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## FAFSA Made Easier

The government has streamlined the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, made a new website for college bound students, and has a program that can forecast an estimated amount of financial aid. Figuring out how to pay for college is stressful. If students wish to receive financial aid, the federal government is trying to make it easier for parents and college bound students going through the process.

The U.S. Secretary of Education announced that the process for filling out federal student aid applications has been simplified. The form would be reduced from 100 questions to 26. This new form will provide real-time information on how much aid you can expect to receive, as opposed to how much you and your family are expected to contribute under the current system.

In addition, there is a new website called College.gov. It details why students should go to college, how to do it and how to pay for it. The site gives detailed information on how to apply for admissions, how to prepare and study, and how to apply for federal student aid.

The new site links to the FAFSA home page, which explains how to fill out the form. Completing the FAFSA form online saves time. Students can expect a response in three to five days instead of waiting two or three weeks when using the paper form.

Another helpful government sponsored website is the FAFSA4caster. This nifty site allows parents and students to get an early jump on the estimated amount of financial aid that the student can receive. In addition, using this site will allow parents and students to understand the process better and to find other sources of financial aid. Plus, all of the data typed into the FAFSA4caster can be transferred to the FAFSA on the web application.

If a student is in high school, the parent and the student should start checking out these sites at their leisure before the senior year. The senior year goes by quickly and there is so much to do and so many applications to complete.

Source: <http://college-preparation.suite101.com>

### ETS School Visits

One of the most important things you can do as an ETS student is attend the ETS meetings. Your advisor will come to your school twice each month and it is important that you try to make it to each and every meeting. If you cannot attend your meetings, please let your advisor know why (maybe you have another club meeting or a sport event.) If you don't attend the meetings and don't contact your advisor, we may assume you no longer wish to participate, and exit you from the program.

Thanks for those of you who attend all your meetings!!

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# December Birthdays

**Dec. 1**

Ethan Cole ERMS  
 Melissa Halterman LNCHS  
 Lisa Hunsinger CHS  
 Paige Krumreich LNCHS

**Dec. 2**

Sadie Gassmann ERMS  
 Raymond Knightstep SAC  
 Haley Smith ERHS  
 Alexander Sparks MCHS

**Dec. 3**

Caleb Hixon ERHS  
 Shane Newman ERHS

**Dec. 4**

Victoria Bryant LNCHS  
 Heidi Loudermilk RHHS

**Dec. 6**

Chelsea Brown CCHS

**Dec. 7**

McKenzi Blair LNCJH

**Dec. 9**

Sydney Dunn ERMS  
 Jacob Elder CCHS

**Dec. 10**

Barbara White WRHS

**Dec. 11**

Lindsey McKnelly LNCJH

**Dec. 14**

Holly Buerster NCHS

**Dec. 16**

Dezaree Baker ERHS  
 Jordan Byers LNCJH

**Dec. 17**

Curtis Greenwood LNCHS

Brennen Wells CCJH

**Dec. 18**

Katie Farmer ERMS

**Dec. 19**

Kate Lowery CHS

**Dec. 20**

Jesse Cavin SAC

Jonathan Leach MCHS

**Dec. 21**

Amber Goodwin OHS

Marche Hammeren ERHS

**Dec. 22**

Daniel Persinger CCHS

Garrett Rubsam LNCJH

**Dec. 23**

Mariah Bennett WRJH

Dylan Fluty WSGS

Lindsey Wheat JCJH

**Dec. 24**

Keena Coleman MCHS  
 Emily Maligranda LNCHS

Trenton Wood MCMS

**Dec. 27**

Gavin Lucas LNCJH

Lisa Sparling JCJH

Brandi Williams SAC

**Dec. 28**

Victoria Streif CCHS

**Dec. 29**

Christopher Dearing MCHS

Justin Livingston NCHS

Emily Phillips LNCHS

**Dec. 30**

Emmett Bartens JCJH

Jordan Crow MCHS

Felicia Kreke LNCHS

Sydney Warren ERMS

**Dec. 31**

Samuel Hahn ERHS



Congratulations  
 to our November  
 Brain Buster  
 Winners!!

Katie Liberman  
 SAC  
 &  
 Katie Royse  
 WRHS



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ETS STAFF



*Elaine Brainard*

*Ashley Galloway*



*Nicole Weber*



*Jodi Schneider*

*Have a safe and Happy Holiday season!*

*Leslie Stankard*

*Carol Redman*

**Here's your chance to win a prize from ETS! Complete the Christmas Trivia below and return by mail, in person, or by email (brainarde@iecc.edu) to the ETS office at 305 N. West St. Olney, IL 62450. If you mail it in, please be sure to write your name and school on the paper. When emailing, please put "December Brain Buster" in the subject line and include your name and school in the email. The first two correct responses will receive a gift from the ETS staff! GOOD LUCK!**

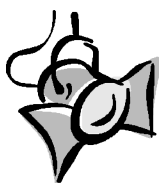
1. We all know that Rudolph has a red nose, but does Rudolph have antlers?
2. The movie, "Miracle on 34th Street" is in what city?
3. In which Christmas song are the lyrics, "to see if reindeer really know how to fly?"
4. Which country created eggnog?
5. Who is rumored to have stolen Christmas?
6. How many reindeer hooves are there (include Rudolph)?
7. What were Frosty's last words?
8. What is the most popular item to put on top of a Christmas tree?
9. Which reindeer's name is also the name of a kitchen cleanser?
10. Alvin the Chipmunk wants what for Christmas?
11. Scrooge's first name is what?
12. What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
13. What was the little boys name who stayed home in the movie, Home Alone?
14. In 1962, the U.S. Postal System first did what?
15. What is the most heard Christmas carol at Christmas?



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 ★ COMPLETE AND RETURN ★  
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 ★ BRAIN BUSTER CONTESTS ★  
 ★ AND WIN A PRIZE FROM ★  
 ★ ETS AT THE END OF THE ★  
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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_



## Career Spotlight Physician Assistants



Physician assistants (PAs) practice medicine under the supervision of physicians and surgeons. PAs are formally trained to provide diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventive health care services, as delegated by a physician. Working as members of the health care team, they take medical histories, examine and treat patients, order and interpret progress notes, instruct and counsel patients, and order or carry out therapy. In 48 states and the District of Columbia, physician assistants may prescribe some medications. In some establishments, a PA is responsible for managerial duties, such as ordering medical supplies or equipment and supervising technicians and assistants.

Physician assistant education programs usually last at least two years and are full time. Most programs are in schools of allied health, academic health centers, medical schools, or 4-year colleges; a few are in community colleges, the military, or hospitals.

Physician assistants held about 66,000 jobs in 2006. Job opportunities for PAs should be good, particularly in rural and inner-city clinics because those settings have difficulty attracting physicians.

Median annual earnings of wage-and-salary physician assistants were \$74,908 in May 2006.

For more information on this career or others, go to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

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## College Spotlight St. Louis University

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Founded in 1818, St. Louis University is a Jesuit, Catholic university that welcomes individuals of all faiths and backgrounds. SLU is located in St. Louis, Missouri, just five minutes from the Gateway Arch on the Mississippi waterfront. A second campus is located in Madrid, Spain.

**Admission Stats:** The average admitted freshman has an ACT score of 27 and a 3.70 GPA

**Student-faculty ratio:** 13:1

**Average class size:** 23

**Tuition:** \$30,330

**Athletics:** NCAA Division I in 16 sports including baseball, basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

**Students by Gender:** Male 42% Female 58%

**Most popular majors:** Biology, Nursing, Business and Administration, Psychology, Physical Therapy

For more information about St. Louis University, visit their website at [www.slu.edu](http://www.slu.edu).