

SOUTH PEMISCOT HIGH SCHOOL

COUNSELOR NEWS

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Seniors

During the month of November you should plan to apply for admission to selective universities, colleges or vocational training schools.

The next ACT exam is scheduled for December 12th.

Students

Check out www.how-to-study.com for free study skills, study strategies, and study tips. The site updates information and content. Check often for valuable new study aids.



Scholarships

DOD TO AWARD SMART SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH \$45 MILLION

The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) employs more scientists and engineers than any other government agency. But America's national security workforce is rapidly aging, and many defense researchers are expected to soon retire. Filling those vacancies won't be easy because the U.S. isn't graduating enough students from the

so-called STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). To help offset that problem, Congress in 2005 created a highly lucrative DOD scholarship aimed at bolstering the Pentagon's science and engineering talent pool. DOD's Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship program's overarching goal is promoting the education, recruitment, and retention of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in STEM disciplines. Since 2005, the Program has awarded 576 SMART scholarships worth \$96.5 million. DOD expects to award 300 scholarships this year worth a total of \$45 million.

Ten fastest-growing occupations	Expected growth rate
Home health aides	56%
Network systems/data communications analysts	55%
Medical assistants	52%
Physician assistants	50%
Computer software engineers, applications	48%
Physical therapist assistants	44%
Dental hygienists	43%
Computer software engineers, systems software	43%
Dental assistants	43%
Personal and home care aides	41%



ASVAB Test

The ASVAB test was administered to the Sophomore and Senior classes last month. Someone from the Army will explain the results to the Sophomore class and will meet with the Senior class soon.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN "GREEN JOBS"

The National Career Development Association (NCDA) website recently had an article concerning counseling students interested in following this path. To read the article, go to http://www.associationdatabase.com/aw/NCDA/pt/sd/news_article/23199/_PARENT/layout_details/true



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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005 Occupational Outlook Handbook. Time frame of growth rate spans from 2004 to 2014.