



September 2010

## Itineris Early College Guidance Newsletter

[www.iechs.org](http://www.iechs.org)

### Welcome Back!

Seniors and parents of seniors will be familiar with our monthly publication of this Guidance Center Newsletter. For our new juniors and their parents, it is our hope as counselors to provide our students and community with timely, pertinent, and valuable guidance information that meets the needs and interests of our students.

We like to think that we know what our students and community need with respect to guidance information. However, we love suggestions and we want to know what you want to know. If you have a suggestion for a section in an upcoming newsletter, let us know by emailing us. Matt Ekker can be reached at:

[matthew.ekker@jordan.k12.ut.us](mailto:matthew.ekker@jordan.k12.ut.us)

and Jamie Vargas can be reached at:

[jamie.vargas@jordan.k12.ut.us](mailto:jamie.vargas@jordan.k12.ut.us)

### The ACT Test

College readiness is what Itineris is all about and what better way to be prepared for college than to take the most widely used college admission test in the west, the ACT. On Saturday, October 23, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. sharp, all Itineris students will be required to take the ACT test at a local testing center. Itineris will be picking up the tab for this test, saving families the \$33.00 fee that students at other schools must pay to take the exam.

Students will register in their **Connect Time** class in September and will be able to choose from several local testing centers. Once registered, students will receive a confirmation ticket via U.S. Mail that they will present along with picture ID to take the test on the morning of October 23rd.

Students who cannot take the test on October 23rd must make alternate arrangements to take the test with their guidance counselor prior to registering for the October 23rd test. The alternate test date is Saturday, December 11th.



### This Month:

- Welcome Back
- The ACT Test
- Post-High School Tour
- RMACAC College Fair
- Road to College
- Jostens
- PSAT/NMSQT Test
- Empowering Your Tomorrow
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

### Check Out These Helpful Links:

[www.iechs.org](http://www.iechs.org)

[www.slcc.edu/mypage](http://www.slcc.edu/mypage)

[www.utahfutures.org](http://www.utahfutures.org)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

[www.utahnewcentury.org](http://www.utahnewcentury.org)



### PSAT/NMSQT Available for Juniors

On October 13, 2010 at 8:00 a.m., Itineris guidance counselors will administer the PSAT/NMSQT examination to juniors who elect to take advantage of this valuable testing opportunity. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. The PSAT/NMSQT measures: Critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. Students have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test doesn't require a student to recall specific facts from his/her classes. The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to: Receive feedback on one's strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study, see how one's performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college, and to enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC. Itineris has 50 examinations available to students on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost for a student to take the PSAT/NMSQT is \$13. Students who wish to participate may purchase their opportunity to take the exam beginning September 7th, 2010 in the main office. All students who purchase an exam will test on October 13th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in the Health Sciences auditorium. Students will be placed on an excused list but should make prior arrangements with teachers of the classes that they will miss to get class work ahead of time.



"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

-Albert Einstein

### Josten's Senior Orders

**When: October 19th**

**Why: Order cap & gown/graduation announcements**

**Who: Seniors**

**How: Attend Connect**



Parent/Teacher Conferences are September 27-29. Make your appointment online with your Connect Time teacher at:

[www.iechs.org](http://www.iechs.org) beginning September 15th.

## College Fairs

Two college fair opportunities are coming up this fall for Itineris students.

The first is for seniors only and will be held at Bingham High School on Wednesday, September 22nd from 8:00-11:00 a.m. This is the Post-High-School Tour and provides students with the opportunity to visit with admissions counselors from colleges throughout the state of Utah. All college-bound seniors should plan to attend and should make arrangements with teachers of the classes that they may miss to attend this event prior to the date of the Post-High-School Tour.

The second college fair opportunity is the Rocky Mountain Association for College Admissions Counseling (RMACAC) fair at Juan Diego High School.

This fair features admissions officials from colleges throughout the rocky mountain region. The fair will be held on Saturday, October 23rd from 1:00-3:30 p.m. This is the same day that Itineris students will take the ACT test, making for a great college-readiness combination day...test in the morning, explore colleges in the afternoon!

Although the RMACAC college fair is an essential considera-

tion for college-bound seniors, juniors may want to get a jump start on exploring colleges that they might apply to next year.

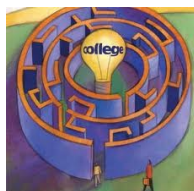
For additional information concerning either of this two college fair opportunities, please contact Jamie in Itineris' Guidance Center.



## Help! I'm a Senior...What should I be doing to go to college next year?

-Take or retake the ACT and/or SAT (no later than December)

-Find out the admission deadlines and requirements for application of the colleges you are interested in (go to the freshman admissions web page of the school you are interested in)



-Schedule a campus visit

-Submit your application for admission and fee early

-Research scholarships using the IECHS website and apply early

-Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA) and attend Itineris' Financial Aid seminar in January

-Keep senior grades up for se-

mester grade reports that many colleges request

-Schedule an appointment with Jamie Vargas for specific help/questions

-Order transcripts 48 hours in advance by filling out a request form available in the main office and giving it to Itineris' registrar, Shannon Hickman

## UVU Empowering Your Tomorrow

On September 25, 2010, Utah Valley University will present its 5th annual "Empowering Your Tomorrow" conference.

This is an outstanding opportunity designed for young men in grades 6-12 to explore educational, career, and life opportunities.

Over thirty hands-on workshops will be offered for boys to

choose from; including, Aviation, Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Medicine, Robotics, Outdoor Recreation, Zoology, and many more! Also, interactive booths from UVU departments, other local universities, and community organizations will be available for boys, parents, and educators to explore and get additional resources.

For more information and to register online, go to: <http://www.uvu.edu/equitycenter>.

The cost to participate is just \$25 and online registration is available

through September 19th. Itineris will reimburse students who present a receipt of payment.

