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## Itineris Early College Guidance Newsletter

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

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#### 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.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

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

**Congratulations to Alyssa Church and Jacob Fisher, Semi-finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. It is an honor to have 2 Itineris students out of a senior class of 120 qualify as semi-finalists. They will be competing for this prestigious scholarship this year.**

### 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 (seniors) can be reached at:

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### 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 22, 2011, 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 \$34.00 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 that they will present along with picture ID to take the test on the morning of October 22nd.



### PSAT/NMSQT Available for Juniors

On Wednesday, October 12, 2011 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 co-sponsored 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 \$14. Students who wish to participate may purchase their opportunity to take the exam beginning Monday, September 12th, 2011 in the main office. All students who purchase an exam will test on Wednesday, October 12th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in the auditorium. Students will be placed on an excused list but should make prior arrangements with teachers of the classes that they will miss.

**Jostens Orders****When: October 17-18****Why: Order cap & gown, graduation announcements, class rings, etc.****How: Attend Connect****Turn in order forms on Friday, Oct 28 from 10am-noon in the lobby.****Exploring College Options****Student/Parent****Information Session for****Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, and Stanford****Tuesday, October 4, 7:30pm****Hilton Salt Lake City Center****255 South West Temple  
RSVP at:  
[www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org)****Parent/Teacher Conferences are October 3-6. Make your appointment online with your Connect Time teacher at: [www.iechs.org](http://www.iechs.org) from September 19-30.****UVU's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Conference****"CHOICE: The Catalyst of Character"**  
When: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 8:45am-1:30pm

Who: High school students (especially those with leadership potential or serving in leadership positions)

What: The conference will include 13 breakout sessions on topics related to interpersonal leadership development and will feature Sean Covey as the keynote speaker.

Cost: Free  
Register at [www.uvu.edu/leadership](http://www.uvu.edu/leadership)

For more information, check out the website or talk with your counselor. Please make prior arrangements with your teachers for makeup work and to excuse your absence.

**U of U Major Exploration Expo****The University of Utah  
A. Ray Olpin Union Ballroom  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Over 80 departments, agencies, and services will be in the Union Ballroom to help students explore majors and design the best degree for them! Information about majors, minors and certificates, as well as, research, study abroad programs, student support services, and involvement activities will be represented. Free lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

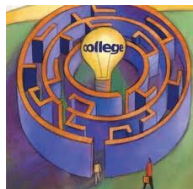
Visit <http://www2.utah.edu/uac/> and click on "Major EXPO" for details.

Again, please make prior arrangements with teachers.

**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 Matt Ekker 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, Julie Smith

**UVU Empowering Your Tomorrow Boys Conference**

On Saturday, September 24, 2011, Utah Valley University will present its 6th annual "Empowering Your Tomorrow" conference from 7:00am-1:30pm.

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

Over thirty interactive workshops will be offered for male students to choose from; including, Aviation, Biotechnology, Forensic Science, Medicine, and many more! Also, interactive booths from UVU departments, other local universities, and community organizations will be available for students, 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 18th. Itineris will reimburse students who present a receipt of payment.