

ROA Director Update
Friday, November 20, 2015

Hello lovely ROA families,

We are heading into our Thanksgiving week break. With that, we would like to take a moment to thank our families and our students for being a part of the ROA community. John F. Kennedy once said that: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." We hope that you would agree that the dedicated staff at ROA lives by these words every day to make sure that you know how grateful we are that you chose ROA to accompany you on your homeschool journey.

We wish you a wonderful, restful and inspiring week with your loved ones.

The Code is coming...

...to ROA on Thursday, December 10th at 10:00am

Come and join students from all over the world for an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week (December 7-11). Students of all ages can choose from a variety of self-guided tutorials, from kindergarten up. No experience needed. **Sign up will open on December 1 at 8:00 am through SignUpGenius.** We only have 30 slots available so don't wait long! If the slots get filled out and you still would like to participate, please contact Maria (maria.montagne@roavc.com). If we have enough people interested, we will be able to open another section.

Students may bring their own laptops or tablets :)

More information available at <https://hourofcode.com/us>

Scratch Class website info:

If your student is in Michal's Scratch workshop, the link below allows you to access the projects they started to work on.
<http://roavc.com/class/scratch2015>

ATTENTION, RIVER OAKS ACADEMY SENIORS!

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNSELOR

College Applications

If you need assistance with your college applications, contact Richard (Mr. I.) as soon as possible at richard.intlekofer@roavc.com

SCHOLARSHIPS!

We will be posting information regarding scholarship opportunities for ROA seniors on a regular basis. For more information, contact your counselor at richard.intlekofer@roavc.com

FAFSA

Deadline: March 2, 2016

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the primary form that college students use to apply for financial aid to all colleges, both universities and community colleges. With this application, students may become eligible for grants, loans, and/or college work-study programs. The FAFSA may be filed any time after January 1, 2016, and is due by March 2. (Hint: Don't wait until March 2! File the FAFSA by early February.) You can find the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be careful to go to this site only. There are other sites that want

to charge you to complete the FAFSA--but the real FAFSA is free! In addition, go to www.csac.ca.gov for specific information about financial aid for colleges in California. And, you can use such sites as www.finaid.com, www.fastweb.com, and www.collegeconfidential.com to search for scholarships that might work for you!

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Deadline: December 4, 2015

Award: \$100-50,000

Eligibility: High school seniors who are US citizens.

Criteria: Completed application, employment, community service, honors and awards, leadership, extracurricular activities, essay, parental financial statement, counselor report, transcript, SAT or ACT scores, and letters of recommendation. To learn more about the scholarship program and to download an application go to www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

Contact: Rick Herrera, Scholarship Chairman, at 805-901-2394 or at handballrick@hotmail.com. Thousand Oaks Lodge No. 2477, 2330 Los Feliz Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

Deborah K. Geist Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2015

Award: \$500

Eligibility: Ventura County high school seniors who are U.S. citizens or nationals, are applying to a two or four year undergraduate program, and are pursuing careers in business.

Criteria: Community service, essay, committed to careers in operations or purchasing in business. For more information, go to <http://www.birns.com/scholarship.html>. To apply, go to: http://www.birns.com/uploads/file/ScholarshipApplication_021512.pdf.

National Charity League, Inc. Conejo Valley Chapter

Deadline: Dec. 18, 2015

Eligibility: High school female graduating seniors who have community service involvement, and are planning to attend a community college, four-year college or trade school. Neither applicants nor members of their immediate family can have been a member of NCL at any time.

Criteria: Essay, academic achievement, volunteer work and community service, letters of recommendation, completed application. Forms are available from Richard Intlekofer, ROA Counselor. Applicants should not contact any member of NCL. Completed forms must be mailed to:

National Charity League, Inc.

P.O. Box 4528

Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Attn: Wendy Guerrero, Scholarships & Disbursements Co-Chair.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Deadline: January 20, 2016

Award: \$1,000 or more

Eligibility: The program is open to graduating high school seniors who are legal residents of the United States; will attend a two-or four- year college or university, less than 21 years of age, have a minimum 2.7 GPA, and reside within the geographic boundaries of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Ventura counties.

Students may apply for one of four different types of scholarships:

RMHC/Scholars - All students are eligible to apply regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

RMHC/ Asian Pacific American Students Increasing Achievement (ASIA) - Applicant must have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific heritage.

RMHC/ African America Future Achievers - Applicant must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage.

RMHS/ Hispanic American Commitment (HACER) - Applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic/Latino heritage.

Criteria: Financial need, community involvement, essay content, academic achievements and records. For more information, go to: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>.

Important Dates:

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| Thanksgiving Recess | November 23-27 (no school and no classes) |
| Monday, November 30 | School and workshops resume |
| Board Meeting | December 3 @ 7:00 (open to the public) |
| The Hour of Code | December 10, 2015 @ 10:00 |
| Holiday Party | December 10, 2015 |
| Winter Break | December 21-January 1, 2016 |

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving,
Your River Oaks homeschool team,
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni
Tezo and Beverly
and
Claudia