Scholarship Fund seeks** to identify Central Ohio seniors who personify leadership, community service, hard work and perseverance. Log on to www.BlueJacketsFoundation.org for more details and to apply. **Deadline: March 12**
- 33. KFC Scholars Program** provides funding for: tuition, fees, books, room, and board Awards can be up to \$5,000 per year. Applicants must have at least a 2.75 GPA and demonstrated financial need. They must also plan to attend a public in-state college or university. Application opens on December 1 at www.kfcscholars.org . **Deadline: February 8**
- 34. The ESA Foundation** Board of Directors offers 125 plus scholarships a year for deserving United States and International students who meet the criteria of individual endowments. A student may apply for three scholarships. Each will need a full set of documents and fees. The information about the scholarships, requirements, and applications are available on our website. Go to www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf for the applications for Ohio. **Deadline: February 12**

36. National Co-op Scholarship focuses scholarship opportunities for students who attend universities that offer excellent co-op opportunities for undergraduate students (U. of Cincinnati, U. of Toledo and Kettering are three Ohio schools included in this program). To qualify, students must have a 3.5 GPA and complete applications (ASAP) for each desired school. For more information, visit www.co-op.edu . **Deadline: February 15.**

38. Education First Credit Union Scholarship. All applicants must:(1) provide a complete application by the deadline, (2) be a current member of Education First Credit Union, (3) provide current high school transcripts, and (4) be a senior in high school preparing to attend college. For an application, go to <http://www.educu.org/files/2012%20scholar.pdf> . **Deadline: February 18.**

39. The Roger Pedigo Memorial Scholarship benefits selected seniors who plan to attend Ohio University. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate leadership skills and community service and financial need. Applications may be found at www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org . **Deadline: March 29**

40. Newcomer's Tradition of Caring Nursing Scholarship is open to: All local students pursuing a degree in nursing will be enrolled during the 2012-2013 school year and high school seniors currently pursuing a nursing or pre-nursing course of study. Award: \$1000 More information can be found at: www.newcomerfamily.com **Deadline: January 31**

41. ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarships include four scholarships for two males and two females --- \$5,000 each --- and will be awarded to two African American and two Hispanic students on behalf of the former NASA astronaut, physician and businessman, Dr. Bernard Harris. For more information, go to www.cgcs.org . **Deadline April 2**

42. American Municipal Power offers scholarships to students whose households receive electricity from an AMP member community and have GPAs of 3.0 or better. Please see your counselor for an application. **Deadline: January 27**

43. The AABE (Columbus OH Chapter of American Association of Blacks In Energy) Scholarship targets underrepresented students who have strong academic records and who plan to major in engineering. More information and an application is available from your counselor. **Deadline: February 17**

44. The Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund, in conjunction with the Columbus Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, will offer between four and six partial scholarships to area African American male students with GPAs of at least 2.3. The amount of the partial scholarship generally ranges between \$500.00. and \$1,500.00. Applications are available online at <http://kappacolumbusalumni.club.officelive.com/default.aspx> . **Deadline: February 17**

45. The Credit Union of Ohio annual video scholarship is now open for any student who is officially accepted and will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall of 2012. Students are given the chance to create a short video based on a theme and compete with one another for different scholarships. First place video will receive \$5,000, 2nd Place \$1,500 and People's Choice (online voting contest) \$1,000. Students can work alone or in a group of up to five people. Visit <https://www.cuofohio.org/scholarship.html> for additional details. This is a great scholarship for incoming freshman, so we hope some of your students take advantage of this opportunity!" **Deadline: February 23**

46. The Ohio PTA Memorial Scholarship program offers scholarships to students who attend all public schools in districts having one or more local PTA units. Applications are available on the Ohio PTA web site (www.ohiopta.org) or from your counselor.

Deadline: March 1

47. Columbus State Community College Scholarships: Check out more information about the Partnership Scholarships, SUCCESS Scholarships, Tech Prep Scholarships, Division II Scholarships and the Future Scientists of Ohio Scholars Program Scholarships.

Visit <http://www.cscce.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships.shtml> or more information. **Deadline: March 1**

48. The US Bank is offering monthly scholarships for students attending four-year college or university. For more info, see https://www2.usbank.com/cgi_w2/cfm/studentloans/online_app.cfm **Apply by March 31.**

49. Thinking about the U. of Toledo? Apply for the Levis Leadership UT Scholarship program. Interested students are invited to submit an application available online at http://enrollmentservices.utoledo.edu/events/register.asp?event_id=859. **Deadline: Feb.17**

50. The Columbus Italian Club announces its 2011 CIC \$1000 scholarship competition for seniors of Italian descent who have a GPA of at least 2.5. Essay must address topic of what it means to you to be an Italian-American. For an application, go to www.columbusitalianclub.org

Deadline: RECEIVED by March 26.

51. The BX Scholarship program targets seniors who are planning to attend a two or four year college program and be in a construction-related field. Applications are available at www.bx.org (click on Youth Programs and Scholarships). **Deadline: February 24**

52. The William Squires Educational Foundation is sponsoring a scholarship competition (\$3000 renewable) for seniors who have a specific career goal, demonstrated financial need and who have at least a 3.2 GPA. Go to www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org for an application. **Deadline: April 5**

53. The Ohio Newspapers Association will award a \$1500 to a minority senior who plans to pursue a newspaper journalism career. Applications are available at www.ohionews.org/foundation/scholarships/ **Deadline: March 31**

54. Charles L. Warren Memorial Heritage Scholarship seeks applicants for its \$1000 scholarship. Seniors from underrepresented populations with a grade point average of a 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale who are in a college preparatory curriculum are eligible to compete for the scholarships. The students must also plan to attend an Ohio college or university. Applications are available at." <http://www.oacac.org/news/12-Charles-Warren-Memorial-Heritage-Scholarship-App-Available.cfm> **Deadline: February 15!**

55. The EOPO (Educational Office Professionals of Ohio) is proud to offer the Lila M Van Sweringen Student Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 The person must be a current Ohio high school senior planning to head to college anywhere in anything that could be considered an office professional area (accounting, business computing, etc.). For an application, go to www.eopo-oh.org and click on "student scholarship." **Deadline: February 15.**

56. Shell Oil Technical Scholarships applications are available online for students who plan to major in an engineering or geoscience major at specified universities (including OSU, Michigan, Purdue....). For more information and applications, go to http://www.shell.us/home/content/usa/aboutshell/careers/students_and_graduates/scholarships/. **Applications must be received by Feb. 28**

57. The ASMC Buckeye Chapter Scholarship program seeks seniors who are planning to major in a field of study related to financial/resource management (business, econ., accounting, public administration....). Winners, for two different scholarships (one general, one for community service) will be chosen on the basis of academic record, community service, leadership, career goals and financial need. See your counselor for an application. You may also contact: Roberta A. Wetherbee, ASMC

Scholarship Chair: roberta.a.wetherbee@dfas.mil **Deadline: Feb 27**

58. The Latin Ladies, Inc. sponsors a scholarship offered to Latin High School graduates. This scholarship award comes to fulfill the organization's goal to empower Latin American youth through opportunities in higher education. Eligibility is based on the following: character and integrity, involvement in and commitment to community activities and service, financial need and GPA (at least 3.0). See your counselor for an application.

Deadline: March 5

59. Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program: Scholarships (\$1000) will be awarded to high school seniors who: intend to pursue an animation related field at an accredited post-secondary school or college, have a demonstrable record of academic success, have a passion and drive for an animation and/or design related career. For more information, go to www.animationcareerreview.com/

Deadline: May 1

60. The Children's Defense Fund Beat the Odds® scholarship program honors, celebrates, and rewards outstanding high school seniors who have overcome tremendous adversity to achieve academic excellence (3.0+ GPA), demonstrate leadership in their community, and aspire to attend college to continue their education. Must be nominated by an adult. See your counselor for an application. \$5000 **Deadline: March 16**

61. 2012 Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks In Government Scholarship is offering (4) \$500 scholarships to high school seniors that will attend college in fall 2012. Applicants must have an overall GPA 2.8 and higher and Community Service/School Involvement. See your counselor for an application. **Deadline: EXTENDED to February 6!*******

62. The OSBA Black Caucus is proud to announce the 2012 Leo Lucas Stipend application for minority students. Applicants must be African American and have a GPA of at least 2.5. \$500 More information is available at <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus>. **Deadline: March 9.**

63. Dublin Irish Festival Scholarship Fund-Ohio honors one Ohio resident who is a graduating high school senior from an Ohio high school and can show documented support of the Dublin Irish Festival as a volunteer, performer, or loyal guest. \$1000 For more information, go to www.dublinirishfestival.org **Deadline: March 1.**

64. Russell A. and Sophia Jean Hall Scholarship Fund seeks to support a senior from Franklin County who meets the following criteria: 2.75 grade point average, top 25% of their class, **but not the top 10%**, and must attend, or plan to attend, an Ohio, state-supported, college or university, or an Ohio vocational, or technical school, on a full-time basis. Award amount varies. Application available on www.columbusfoundation.org under ScholarLink tab. **Deadline May 2.**

65. Helen Burrell Clingman Scholarship Fund provides a scholarship to a student who meets the following criteria: must be a graduating senior within the Columbus City School System, must be pursuing post-secondary education with the **focus on a degree in Education**, must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. \$1000 Applications may be found on www.columbusfoundation.org under ScholarLink tab. **Deadline: April 16.**

66. Easton Community Foundation targets seniors from Mifflin, Northland, Brookhaven, or Gahanna-Lincoln who plan to major in the following fields: Hospitality Management, Retail Management, Culinary Arts, Marketing, Construction Management, Dramatic or Musical Arts (must also have a 2.5 + GPA) \$2500 over two years Application can be found on www.columbusfoundation.org under ScholarLink tab. **Deadline: April 2**

67. John E. Foster Minority Engineering Scholarship Fund supports students who are **graduating minority or female high school senior** from Columbus City Schools or the Point of Pride Alpha Engineering Lecture Series, will be pursuing a degree in Civil, Environmental, Mechanical, Chemical or Electrical Engineering with a preference for Civil or Environmental Engineering, and will be attending either **The Ohio State University** or

Columbus State Community College. Full tuition See your counselor for more information or contact Ms. Higgenbotham dhigginb@columbusfoundation.org for an application. **Deadline: March 31**

68. Hugh M. and Julia G. Hadley Scholarship Fund seeks the following candidates: must be a graduating high school senior from a public high school in Franklin County, must have at least a 3.5 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale), and plan to attend a 4-year college or university on a full-time basis. Amount varies Application can be found on www.columbusfoundation.org under ScholarLink tab. **Deadline: April 30**

69. Continental Building Systems Charities Fund seeks to provide assistance to a promising student with need. Applicants must plan to attend a 4-year college, have a 3.0+ GPA and reside in the Columbus, Cleveland or Pittsburgh areas. \$1000 Application can be found on www.columbusfoundation.org under ScholarLink tab. **Deadline: May 31**

70. Dorothy E. Ann Fund (D.E.A.F.) seeks candidate who meet the following criteria: must be **deaf or hard of hearing**, must be a graduating high school senior from a public high school in Central Ohio, must possess a severe to profound hearing loss in both ears, must have at least a 2.8 grade point average, and must plan to attend CSCC or a college for hearing impaired. \$25000 for 4 years Application can be found on www.columbusfoundation.org under ScholarLink tab. **Deadline: April 2**

71. Donald and Mary Frink Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to hearing impaired students from Central Ohio who are pursuing post-secondary education (must have 3.0+ GPA). Amount varies. Application can be found on www.columbusfoundation.org under ScholarLink tab. **Deadline April 25**

72. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Janice Castle Trailblazer Award seeks Columbus area applicants who have a documented record of community service and a GPA of at least 2.5. Up to \$1000. Please see your counselor for an application. **Deadline: March 1 (postmarked)**

73. The Apha Rho Lambda Merit Scholarship is accepting applications from graduating seniors who have a strong record of service. Up to \$1000, renewable award. See your counselor for an application or contact Mr. Alex Wallace at alphaarleducation@gmail.com . **Deadline: March 15**

74. The Roy Briscoe Journalism Scholarship will award \$300 to one CCS senior who is planning to major in journalism, communications, public relations or related field. Please see your counselor or English teacher for an application. **Deadline: April 2.**

75. Ohio Newspapers Foundation 2012 Minority Scholarship targets minority students who plan to pursue a newspaper journalism career. Applicants must have a 2.5+ GPA. \$1500 Applications are available online at www.ohionews.org (click on scholarships). **Deadline: March 31**

76. The Columbus Chapter of Moles provides a Student Assistance Award to African American females who have a 3.0+ GPA, have demonstrated financial need and who are active in their school and community. \$500 renewable award Applications are available from your counselor. **Deadline: February 29**

77. The OACDL has announced its annual James Kura Memorial Scholarship essay competition for Columbus area high school seniors. Applicants must have a 2.5+ GPA. Three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available at: http://associationdatabase.com/aws/OACDL/asset_manager/get_file/42099/12_scholarshipapp.pdf **Deadline: March 2**

78. The AAA Annual Safety Patrol Scholarship Program awards 10 \$1000 grants to Ohio high school seniors who were former School Safety Patrol members. Please see your counselor for an application. **Deadline: April 16**

Helpful Websites:

Remember to visit all of your colleges' websites **often** for the latest information. Check **all** deadlines, especially those for scholarships and honors programs!

www.CTLC.com is a great site about the highlighted colleges in the book, *Colleges that Change Lives*. See what makes these lesser known colleges so highly rated!

www.review.com and www.weapply.com are both Princeton Review sites that feature excellent college search programs and are both great online application sources.

www.collegeboard.com is a comprehensive site where students may explore every aspect of the college admissions process.

www.InLikeMe.com is a great resource for everything from application tips to essays to scholarships.

www.collegedge.com features a college and scholarship search.

www.commonapp.org Find out if your colleges use the Common Application, a service that saves you a lot of time! This site also links you to colleges' supplemental forms.

www.collegeview.com This website is sponsored by Hobsons. It offers a guide to degrees in health, medicine, nursing, engineering and technology. You can also register to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

www.EducationPlanner.org gives students information related to all aspects of the college admission process.

www.OhioMentor.org is a wonderful site full of information where students can fill out financial aid and admission applications online.

www.edupass.org is a great source of info. for international students.

www.aicuo.edu provides information on all of Ohio's private colleges, including financial aid options for those who plan to attend one of these schools. Also, this site includes the Estimated Family Contribution Calculator that you can use to predict your family's financial contribution before your FAFSA info. is available. You can tailor searches on this site to match your profile!

www.collegeplanning.nelnet.net Nelnet is a comprehensive college planning course that offers a \$1,000 scholarship per week sweepstakes. There are college planning tools, information, resources, school and scholarship searches, interactive school comparison tools, calculators, and FAFSA information.

www.collegeadviceUSA.com features excellent advice from a highly regarded expert (Joyce Slayton Mitchell, author of *Winning the Heart of the College Admission Dean*) about the college admissions process. This site (and book) is particularly great for students considering selective schools.

www.thinkcollege.net is an excellent resource for students with intellectual disabilities. Much of the information can apply to any student with a disability who is planning on or thinking about college.

Scholarship Informational Sites:

www.fastweb.com tailors scholarship searches based on students' profiles. Every student should register for this free service.

www.columbusfoundation.org/scholarlink/index.aspx is the link to the Columbus Foundation's list of scholarships. Type in your information, and they match you with possible scholarships!

www.free-4u.com/minority.htm is an excellent site that lists scholarships for each ethnic background (Irish, Portuguese, Japanese, Jewish, African American....)

www.blackexcel.org/link4htm is a great site for minority students.

www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org is a great site for students of Hispanic descent.

www.freshinfo.com allows you to conduct personalized searches for scholarships much like fastweb.

www.brokescholar.com is a general scholarship site that searches based on your profile.

www.jockscholarships.com This is a free site for students interested in pursuing collegiate athletics. It is supposed to be most helpful for students interested in non-revenue producing sports.

www.wiredscholar.com is another good general scholarship search site.

Financial Aid Informational Sites:

www.fafsa.ed.gov is the site for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You can file your FAFSA after January 1st.

www.pin.ed.gov is the **first stop** for students and parents who plan to complete the FAFSA online. You must request your PIN numbers at least 48 hours on this site prior to being able to complete the FAFSA online. Both the student and one parent must each get a PIN.

www.iknowican.org is the site of our amazing CCS college access partner, I Know I Can! You will find information here about financial aid (including the IKIC Grant and FAFSA assistance for families), scholarships (including the Founders Scholarship), Blueprint College and the Save Smart program. www.OhioMentor.org is a wonderful site full of information where students can fill out financial aid and admission applications online. www.ed.gov/OSFAP/Students deals with federal programs. www.finaid.org covers both federal and private loan options. www.studentaid.ed.gov provides many answers to financial aid questions. www.nasfa.org is a site sponsored by the National Assoc. of Student Financial Aid. www.collegeboard.com is the home page for the [CSS Financial Aid Profile](#), a form required by many selective colleges. Click on CSS/PROFILE www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps You may also register to win a \$1500 scholarship at this site. It features information on college planning, including financial aid.

Sites for College Entrance Tests and Test Preparation:

www.collegeboard.com is the site used for SAT registration and students may also do some test prep here
www.ets.org provides information on the SAT and the TOEFL (see below) as well as practice questions.
www.act.org is the site used to register for the ACT and students may also use test prep questions
www.review.com provides some test prep resources and information about free practice tests and courses for fees
www.testprepreview.com has online ACT/SAT practice tests for no charge!
www.kaplank12.com is the test prep site to which all CPS high school students have access for complete online test prep. Students must get their password from the office and complete a diagnostic test.
www.number2.com/ is another free site for test prep. Includes word of the day vocabulary builder and more.
www.toefl.org provides all information for all ESL and non-native English speakers on the Test of English as a Foreign Language. If you are in this category, TAKE THIS TEST!
www.infohio.org First, click 9-12; then click **Learning Express Library**
Make a free account (that will hold each test so that you can return to finish)
Select the appropriate tab across the top, click triangle to expand options School or home use.
username: learn password: infohio
www.march2success.com offers free online tutorials and practice tests.
www.khanacademy.org includes a whole section on SAT Math preparation.

Career and College Major Exploration Sites:

www.collegeboard.com/psatextra features a program called MyRoad that is accessible to all CPS students who took the PSAT. It features a personality profiler and lots of information about academic majors and occupations.
www.MyMajors.com runs students through a series of questions to help them focus on their educational goals and explore possible future careers
www.careerkey.org/english Still trying to decide what you want to be when you grow up? Most people are! Check out this site that allows you to match interests and talents with possible careers.
www.assessment.com offers a quiz that highlights your strengths, talents and preferences which can help to point you in the right direction in terms of future careers
www.CareerBuilder.com and www.jobstar.org highlight jobs that often go overlooked and also offer quizzes.
www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org also feature personality and interest inventories