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**SACHEM HIGH SCHOOL  
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OCTOBER 2011 SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER**

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3C	VFW Voice of Democracy (C)	Must be returned to your counselor by October 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.	<p>The Voice of Democracy (VOD) scholarship program is an audio essay contest for high school students in grades 9 through 12.</p> <p>Prizes and scholarships are awarded at the local, district, state, and national level. State winners receive an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. and the chance of up to \$30,000 in scholarships.</p>	The Voice of Democracy Scholarship is open to students in grades 9 through 12. Students' audio essays will be evaluated based on originality, content, and delivery.	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating the scholarship name and number.</p> <p>The completed application includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form</li> <li>• Neatly typed essay</li> <li>• Audio essay (3 – 5 minutes on a standard cassette tape or CD) on this year's theme: <i>"Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?"</i></li> </ul> <p>All materials must be returned to your counselor no later than October 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.</p>
4	Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Program	Must be completed <b>online</b> by October 30, 2011	\$25 to \$5,000 in scholarships will be awarded to students in New York State.	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be high school seniors who intend to enter college no later than the fall after graduation,</li> <li>• Intend to pursue a Bachelor's degree (may start at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution),</li> <li>• Demonstrate critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred),</li> <li>• Have involvement in co-curricular and community service activities,</li> <li>• Have demonstrated academic achievement (minimum GPA of 2.0), and</li> <li>• Be a U. S. citizen</li> </ul>	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating the scholarship name and number to obtain the web address.</p> <p>Application includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One letter of recommendation</li> <li>• Certifications page</li> <li>• A photo copy of the front page of their parent/ guardian's federal tax return</li> <li>• Transcript</li> </ul>

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5	Coca-Cola Scholars Program	Must be completed <b>online</b> by October 31, 2011	50 awards for \$20,000 per year for four years.  Remaining 200 awards are for \$10,000 per year for four years.	Students must be high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA and planning to pursue a college degree.  Applicants will be evaluated on leadership in school, commitment to community, academic achievement and part time employment.	In order to apply, students must see their guidance counselor to obtain the web address.
6C	Prudential Spirit of Community Award (C)	Must be <b>returned</b> to your counselor by November 1, 2011	Cash awards up to \$5,000 and a chance to earn a trip to Washington D.C. for a series of national recognition events.	Sachem North can nominate one student from grades 9 – 12 to compete for this award.  The student must have performed outstanding acts of volunteer work in the community, preferably within the past 12 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send a pass to your counselor indicating the scholarship name and number in order to obtain more information and website.</li> <li>• Go online to complete the application. Print, sign and <u>return to your guidance counselor</u> by November 1, 2011.</li> </ul>
7	Ron Brown Scholars Program	Must be postmarked by November 1, 2011 for consideration for the Ron Brown Scholars Program and to be forwarded to a select and limited number of additional scholarship providers.  To be considered for only the Ron Brown Scholar Program, there is a final postmark date of January 9, 2012.	Awards up to \$10,000 annually for four years to the college or university of their choice.  The Ron Brown Scholar Program is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented, highly motivated African American high school seniors who intend to pursue an undergraduate degree full time.	African American high school seniors, who have excelled academically, show exceptional leadership potential, made an impact on their community through service to others and demonstrate financial need.	Send a pass to your counselor indicating the scholarship name and number.  Application materials <u>must</u> be mailed in one packet.  Application includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transcript</li> <li>• Two letters of recommendation</li> <li>• Application</li> <li>• School profile</li> <li>• Activity sheet</li> <li>• Awards/honors resume</li> <li>• Two essays</li> </ul> Student is responsible for mailing all materials. Must be postmarked by November 1, 2011.

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8	Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) "Freedom in Academia" High School Essay Contest	Must be submitted by November 5, 2011	A chance to win a \$5,000 (first place) or \$2,500 (second place) college scholarship. In addition, five runner-ups will each receive \$1,000 scholarships.	FIRE is looking for bright, college-bound high school seniors to write an essay between 800 – 1,000 words explaining why free speech and First Amendment rights are crucial to higher education and how abuses of these rights harm the college experience.	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating the name and number of the scholarship.</p> <p>Application includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 800 – 1,000 word essay</li> <li>• Include your name, contact information, school, and school address on your essay.</li> </ul> <p>Applications must be submitted by November 1, 2011 online or regular mail.</p>
9	The Suffolk Academy of Medicine – Doctors of Tomorrow	Notify your counselor of your interest by November 10, 2011	A chance to win anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000. Awards will be paid to the medical school you plan to attend.	<p>For high school seniors interested in a career in medicine. Students must attend an introductory symposium on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at Stony Brook University from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If students wish to participate in this competition, it is <u>mandatory</u> that they attend the symposium.</p> <p>Students will be required to submit an essay and resume to accompany a physician for a day.</p>	<p>For a brochure outlining the requirements for competition, send a pass to your counselor indicating the name and number of the scholarship.</p> <p>Students who plan to attend the symposium on November 30, 2011, must notify their counselor no later than November 10, 2011 so their name can be placed on a registration form.</p> <p>Students must then write an essay and activity list that must be submitted no later than January 6, 2012. Students will then be invited to spend a day with a doctor.</p> <p>Application involves attendance at the introductory symposium, essay contest, resume, and a day with a doctor.</p>

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10	First Freedom Student Competition	<p>Online entry deadline is November 14, 2011.</p> <p>Postmark entry deadline is November 26, 2011.</p>	<p>Essay Award: \$2,500</p> <p>Video Award: \$2,500</p>	<p>The First Freedom Student Competition is a national essay and video contest offering 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students an opportunity to compete for awards as they examine the history, current importance and relevance of religious freedom in today's world.</p>	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating the name and number of the scholarship to request the website and further information regarding this scholarship.</p>
11C	Elks National Foundation 2012 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Competition (C)	Must be returned to your counselor by November 22, 2011	<p>The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four year scholarships to the highest rated boys and girls in the 2012 competition. The awards will range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 per year for four years</p>	<p>Any high school senior who is a United States citizen is eligible to apply. Male and female students compete separately for identical awards.</p> <p>Applications will be reviewed for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Community service</li> <li>• Honors and awards</li> <li>• Leadership and extracurricular activities</li> <li>• Essay</li> <li>• Financial need</li> <li>• Counselor report and transcript</li> <li>• SAT/ACT scores</li> </ul>	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating the name and number of the scholarship.</p> <p>The completed application includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form</li> <li>• Essay</li> <li>• Parental financial statement</li> <li>• Official transcript of grades (including first quarter report card)</li> <li>• SAT/ACT scores taken before November 15, 2011 in sealed envelope</li> <li>• Counselor report</li> <li>• Copies of exhibits</li> </ul> <p>Completed application must be returned to your counselor by November 22, 2011.</p>

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12	AXA Achievement Scholarship	<p>Must be submitted online by December 1, 2011</p> <p>Only the first 12,000 applicants will be considered</p>	<p>One (1) \$10,000 winner from New York State. \$15,000 in additional scholarship monies awarded to one national winner.</p>	<p>The AXA Achievement Scholarship offers college scholarships to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace.</p> <p>To qualify, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be United States citizens or legal residents,</li> <li>• Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States by fall 2012,</li> <li>• Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace.</li> </ul>	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating the scholarship name and number.</p> <p>Application includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay</li> <li>• Resume</li> <li>• Work experience</li> <li>• High school transcript</li> <li>• Appraisal form from an unrelated adult</li> <li>• Have your counselor sign the form</li> </ul> <p>Application must be submitted online by December 1, 2011. (The first 12,000 applications received will be considered.)</p>
13	"Make the U" (Haz La U) Scholarship	<p>Must be submitted online by December 31, 2011</p>	<p>Colgate-Palmolive and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund are partnering to encourage young Hispanics to "Make the U" (Haz La U) and get them on the path to higher education.</p> <p>One grand prize of \$15,000 and ten (10) second place prizes of \$2,500 each will be awarded to eligible Hispanic students.</p>	<p>Must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high school senior</li> <li>• Of Hispanic heritage</li> <li>• Planning to pursue higher education</li> <li>• A United States citizen</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should have a GPA of 3.0.</p>	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating the name and number of the scholarship.</p> <p>Students will need to log on to <a href="http://www.colgate.com/hazlau">www.colgate.com/hazlau</a> and follow the application process to submit three (3) short essays of 500 words or less on a selection of topics.</p> <p>Application must be submitted online by December 31, 2011.</p>

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14	Japan Center-Canon Essay Competition at Stony Brook University	Must be submitted by January 5, 2012	<p>The Japan Center at Stony Brook is offering an annual essay competition to promote awareness and understanding of Japan in the United States and to help young Americans broaden their horizons.</p> <p>Three (3) Best Essay Awards up to \$2,000 and multiple special cash awards will be given.</p>	<p>Applicants must be 13 years old or older and enrolled in high school.</p> <p>All applicants must be United States citizens.</p>	<p>Send a pass to your counselor indicating scholarship name and number.</p> <p>Essay submissions must be received by the Japan Center at Stony Brook University by January 5, 2012</p> <p>Essay should discuss one or more aspects of Japan (for example: arts pop culture, politics, etc.) in relation to their personal views, experiences, and/or future goals.</p>