Important Dates:

- 5/2-7 – Finals Week
- 5/5 – Student & Teachers Appreciation Banquet
- 5/7 – Nat’l Day of Prayer
- 5/8 – Mother’s Day
- 5/16 – Summer Classes begin
- 5/23 – Victory Day
- 5/30 – Memorial Day

You, Too, Can Have a Scholarship

by: Heather Novak

Did everyone get the latest memo from Dr. Catanese, President of Florida Tech? It seems that our tuition will be increasing next semester. I’m sure many of us shuddered at the thought. Most of us have ignored the thought of scholarships and believe that we don’t have a prayer for one. Not entirely so! Just let me explain.

Embarking on some internet research of my own I came to a website provided by Florida Tech’s financial aid office. This website, www.fastweb.com, is a scholarship search engine. I had my results after spending less than five minutes answering various questions about my interests, goals, clubs, etc. I qualified for 27 scholarships! Granted, there were several that I did not want to apply for, but I was amazed at the amount of funds available. Denominations varied from $200 to $22,000 and some scholarships could be renewed.

What was most interesting was that most of them were not specifically teaching scholarships. This is not necessarily a bad thing - it just broadens your options. In fact I did a second search on teaching scholarships and found several more programs. Each program had its specific requirements and many were tied to a specific state and area of expertise you wish to teach in. For example, Florida has a program called the Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program. This is a loan program that lets you work off your loans by teaching in a teacher shortage area for one to two years, but first you have to apply! Lucky for us, math and science are teacher shortage areas nation-wide.

To get started with your scholarship search I would recommend you start with a website like the one mentioned above. You should also check out the U.S. Department of Education and your State’s Department of Education. In addition, consider all activities and clubs that you belong to and check them for scholarship opportunities. For example, the Society of Physics Students offers a scholarship for those who intend to teach physics. You can find out more by going to www.spsnational.org. Joining science clubs and teacher organizations really can pay off!

The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers also offers scholarships to minority students who are in their junior or senior years of an education program. You should also be aware of the deadlines and requirements necessary for each specific application. Make a copy of all scholarships you intend to apply for. Then go over them with your advisor. Have your advisor proof read your essays and give you feedback. Then submit your application before the deadline. Even though the application deadline for many scholarships may have passed, there are still plenty of other scholarships available - and it doesn’t hurt to prepare for the following year. So go for it! If you don’t have the money already, you have nothing to lose!

Some web sites of interest:

- www.back2college.com
- www.findcollegemoney.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.recruitingteachers.org/channels/clearinghouse/becometeacher/126_finaidresources.htm
- www.floridalink.com/thenews/college_grants.htm
- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/osfahomepg.htm
- www.icuf.org/financialaidoffice.htm
- www.findcollegemoney.com/
- www.findtuition.com
- http://careers.nsta.org/advice_planning.asp#aid

Attention Students:

The next FTCE Dates are:

- July 23 – Reg. By 6/3
- Late Reg. By 6/23

All students must take the FTCE General Knowledge Exam. Passing scores are required before registration of the Junior Sequence of Education Courses (EDS 3033, 4051 & 3095)

Seniors must have passing scores for the FTCE Professional Education and Subject Area Exams filed before graduation to graduate from a State Approved Program.
**Time**

Time is an equal opportunity employer.
Each human has exactly the same number of hours and minutes every day.
Rich people can’t buy more hours. Scientists can’t invent new minutes. And you can’t save time to spend it on another day.
Even so, time is amazingly fair and forgiving. No matter how much time you’ve wasted in the past, you still have an entire tomorrow. Success depends upon using it wisely – by planning and setting priorities.

~~Dennis Waitely~~

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**The Eyes of Nye!**

There is a new Bill Nye series for grownups! How cool is that? His mission is the same: to encourage scientific literacy and to help viewers understand the science issues that affect their everyday lives.
There are 13 half-hour episodes. Check it out at www.eyesofnye.org.

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**Best Wishes to Our Graduating Seniors**

**Making their mark on The Wall**

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**Happy Birthday!**

5/29 Nicole Weiler
6/14 Mrs. Blenis
6/21 Heidi Riemer
6/30 Lauren Elberson
7/13 Ashley Lembo
7/21 Linsey Gasiewicz
7/24 George Haywood
7/31 Jessica van der Horst

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**So...Where are they going?**

**Carolina Evans** – “I plan on being a full-time mom for a little while.” Lucas was born April 8th.

**Jessica Disbrow** – “I’ve signed a contract with Brevard County School System and plan on teaching science at Stone Middle School next year.” Ryker was born March 9th.

**Jeff Kelly** – “I’ve been accepted in graduate school at Florida Tech and will be working on my M.S. in Science Education.”

**Heidi Riemer** – “I’ve signed a contract with Florida Air Academy to teach Algebra II and Algebra II Honors starting in the Fall.”

**Zerique Zapata** – “I will be Commissioned right after graduation and will join the 153rd Finance Battalion in St. Augustine.”

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**A true teacher is a person who, at the end of the school day, still likes teenagers!**