



*Vol. 1, Issue 1 | November 2011*

Welcome to the inaugural Project GRAD West High Newsletter!

What is Project GRAD?

Project GRAD Cincinnati, a community-based nonprofit (501 (c) (3)) organization created in 2001, is part of a comprehensive national initiative aimed at improving the success of urban school students to academically achieve, graduate from high school and enter and complete a college education. It is specifically targeted to support over 2,000 students and nearly 170 teachers, principals and counselors within the Cincinnati Public Schools. Project GRAD came to West High in January 2011!

Destination:Success is the after school component of Project GRAD Cincinnati at WHUHS. Students have the unique opportunity to participate in a range of after school programs, as well as study during an allocated period. Through a partnership with the FreeStore Foodbank, students are given a well balanced meal every day.

Come to Destination: Success and see what we have to offer at West High!

**West High Key Club brings awareness to homelessness w/ Shanty Town 2011**



On Friday, October 28, 2011, members of the WHUHS Key Club presented Shanty Town 2011 on campus to raise awareness about homelessness. Students simulated the experiences of the homeless with activities and engaged the public with a Cardboard Brigade, soliciting honks from passing cars with signs containing homelessness facts. After completing a service project at St. Vincent De Paul, students returned to eat crackers and soup during a viewing of Pay It Forward, a movie about second chances. The students constructed their shanties on the football field and slept from 1:30 am-5:30 am in 37 degree weather!

The Key Club wishes to thank advisor, Angela Campbell-Harris and faculty/staff Sherri Heidelberg, Lezlie Christian, Anita Rosewood, Rachel Stallings, and Sue Barga for their assistance during the night. Special shoutout to James Holland, security. Special thanks to Panera Bread for providing breakfast!

**Destination: Success | Programs / Clubs / Activities – 2011-12**

Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2:15-3:00 p.m.	STUDY TABLES	STUDY TABLES	STUDY TABLES	STUDY TABLES
3:00-3:30 p.m.	KIDS CAFÉ	KIDS CAFÉ	KIDS CAFÉ	KIDS CAFÉ
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Drill Team Do Right Sign Bright	Key Club* MORE Step Team	Drill Team DoRight/Cooking Club	MORE Step Team Yearbook Yoga AWAKE

\*Key Club meets during Study Tables on Tuesday | Ask a Project GRAD staff member about each program!

Are you prepared for college? Visit college readiness coordinators in Mod F!

## College Application MiniFAQ

### How many colleges should I apply to?

You should create a list of five to eight colleges that you are interested in attending. The list should contain a mix of safety, probable and reach colleges -- that is, some colleges that you think are very likely to accept you, some that are likely to accept you, and some that are less likely to accept you.

### Is it better to apply online, or send a paper application?

You should check with the colleges you are interested in to see which format they prefer. Most colleges prefer online applications, which are often quicker and easier for them to process. One benefit of applying online is that it is easier to correct a mistake on an electronic application than it is on a paper version. It can also save you money; many colleges waive the application fee if you apply online.

### College Tips by Mr. Wilkes

\*Begin searching for scholarships as early as your freshman year.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*Begin perfecting your time management skills as you go.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*Stay in touch with your college admission rep throughout the entire application process.

\*\*\*\*\*

As a senior, don't be afraid to double check scholarship application deadlines. Often times they can be postponed without publication.

### Upcoming College Trips

December 9, 2011

Eastern Kentucky University  
Morehead State University



Get on the bus! See Mr. Herring or Mr. Wilkes in Mod F to register

### Remaining ACT Test/Registration Dates (2011-12)

**Test Date: December 10, 2011**

Registration: November 4 | November 5 - 18\*

**Test Date: February 11, 2012**

Registration: January 13 | January 14-20\*

**Test Date: April 11, 2012**

Registration: March 9 | March 10-23\*

**Test Date: June 9, 2012**

Registration: May 4 | May 5-18\*

#### Register

Online - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) | By mail - Mod F

Fee Waivers Available | See Mr. Wilkes in Mod F  
\*Late fee required

### Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, December 1, 2011

**All College Applications for Fall 2012 should be submitted!**

Sunday, January 1, 2012

**FAFSA Application becomes available for 2012-2012!**

Friday, February 3, 2012

**West High Senior Parent tax/FAFSA night! Need help understanding the FAFSA? Come to this event to learn if your student is eligible for student loans, grants, and work study programs!**

### Scholarship Websites

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - scholarship search solution Massive Scholarship Database. Incredible Matching Technology right to your email inbox!

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) - a time tested college scholarship search site, excellently organized, and features a great range of college scholarships that will cater to students from all backgrounds in all areas of study.

[www.free-scholarships.com](http://www.free-scholarships.com) - links to more than 40 free, online scholarship search sites listing thousands of scholarships and financial aid awards worth billions of dollars.