

Senior Update - Week of December 19th



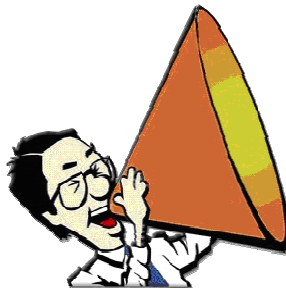
If any seniors need help during vacation on responses from colleges, applications, etc., please feel free to contact Miss Hoyt at: mhoyt@theproutschool.org – she will be checking her e-mail daily.



- **University of New Hampshire** – A question was asked about merit scholarships at UNH. There are two major merit scholarships: The Presidential Scholarship – students has to be in top 10% of the class, have a strong curriculum, and either SAT Is of 1970 (all three areas combined) or a 29 on the ACTS..... the Dean Scholarship, the student must be in the top 15% of the class, strong curriculum, and either SAT Is of 1760 (all three areas combined) or a 26 on the ACTS. All students who apply to UNH are automatically reviewed the see if they fit the criteria for any merit scholarships...students do not have to do a separate application for consideration.
- **Financial Aid Night** – if a parent/guardian did not attend Wednesday's Financial Aid Night, the student should pick up a red folder in the guidance office. This contains a lot of important information related to both the CSS Profile and the FAFSA form.



- **FAFSA Question** – During the Financial Aid meeting, an important question was asked concerning number 89 on the form. It related to what has to be declared (such as 401Ks, etc.). In the past, everything along these lines had to be reported on the form. This year, however, the instructions are as follows: 89. Net worth of investments. Net worth means current value minus debt. Investments include real estate such as rental property, land and second or summer homes. Do not include your parents' primary home. Include the value of portions of multifamily dwellings that you own, except that you must exclude the portion of the value of a dwelling that is your parents' principal residence. Investments also include trust funds, Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA)/Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) Custodial Accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, Coverdell savings accounts owned by your parents, 529 college savings plans, the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Do not include the value of life insurance and retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-Education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) Do not include UTMA or UGMA accounts for which your parents are the custodians but not the owners.
- **Anna Maria College** – The college recently sent information concerning the new programs the school is offering now: Nursing, Fire Science, Health Science, Paramedic Science. For more specific information on any of the program, contact the school at: 1-508-849-3360 – or online at: ([www](http://www.annamaria.edu)).annamaria.edu



• **Scholastic Writing and Art**

Awards – Just a reminder that the submissions are due on January 5th (for writing) and January 6th (for art related submissions). In addition to gold and silver key awards, the alliance is also offering the following:

New York Life Award – “six awards of \$1,000 each presented to artists and writers with works that deal with loss or bereavement”

AMD Game Changer Award – “five awards of \$1,000 each presented to the top winners in the video game design category”

Prismacolor Award – “five awards of \$1,000 each presented to top winners in the following categories: architecture, comic art, fashion, drawing, and mixed media”

Creativity and Citizenship – “ three awards of \$1,000 each presented to artists with works that deal with bullying”

For more specific information, go online at:
<http://www.artandwriting.org/Schoalrships/AllianceScholarships>

• **WyzAnt College Scholarship** –

Awards range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. “In 300 words or less, write an essay about the most important lesson you have learned in your life”. Submissions are due in the spring of 2012. For more specific information, go online at: <http://www.wyzant.com/scholarships>



- **Big Sun Scholarship** – Awards are for \$500.00. Students who have played a varsity sport are eligible to apply. The essay prompt is: *How has your education contributed to who you are today ? Why do you want to earn a college education?* For more specific information, go online at: [Http://www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)
- **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program** – This involves writing an essay between 500 and 1,000 words on the following prompt: *What was the most difficult time in your life and why ? How did your perspective on life change as a result of this difficulty ?* For more specific information, go online at: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>



Congratulations on recent college acceptances



**Sarah Duxbury – Rhode Island
College**

**Heather Pasquazzi – University of
Vermont**

**Abbie Allenson – Ithaca College,
Endicott College**

**Casey Regan – Pace University,
Hofstra University (\$19,000
scholarship per year renewable),
Emerson College**

**Lauren O'Malley – University of
Vermont, University of Connecticut
(\$12,576 scholarship per year
renewable), University of New
Hampshire (\$10,000 scholarship
per year renewable)**

**Courtney Roy –Plymouth State
University**

**Mary-Catherine Stockman – Texas
Christian University**

Alexis Abilheira – Rhode Island College, Quinnipiac University

Julianne Dulude – Winthrop University (\$3,000 scholarship per year renewable)

Mackenzie Avedisian – Husson University

Sara Rauwolf – Northeastern University

Jillian Simpson – Rhode Island College (\$2,000 scholarship per year renewable)

Lauren Avarista – Rhode Island College, Wheelock College

Rebecca Rubin – Assumption College, Eastern Connecticut State University

James Doyal – Rhode Island College

Emma Hirst – Saint Anselm College – (\$16,000 scholarship per year renewable), University of Vermont (\$10,000 scholarship per year renewable)

Aidan Wright – Johnson and Wales University

Albert Brandon – Rhode Island College, University of North Florida

Steven Conte – Hofstra University (\$19,000 scholarship per year renewable), University of Connecticut (\$12,576 scholarship per year renewable)

Alexa Levesque – Arcadia University (\$19,000 scholarship per year renewable)

Mackenzie Muto – Southern New Hampshire University (\$8,000 scholarship per year renewable)

Liz Fiske – University of Vermont (\$11, 000 scholarship per year renewable)

Kelsey McDonald – Roger Williams University (\$11,000 scholarship per year renewable), Assumption College

Ryan Saber – University of New Haven, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Jillian Simpson – Rhode Island College (\$2,000scholarship per year renewable)

Candice Kalil – Saint Anselm College (\$8,000 scholarship per year renewable)

Sean Matuszak – University of Connecticut (\$12,576 scholarship per year renewable)

**James Doyal – Rhode Island
College**

**Emma Pollard – College of the Holy
Cross**

**Nicole Bongiovanni – Assumption
College**



Congratulations



Alex Rossi – Recognized as one of 20 Finalists in the state in the 2011 Wendy’s High School Heisman Award Program (He will now move on to the national competition)

Have A Blessed Christmas and a Wonderful Holiday Season !!!



