

# Counseling Office Newsletter

Mauston High School

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## Senior Scholarships

### Juneau County Peace Scholarship—

Seniors design and execute a peacemaking project in their community. Awards range from \$200-\$1000 per project. Pick up an interest sheet from Mrs. Mead. Interest sheet is **due by Friday, October 30** but seniors have until March to execute their project.

### \$10,000 Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship—

The Kohl Foundation will award 100 Wisconsin high school seniors \$10,000 each. Seniors are evaluated on their leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement and academic achievement. The application portal can be accessed at: [kohleducation.org](http://kohleducation.org)

Students, the three people you choose to write letters of recommendation for you will not be able to submit their letters until you have completed and submitted your application. The Kohl Foundation recommends that you complete and submit your application, which includes entering in the names and email addresses of your three recommenders, at least two weeks in advance of the November 17 deadline, which means complete your application around November 1st so that your recommenders have time to upload their letters.

Portal for submission closes by midnight on **Tuesday, November 17.**

### \$1,000 Elks Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship—For seniors demonstrating achievement in scholarship, leadership, and community service.

We have had numerous recipients in the past.

**Apply by November 15 online at:**

[elks.org/scholars](http://elks.org/scholars)

### Horatio Alger Scholarship Program— for seniors pursuing a 4-year college degree. MHS has had a recent recipient. Must have financial need (\$55,000 or less adjusted gross family income), involvement in co-curricular and community activities, and a minimum GPA of 2.0. **Apply online by October 25 at:** [scholars.horatioalger.org](http://scholars.horatioalger.org)

**Prudential Spirit of Community Award:** Open to high school students who make a difference through volunteering. Apply today for national recognition, a scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.!

**Applications are due on-line at:** [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) by **November 10**

Coca-Cola Scholarships— Coca-Cola is awarding 150 merit based \$20,000 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors with a 3.0 minimum GPA. **Apply by October 31.** Apply on-line at: [Cokeurl.com/Apply2020](http://Cokeurl.com/Apply2020)

AES Engineering Scholarship— AES Engineering is pleased to be able to offer scholarships to motivated students to help in the furthering of their education. Apply on-line via the web at : [aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm](http://aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm) by **October 5.**

Hagan Scholarship Foundation: helps rural students graduate from college debt free. Seniors must have a minimum 3.75 GPA, FAFSA EFC less than \$6,500, and must enroll in a four year college. Flyers available in counseling office.

**Apply online by November 15 at:** [hsfmo.org](http://hsfmo.org)

Campus Visits— Juniors and seniors are encouraged to preview or re-visit campuses they are considering. Please note, due to COVID-19 some campuses are providing “virtual meetings and tours” or a “space-limited” campus tour visit. Students should contact the Admissions Office on the campus to see what options are available and the registration process. Website information and admission offices phone numbers are also available in the College and Career Center office.

Due to COVID19, College reps are not coming on-site to MHS for student visits at this time. It is important you work directly with the college to arrange a virtual meeting or phone call to explore options.

Women in Engineering (STEM)— Fall Career Day to be held on Tuesday, October 27 at UW-Platteville. This is for young women in grades 9 through 12 who are interested in learning more about careers that require creative problem solving, encourages forward thinking, and shaping the future of our world. Cost is \$25 and students/parents would be responsible to transport their child to UW-Platteville. **Register by October 11.** online at: [uwplatt.edu/youth/women-stem-career-day](http://uwplatt.edu/youth/women-stem-career-day)

*Seniors— Set a goal to finish and submit your college applications!*

### **APPLICATION ASSISTANCE:**

**Seniors—If you want to receive help with your college application, application essays, and/or scholarship essays, plan to join Ms. Quist over some lunch periods. Sign up information will be coming soon for her senior lunch seminar dates.**

If you complete and submit an on-line college application, remember to request an official transcript be sent from the counseling office. Bring in a copy of your acceptance letters so we may display and celebrate your success!

### **Senior Graduation—Jostens**

#### **Senior Cap/Gown and Graduation supply ordering Jostens Message:**

With the current COVID-19 concerns, we would ask that you check out the link below to place your GRADUATION needs for the class of 2021. Senior accessory items will be shipped directly home this year (hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts etc.) in approximately 2- 3 weeks after order is placed.

Cap/Gown/Announcement packages are available to fill all your needs or you may order an individual cap/gown/tassel unit (Click on "Browse all Cap/Gown products" under Individual Products to find this option) Please add 2 inches to your height when ordering your cap & gown set. (Unopened Cap & Gown units may be returned if you do not participate in the 2021 Ceremony). To order a graduation tassel only, please select the Souvenir Tassel.

Please arrange to have orders placed online by **NOVEMBER 1, 2020** to avoid late fees. Graduation packets will also be available outside the High School main office or on the table in the counseling office, if you have difficulty with online access or ordering, and may be mailed in. Questions?-Please call 1-800-JOSTENS (567-8367) OR EMAIL: [www.jostens.com/contact](http://www.jostens.com/contact).

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1116848/Mauston-High-School/>

Thank you-

Dale Komro-Jostens @ 1-800-567-8367

**MHS pays for and orders the senior class actual diplomas but families are responsible to provide the cap, gown, tassel and stole.**

## **TESTING DEADLINES & FINANCIAL AID**

September 25—Late postmark deadline for any seniors planning to take the October 10, 17, 24, or 25 ACT Test. Mauston is NOT a test site in October. Register at: [act.org/bts](http://act.org/bts)

October 14 —PSAT Testing for sophomores — juniors—Cost \$17 but is free for students on the free/reduced lunch program. See your counselor to determine if taking the PSAT test is appropriate. Sign up by October 7. Testing at 8:00 a.m.—MHS

November 6—Regular postmark deadline for the December 12 ACT—Mauston is a test site in December. Register at: [act.org/bts](http://act.org/bts)

December 9—ASVAB—Military Aptitude Test— at MHS—no cost—sign up with Mrs. Mead

March 9—All juniors state-wide mandatory ACT test—No fees or pre-registration necessary.

*See your counselor to determine your testing needs and timing.*

**Virtual Financial Aid overview** for MHS **Seniors and parents** — Early in October— Details will be coming soon.

Learn the basics of financial aid.

Become familiar with terminology, deadlines, online financial aid form, financial aid process, and types of financial assistance.

**Virtual College Goal Wisconsin 2020:** Free assistance completing the FAFSA at six virtual events throughout Wisconsin in October and November.

Flyer available in the MHS counseling office.

Register at: [collegegoalwi.org](http://collegegoalwi.org)

to select the date that works for you!

**Service to Community Honor Cord**—Mauston High School students that earn 300 (or more) hours of community service may be eligible to wear an Service Honor Cord at graduation signifying this outstanding accomplishment. The documentation of hours is due to Mrs. Mead by May 1st of the senior year. Further information and guidelines may be obtained from the counseling office.