

Guidance

# Gazette

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## Starting the School Year

Welcome Back! It's that time of year again for guidance counselors to advise and inspire another graduating class towards personal and academic progress. The Center for College Planning is pleased to assist by presenting the first in a series of electronic newsletters to help counselors and students prepare for the challenges ahead. *The Guidance Gazette* is a quarterly publication. We cover a range of topics and issues related to the college process. From new admissions policies and college savings plans to scholarship services, we hope to offer local insight to issues that impact your students and their families. In order to make this effort especially relevant, we'd love to hear from you. Please consider contributing ideas, stories, questions and comments for future editions. Send us your thoughts to [collegeplanning@nhheaf.org](mailto:collegeplanning@nhheaf.org) or call us at 1-800-525-2577 x119. Best wishes for a successful year!

## Working Together

Many NH guidance counselors have utilized our office to supplement college and career curriculum already in place. As part of our charitable mission, The NHHEAF Network Organizations are committed to providing New Hampshire students with the best information about planning and paying for college. If you have not already worked with us, know that we are here for you with a host of presentations, materials and supporting services – all free! Looking to schedule a presentation? Visit our Web site at [www.nhheaf.org/events.asp](http://www.nhheaf.org/events.asp) to review the descriptions and register your school. Presentations include:

- [College Overview for Seniors](#)
- [It's Never too Early....College Preparation for Juniors](#)
- [Financial Aid Presentation](#)
- [Tuition Possible: Award Letter Seminar](#)
- [Transition to High School: Seminar for 9th Graders](#)
- [Get Centered - 10th Grade Presentation](#)
- [Early College Planning for Parents Grades \(K-8\)](#)
- [Get On the Bus: Seminar for Fifth Grade Students](#)
- [Who Wants to be a College Graduate? \(8th Grade Program\)](#)

## The Center for College Planning

provides parents and students with the information, materials and guidance they need to begin the process of applying for college admission and financial aid. We offer free services and materials for every population. Call our Concord office with questions or to schedule an appointment with one of our college counselors, 800.525.2577 x119.

- Individualized college counseling in our Concord office
- Specialized lists of colleges that match search criteria
- Calculation of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for financial aid purposes
- Access to career surveys and popular college majors
- Assistance filing complicated financial aid paperwork

Submit your college essay for feedback to [collegeplanning@nhheaf.org](mailto:collegeplanning@nhheaf.org)

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## Upcoming:

**December: A look at the financial aid process and a preview of Destination College.**

## Enjoy our Free Publications

The Center for College Planning has updated many of its publications, handouts and workbooks for the 2006-2007 school year. Please call 1-800-525-2577 x119 to order any of the following:



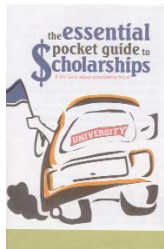
### *The College Insider*

College planning guide with information about college interviews, NCAA regulations, career exploration, college admissions criteria and applying for financial aid. (This is up-to-date with current year information)



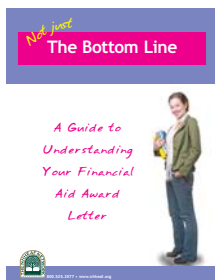
### *NHHEAF/NHASTFAA Financial Aid Organizer*

This organizer offers great information, a planning calendar and frequently asked questions. The folder is the perfect place to store copies of financial aid applications and materials from college.



### *The Essential Pocket Guide to Scholarships Pocket Guide*

Designed to educate students about scholarship fraud.



### *Not Just The Bottom Line*

A guide to understanding your financial aid award letter. You have received your financial aid package. Now what? What do all of those numbers mean?

### **New Counselor?**

In addition to the everyday responsibilities of managing schedules, meetings, graduation requirements, counseling and advising, guidance counselors are often expected to be experts on college admission and financial aid. On Friday, January 19th, the Center for College Planning will be hosting College 101: Workshop for the New Guidance Professional. Over 150 new counselors have "graduated" from this unique program. Topics include: the campus visit, the college essay, letters of recommendation, the college interview, ABC's of financial aid, and what admissions counselor are really looking for in an applicant. Counselors receive free materials and resources to help guide students and parents through constantly changing and complex environment of college planning. Lunch is included. Seats are limited. Reserve a spot today by calling Zanna Campbell at 1-800-525-2577 x443.

## Save these Dates

- *Destination College: 8th Annual College Prep Convention for High School Juniors and their Parents.*

**[www.destinationcollege.org](http://www.destinationcollege.org)**

**Saturday, March 17, 2007 at Plymouth State University.**

- *Discover U: Early College Awareness Program for 8th Graders and their Parents.*

**[www.NHDiscoverU.org](http://www.NHDiscoverU.org)**

**April 14, 2007 at Colby-Sawyer College**

**April 28, 2007 at Southern NH University.**

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### News Around the State

So, how are New Hampshire students doing on the SAT? New Hampshire students taking the SAT last year scored higher than the national average in each section of the SAT. That's the good news. The bad news is that New Hampshire's scores are actually lower than the previous year.

Please have your students take full advantage of our free SAT Test Gear at [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com) to help boost those averages. Call one of our counselors for free online access, (800) 525-2577 x119. Click here to read the entire article on scores throughout the Granite State.

**<http://www.unionleader.com/article.aspx?headline=SAT+scores+fall+in+NH+and+U.S.&articleId=643e0c68-ff17-4b95-aa98-05a821cd3bd7>**

**Your next Guidance Gazette will be sent in December. Until then, good luck writing senior recommendations and easing the transition for your freshmen! Thanks and enjoy the fall.**

*The NHHEAF Network Organizations are comprised of four independent, nonprofit organizations: The New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, which was established by the banking community in 1962 to guarantee student loans; the New Hampshire Higher Education Loan Corporation, which was designated by the State of New Hampshire in June 1993 to be a lender and holder exclusively for student loans; Granite State Management & Resources, established in 1986 as the loan servicing arm of the Organizations and the NHHEAF Network Educational Foundation, established in 2004 to administer the Organizations' charitable giving. Collectively, the NHHEAF Network Organizations offer complementing services to families including information and materials about planning for higher education, education loan funding and life-of-loan servicing. The NHHEAF Network Organizations can be reached at 1-800-525-2577 or online at [www.nhheaf.org](http://www.nhheaf.org).*