

# Senior Update - Week of December 5<sup>th</sup>



- **Rhode Island College** – Several students received notification of first quarter grades allegedly missing. Mrs. DeCesare spoke with the admissions counselor and **ALL PROUT STUDENTS (who applied to RIC) can rest assured that they have all been received and uploaded to students' files.** Again, please be sure to have us double check things – but at the same time, please remember it takes colleges quite a while to input materials that have been received in the admissions office. For example: Miss Hoyt spoke with an admissions counselor at Keene State and she indicated the school is three weeks behind in uploading information. That means that three weeks worth of material is in the admissions office, but not yet put into the students' files. **WE NEED TO HAVE PATIENCE.**

- **Updating Colleges** – As previously mentioned, students who have applied in the beginning of October/mid-October and applied for Regular Admissions, should be updating the schools. This is to show the schools seniors are still working, realize the importance (to colleges) of continuing their academic standards, and giving the colleges new information in the student’s life. Letters should be the first thing done for Miss Hoyt to check. Below is a sample letter of the type of things that should go into the letter (although obviously, each student should re-word it into his/her own writing style). These should be dropped in the box for materials to be corrected (on the guidance office table).

**Dear (either put in a specific name if either you have been contacted by/met during a campus tour/interview, etc. of an individual ---- or, Dear Admissions Counselor:)**

**I am writing to update you on my school life since sending out my application on (put in the date it was sent online or by hard copy mail). It is clear (name the college) wants seniors to keep working hard in both their academics and extracurricular activities. I am concentrating on doing both.**

**(in other words – in the first paragraph the student should demonstrate he/she fully understands that colleges want and expect students to keep working at a steady/consistent pace)**

**In classes, I am taking my work very seriously. Recently, for example, in English 12, we investigated William Shakespeare’s perceptions of women as developed in *Hamlet*. In Environmental Science, we just finished a lab on (put in topic).**

**(in other words – in the second paragraph, students briefly go into what has been happening in their main courses – if a special project has been done since the application went out, a presentation, particular lab report, etc., those things should be alluded to in the second paragraph)**

**In extracurricular activities, I continue to be very devoted to the school's SADD Chapter. We are planning (put in a brief overview of an upcoming event). Varsity basketball has begun, and I am practicing with the team everyday.**

**(in other words – in the third paragraph, students should either indicate new activities they are now involved in that they weren't involved in when the applications were sent out --- or, explain some new events, etc. that students have been doing in the same activity)**

**As we approach the Christmas season, and then go into things you have been doing ---- for example: As a member of National Honor Society, I helped collect and distribute food baskets for Thanksgiving. Now we are beginning a toy drive for needy children in the state.**

**(in other words – in the fourth paragraph, students should highlight what they have been doing in community service/with their churches, etc. – colleges really put a great deal of stock into this type of activity)**

**(Name school) is, and has always been, my top choice in colleges. I really am working hard to be the type of student (name school ) wants in its student body. As indicated in the school's mission statement (put in a partial quote), I consistently try to up the values of (match with what is in the mission statement). I really hope you consider me for**

acceptance. I would love to be a (name the mascot ) in the fall of 2012.

Sincerely,

Write name in black ink in cursive

Type Name

Date of Birth

E-mail Address

**Please Note: The letter should be typed in 12 font in New Times Roman, all on the left hand side – no indentation between paragraphs – just a small space to indicate a new paragraph has started. The letter should be NO MORE than one to one and a half pages long. If a student has received any new awards in sports, been in a new play and has the playbill, been given leadership certificates, awards from church, etc., a copy of those should also be included in the letter. What will happen is that we should plan on updating the colleges on Regular Admissions approximately every three to four weeks. Miss Hoyt will go over what the second part of updating (in the three-four week) will be.**



# Scholarships



- **The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards** – The organization is sponsoring scholarship awards for graduating seniors who are operating/have operated during the summer a small business. Applications and more specific guidelines are available online at: [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA)
- **Scholastic Writing Awards** – A reminder that the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is now accepting submissions in the categories of: dramatic script, short story, humor, journalism, personal essay/memoir, persuasive writing, poetry, science fiction/fantasy, writing portfolio, novel writing. Students need to be the submissions in no later than Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$10 fee for submissions. Miss Hoyt would be very happy to work with students on the writing. For more specific information, go online at: <http://www.artandwriting.org>



- **American Mensa, Ltd.** – The organization is again sponsoring its annual scholarship writing contest. The submissions must be in no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. This only involves writing an essay. For more specific information and writing guidelines, go online at: <http://www.us/mensa.org/featured-content-scholarships/>
- **Drew University** – The school is sponsoring scholarship awards for students applying to the university who have demonstrated community service work. For more specific information and guidelines for this Drew Civic Scholar Program, go online at: (www).DREW.EDU/WANTED
- **The Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarship** – For students who are skateboarders. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Go online under the scholarship title and information as to when the applications will be available will be announced.

\* **TCI Student Scholarships** – The organization sponsors scholarships for female seniors who are at least 5’10” and male seniors who are at least 6’2. Currently, you must contact a TCI Member Club closest to you for sponsorship. Even if they do not have an active Student Scholarship campaign, they may simply appoint you as their candidate. Select the TCI Member Club closest to you from the list of Member Clubs here at this website.

- This link will take you to a map. Click your state and see what TCI Clubs may be closest to you. If there is no club in your state, chose the one closest to you.  
<http://www.tall.org/scholarships.cfm?CFID=59200&CFTOKEN=90139585>

- **Duck Brand Scholarship** – This is an annual scholarship contest for students who create the “best” prom outfit out of Duck Tape !!!! Awards range up to \$5,000. For more specific information, and pictures of last year’s winning designs, go online at : <http://duckbrand.com/Promotions/stuck-at-prom.aspx>
- **Society of Professional Journalists Essay Contest** – The organization is sponsoring its annual scholarship writing contest. Submissions are due no later than March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The topic this year is: “*Why is it important that we have news media that is independent of government*” For specific writing guidelines and submissions details, go online at: <http://www.spj.org/a-hs.asp>
- **McKelvey Entrepreneurial E-Scholarships** – “For young entrepreneurs across the USA. One hundred scholarships of \$10,000 are being awarded”. For more specific information, go online at: [www.mckelveyfoundation.org](http://www.mckelveyfoundation.org)

# **Congratulations on Recent College Acceptances**



**Cara Rubin – Coastal Carolina University**

**Michaela Richards – Greensboro College**

**Cameron Johnson – Penn State  
University**

**Abbie Allenson – Winthrop University,  
Roanoke College (\$15,000 scholarship  
per year renewable)**

**Steven Cicero – University of Pittsburg**

**Jillian Simpson – Southern New  
Hampshire University ( \$15,000  
scholarship per year renewable)**

**Veronica St. Onge – Eckerd College ( \$16,000 scholarship per year renewable)**

**Anna Pearson – Curry College ( \$6,500  
scholarship per year renewable)**

**Lauren Avarista – Marymount Manhattan  
College**

**Blair Schneider – University of Maine  
(\$8,000 scholarship per year renewable)  
Lasell College (Presidential Scholarship)**

**Liz Fiske – University of Vermont**

**Tim Christenson – Hampden-Sydney  
College**

**Bryce MacAndrew – Massachusetts  
Maritime Academy**

**Catherine Thow –Eckerd College**

