

Senior January 2025 Newsletter

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To-Do's:

- **Continue to Report Scholarships as you receive them**
 - [Scholarship Reporting Form](#)
- **Submit your graduation slideshow quote by March 27th**
 - [Graduation Slideshow Quote](#)
- **File the FAFSA if you haven't already done so or submit the [FAFSA waiver](#)**
 - Check your college's priority deadlines! Final deadline is April 15th for the state.
- **Continue to update Scoir with admission decisions and save screenshots/pdfs of your acceptance letters!**
 - When you decide where to enroll, you'll email your screenshots/pdfs of your acceptance letter to amayer@bishopchatard.org!
- **Regular Decision Deadlines**
 - If you are applying to any regular decision deadlines, many of those fall on January 15th, February 1st or March 1st. Keep Scoir updated by moving those schools to the "APPLIED" column and keep in mind that I will be out of office likely starting in mid-February, so any new places you apply to, be sure to also tell Mrs. Helfrich and have Scoir updated before February 1st!
- **Please check the [November](#) and [December](#) newsletters to be sure you completed those tasks.**

Mid-year reports

I have sent updated transcripts with your new cumulative GPA to all schools in your "applied" column in Scoir. Just like with initial transcripts I sent in the fall, give the systems some time to match what I send to your schools to your portal. Keep me updated if one of your schools that requires this says it is missing!

Deferrals & Letters of Continued Interest

The [College Essay Guy](#) gives a good summary of what this is and some great tips!

I put this section in the January newsletter because Purdue decisions come out on January 15th, and they have deferred an increasing number of students each year; however, this information applies to many universities!

If you are deferred or waitlisted at a university, update Scoir and check your email and/or portal to see if a school requires you to complete a “letter of continued interest.” The name is a little misleading, because it might not really be a letter but a form. *Follow the directions they give you on that form.* Many schools (like Purdue!!) **will require that to be done if you want to continue to be considered for admission** so it is very important!

This form would be where you give any new information to the university that they may not have had when you initially applied in the fall. If you want to be considered for a new major, go through the necessary steps to change that but be sure to include it in this form as well. You could reference your grades from the fall semester if you were particularly proud of them. If you won any awards or have any new leadership positions, this would be a good place to put those as well.

Deferred is typically better than waitlisted. It means they just need more time to consider your application. I have seen many students be accepted after a deferral! For both admission decisions, it is best to consider a strong backup plan but also consider what you would do if you are admitted.

Updating Admissions Decisions in Scoir

When you hear back from a school, go into Scoir and update your decision. This includes waitlisted, deferred, denied and accepted!

This is important for document processing and is used at the end of the year for graduation. Click on the school in your “applied” column, click “edit outcome” and then record your decision. It looks a little different in the app so feel free to come by if you can’t figure it out. Here are some screenshots to help:

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Following (5) Applying (4) Applied (1)

Ball State University, Butler University, Penn State University (Uni...), University of Dayton, DePauw University, Miami University (Oxford), Purdue University (Main C...), Indiana University (Bloom...)

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Applied (1)

Indiana University (Bloomington)

Applied

Early Action | First Year, Common App, Outcome Pending

Academic Overview

Admission Rate	Undergraduate Students	Average SAT	Average ACT
83%	35,660	1235	27

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Applied (1)

Update Your Application Outcome

Was Application Deferred? Was Application Waitlisted?

Application Outcomes: Accepted

Cancel Save

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Scholarships

In addition to completing the FAFSA, there are a few other scholarship opportunities to be aware of! January kind of starts “scholarship season” and you might start to see more scholarships pop up at your local library, bank, church and other organizations.

As a reminder, be sure you are checking your emails and websites of your universities to see if there are additional scholarship opportunities beyond general merit scholarships. For example, the general scholarship application for [IU](#) is due February 1 and the departmental scholarship applications are due for [Purdue](#) February 1st as well.

Continue to look for outside scholarships using [GoingMerry](#), [RaiseMe](#) and [FastWeb](#) or other scholarship databases. Additionally, I have included some scholarships that have come through my inbox below:

Erika Wells Memorial Scholarship

Indy Runners and Walkers is now accepting applications for the 2024 Erika Wells Memorial Scholarship Program. Thanks to generous donations from our members, Indy Runners and Walkers will award three \$1,000 scholarships to local high school graduates who have been positively impacted by the sport of running.

Erika Wells was a beloved member of Indy Runners who tragically passed away in October 2016. Her dedication to service, personal growth, social engagement, and the overall use of running as the basis for a healthy lifestyle and as a way to help support her community were unparalleled. Eligible candidates should exemplify these characteristics as well.

To be eligible, Class of 2025 graduates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current resident of Marion County
- Be enrolled in a college or university for the Fall of 2025
- Be involved in the community, active in volunteerism, or engaged in other service activities.

Indy Runners and Walkers must receive all submissions and references by March 31, 2025, using the link below. Results will be announced in mid-April, and scholarship awards will be presented shortly thereafter at one of our Saturday morning group runs in Broad Ripple.

Here is the link to apply: <https://indyrunners.org/scholarship-program/>

Please contact Paul Cook at paulcook@yahoo.com or 803-479-6597 (mobile) with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION:

Applications Now Open for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is accepting applications for the [Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship](#), which provides up to \$40,000 of financial support for aspiring teachers. High-achieving high school students who plan to teach in Indiana for at least five years can receive up to \$10,000 per year of college (up to \$40,000 total). Find additional requirements [here](#). Priority will be given to students graduating high school, although current college freshmen and sophomore students are eligible to apply. Applications are submitted through [ScholarTrack](#) and will be accepted until January 31, 2025. Handouts are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Contact NextTeacher@che.in.gov with any questions.

The 2025 Monster Meeting Scholarship

The scholarship awards consist of **\$2,500.00, \$1,500.00, and \$1,000.00 dollars**. [Here is the application](#).

The qualifications are:

- Be a high school senior during the **2024-2025 academic year**.
- Show a strong commitment to service through volunteer/community experience.
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or higher on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent) for both semesters of the academic year.
- Plan to enroll or be enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school upon high school completion.
- Submit three recommendation letters from a non-family program volunteer, teacher, and/or mentor. All recommendation letters must be typed and signed.
- Able to show or demonstrate understanding of and commitment to racial equity.

A personal typed 1000-word essay is also part of the application. This is for seniors who will be enrolling in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school upon high school completion? The **deadline** for submission of the application is by or before **FEBRUARY 7, 2025**.

General Admissions Timeline for the rest of the semester

- January & February
 - Continue to receive admissions decisions from early action applications
 - File the FAFSA (and/or CSS Profile if your school requires that) if you haven't already done so
 - Submit any final applications

- Start looking for and applying to outside scholarships as needed
- March
 - Start to receive financial aid letters from your universities if you haven't already
 - Start to receive admission decisions from regular decision applications or deferred applications
 - Continue to look for and apply to outside scholarships as needed
- April
 - Submit your enrollment deposit and accept your offer of admission at your chosen university by May 1st! You do this in your university portal. If you are still waiting to hear from a school you were waitlisted at, it is best to make another plan of action and put a deposit down at a different university.
 - You might also have to "accept" financial aid from your universities. The unsubsidized and subsidized loans are one of these things you have to actively accept. Be sure you talk with your family before making this choice!
- May
 - Be sure you have done the above and celebrate!!