

# Counseling Department Newsletter

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## 2015-2016 Scheduling

Counselors have begun scheduling all students grades 9-11 for the 2015/16 school year! Counselors have been visiting English classes to inform students about classes offered next year and how to successfully meet all graduation requirements! Students also learn about career pathways and electives. If you have any questions regarding your student's course requests please contact his/her counselor.



Are you on track to graduate?  
Contact your counselor if you are unsure!

*For parents – to make an appointment with your student’s counselor, please contact the counseling department!*

*For students – to make an appointment with your counselor please sign up on the clipboards outside of the counseling office.*

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## Important Dates! EDHS College Fair April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

East Detroit High School will be hosting a College Fair on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. It will be in the evening and held in the cafeteria and media center. This is a free event that is open to all middle and high school students and their families!

Public and private colleges from throughout the state of Michigan will be sending representatives to answer your questions and share information about their schools and programs. It will be an informative evening for you and your student.



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## Attention Freshman and Sophomores!

Are you a college-bound Freshman or Sophomore? Here are some helpful tips you can start now to get yourself prepared for your post-secondary plans!

- Research colleges/universities/trade schools online.
- Discuss your plans with family, friends, counselors and teachers.
- Get involved in a club, volunteer activity or extracurricular activity.
- **Stay on top of your grades!** GPA is extremely important and starts as soon as you enter high school!!
- Understand graduation requirements and what colleges typically require.
- Attend a college fair.



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## Tips for College-Bound Juniors

- Research colleges/universities/trade schools online.
- Meet with college reps that visit EDHS.
- Start a college folder – Keep everything pertaining to your college search!
- Stay on top of your grades and credit status.
- Research financial aid and scholarship options.
- Attend college fairs.
- Talk with your junior teachers about writing you a letter of recommendation.
- Register with Parchment to have you transcripts easily sent to colleges.

*Please visit the Counseling Department website for many more resources and helpful information for students and parents!*

[http://  
edhscounseling.weebly.com/](http://edhscounseling.weebly.com/)

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## Tips for College-Bound Seniors

- Maintain and improve grades – **No Senioritis!**
- If you need to retake the ACT do so at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org).
- Starting applying to colleges! We recommend applying to 2-3.
- Visit college campuses.
- Apply for scholarships and financial aid.
- Notify your counselor of any scholarships you receive and your final college choice.

## Scholarship and Financial Aid Information!

***Students are encouraged to search for scholarships regularly!***

We also encourage students to contact the financial aid office of the college(s) you are planning to attend to see if you qualify for any scholarships they offer.

Scholarship searches are a great way to find opportunities you may be eligible for. Scholarship search websites can be found on the EDHS Counseling website under "College Information – Scholarships."

Another great resource is to seek out scholarships that may be available through organizations your parents/family belong to. Some examples include employers, associations/clubs, religious organizations, unions, ethnic affiliations, and/or military services.

Always be aware  
of  
**DEADLINE**  
**DATES!**



# Scholarships!



There is a lot of **free money** out there for college students if you know where to look! The counseling department has gathered lots of information and resources for you to use in your scholarship search! New scholarships will be updated regularly on the EDHS counseling department website and added to our newsletters.

## Michigan Oil and Gas Producers Education Foundation

The Michigan Oil & Gas Producers Education Foundation sponsors a scholarship program for Michigan high school senior students accepted for enrollment at a Michigan university or community college, having a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (computed on a 4.0 scale), and demonstrating financial need. Qualified applicants must also be pursuing a degree in a field of study which will allow them to obtain full time employment in the crude oil and natural gas industry. There will be scholarships with a minimum of \$500 to be paid directly to the university or college where the applicant is enrolled. Applications can be found on the counseling website or picked up in the counseling office.

**Due – April 2, 2015**

## Brandon Bonkowski Scholarship

### **Scholarship 1**

Available to Michigan high school seniors, or current undergraduate students who have been accepted at a university or community college, or trade school, who have had to overcome some form of learning disability, i.e. A.D.D., A.D.H.D., Asperger's Syndrome, dyslexia or similar challenge. (\$1,000.00 award).

These applicants should write a 300-500 word essay explaining the disability, and how they have persevered to overcome it.

### **Scholarship 2**

Available to Michigan undergraduate students enrolled full time in a university or community college carrying a GPA of 2.5 or better. (\$1,000.00 award)

Essay topic: (300-500 words) - "10 reasons why you are awesome."

You know you are the best, now convince us. Be creative.

**Applications for both of the above awards should be submitted before the June 15th 2015 deadline via e-mail to [theresadubay@wowway.com](mailto:theresadubay@wowway.com). Please include a letter with your contact information and which college you are attending and which scholarship you are applying for.**

### **Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship**

To be considered eligible for the Odenza Marketing Group Fall Scholarship you must:

- A) Be between the ages of 16 and 25 on March 30th, 2015
- B) Submit answers to the essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the March 30th, 2015 deadline.
- C) Have at least one full year of post-secondary studies remaining at the time of the award
- D) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- E) Be a citizen of the United States or Canada

**The scholarship winner will be announced roughly six weeks after the deadline and will be posted on this website immediately after. All applications must be received by 11:59pm ET on March 30th, 2015. No late applications will be reviewed.**

**FOR THE APPLICATION: SEARCH GOOGLE BY TYPING - Odenza Marketing Group 2015 Application**

### **SP \$10,000 Scholarship**

- 1) Be at least 13 years old and enrolled or will enroll in a college or university in the US.
- 2) Be a legal resident of the U.S. or Puerto Rico.

To date, Edvisors SP Scholarship Program has given away more than \$650,000 through their scholarship program.

**Due March 31, 2015. Visit the counseling website or department for the application.**

### **CHS Scholarship**

Graduating high school seniors pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field at any college or university throughout the United States and Canada are invited to apply for one of 200 \$1,000 scholarships.

- 1. Must be a high school senior, graduating in the spring and attending college in fall 2015.
- 2. Must plan to pursue an agricultural degree at a college or university within the United States or Canada.
- 3. Students pursuing a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) field of study with an interest in agriculture will be considered.
- 4. Must be a legal citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada.

**Due – April 1, 2015. Applications can be found at: <http://www.chsinc.com/stewardship/leadership-development#highschool>**

### **Peter Pasula Study Habits Scholarship**

To be eligible for the Study Habits Scholarship you must:

- 1) Be attending an accredited post-secondary institution by the fall of 2015.
- 2) A student can be enrolled at any level in any program that is two years in length or longer.
- 3) Students must be Canadian or US residents.
- 4) Students must answer the essay question on the website online application form.

**Due – April 1, 2015. Application can be found at**

**[http://mortgagebrokerscoquitlam.com/mortgagebrokers/189/coquitlam\\_commercial\\_mortgage\\_broker.php](http://mortgagebrokerscoquitlam.com/mortgagebrokers/189/coquitlam_commercial_mortgage_broker.php)**

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### 10 Words or Less Scholarship

Scholarship Eligibility:

- A) Anyone who is between the ages of 14-25 who will be attending school in the Fall of 2015.
- B) This scholarship is provided by StudentScholarships.org. In order to apply for our scholarship follow these instructions:

1. Go to [www.facebook.com/myscholarships](http://www.facebook.com/myscholarships). On the left hand side of the page you will find an area entitled "10 Words or Less Scholarship". In the comment section underneath the "10 Words or Less Scholarship" answer the following:

In 10 words or less, tell us why you deserve the \$500 scholarship.

2. Before or After writing your Answer you will also need to "Like" our Facebook page. Note we will only read the answers provided from people that have "Liked" our page.

**Due – June 15, 2015. <http://www.studentscholarships.org/easy.php>**

### Global Life Equipment Scholarship

Eligibility:

To be considered eligible for the Global Lift Equipment Scholarship you must:

- A) Be currently attending or planning on attending a post-secondary institution in Canada or the US by no later than the Fall of 2015.
- B) Submit a short story. Detailed instructions can be found on the application page.
- C) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- D) Be a resident of the United States or Canada.

**Due – June 15, 2015. <http://www.usedforklifttexas.com/>**

### Lift Parts Express Scholarship

To be eligible for the LPE Scholarship you must be either:

- A) A Current Senior in High School or
  - B) A Freshman or Sophomore in College/University
2. Be a legal resident of the United States or Canada
  3. Enrolled or expected to be enrolled by the Fall of 2015
  4. Submit a completed online application form prior to the deadline.

**Due – June 30, 2015. <http://www.studentscholarships.org/letter.php>**

### Lifestyle Dentistry Scholarships

To be considered eligible for the Lifestyle Dentistry Scholarship you must:

- A) Be attending college or university no later than September 30th, 2015. Current High School Seniors who will graduate in 2015 are eligible. You can be enrolled in any field of study.
- B) Submit answers to the essay question, which can be found on the application page, **prior to the June 30th, 2015 deadline.**
- C) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- D) Be a resident of Canada or the United States

The scholarship winner will be announced roughly six weeks after the deadline and will be posted on this website immediately after. All applications must be received by 11:59pm ET on June 30th, 2015. No late applications will be reviewed.

### **Cognizant Making the Future Scholarship Program**

This scholarship is for students pursuing careers in a STEM field. To qualify, applicants must be eligible to enroll or be currently enrolled at a two- or four-year accredited college or university with a full course of undergraduate study or a vocational-technical school. Applicants must also have a minimum 2.5 GPA. This scholarship is design-based and to apply applicants will be required to submit documentation of a hands-on project that illustrates creativity and innovation. **Award - \$5,000**

**Due - March 31, 2015** <http://www.cognizant.com>

### **Herbert Lehman Scholarship**

This scholarship is for high school seniors, high school graduates and currently enrolled college freshman. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be planning to attend or be currently attending an accredited four-year college or university. Applicants must be of excellent character and be able to present strong academic records, test scores, and personal essays. Applicants must have a demonstrable record of community and school involvement that reveals exceptional leadership potential with a capacity to work well in diverse settings. Moreover, they must provide strong recommendations from teachers, community representatives, or employers. Non-US citizens are eligible for this scholarship. **Award - \$2,000**

**Due – March 31, 2015.** <http://www.naacplidf.org>

### **Worldstudio AIGA Scholarship**

This scholarship is for students who are majoring in and pursuing an undergrad or graduate degree in advertising (art direction only), fine arts, graphic design, illustration, interactive design/motion graphics, and photography. High school seniors are eligible, provided they can provide proof of enrollment in a college or university for the fall 2015/spring 2015 academic year. Applicants must be enrolled full-time, have at least a 2.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be US citizens or green card holders. Though not a requirement, minority status is a significant factor considered in the award decisions. Applications open 2/1. **Award - \$500 to \$5000.**

**Due – March 27.** <http://scholarships.worldstudioinc.com/>





## Scholarship Websites!

Please visit any of these websites to search for scholarships!

- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- <http://weeklyscholarshipalert.com/>
- <http://www.schoolsoup.com/>
- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- <http://www.collegeview.com/>
- <https://www.cappex.com/>
- <http://www.parchment.com/>
- <http://www.petersons.com/>
- <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>

Go Shamrocks!



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## Counseling Department Website

Be sure to check out the counseling department website! The counseling department will be updating this site on a regular basis with upcoming events, college, financial aid and scholarship information!

In addition, students of all grade levels can find helpful information and resources pertaining to academics and post-secondary planning.

We will continue to update and add resources to this site as the school year continues!

Visit it today at:

<http://edhscounseling.weebly.com/>



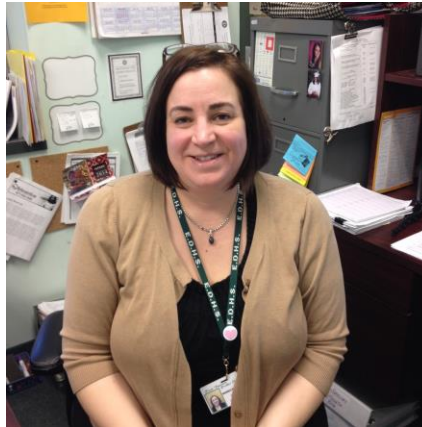
**We're on the Web!**

<http://edhscounseling.weebly.com/>

## Counselor Spotlight! – Mrs. Ceresa

### What group of students do you work with?

I work with 10-12 graders in the SLAM Academy.



### Where did you attend college? What degrees do you have?

I have a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Franklin and Marshall College and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Wayne State University. I also have my master's degree in School and Agency Counseling from Wayne State University.

### How long have you been working for East Detroit Schools?

I have been working for East Detroit Public Schools since 1998. I taught at both Warrendale and Crescentwood Elementary until 2012. I taught a variety of levels including first, second, third and fourth grades. I also spent one semester at Bellview Elementary as a Title One Teacher.

I started my career as a counselor at Kellwood Alternative High School and spent a year there as the counselor for grades 9-12. I was transferred to EDHS for the 2012-2013 school year.

### Favorite Things!

- **Holiday?** Thanksgiving
- **Movie?** The Shawshank Redemption
- **Thing to do outside of school?** Spending time with my kids; reading.
- **Thing about being a counselor at EDHS?** I love being able to support and help my students figure out their career pathway, and assist them in planning for after high school.

### Fun Fact?

I was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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