

Career and Guidance Newsletter

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Finalize post-secondary and summer program plans. Continue to apply for scholarships. Juniors should start college and scholarship process. Begin Academy and ROTC applications. Take the ACT/SAT before summer vacation.

Juniors: Start college and scholarship process. Remember to take the SAT or ACT in the spring. If your test scores are low, you may want to retake the test in the fall. Create your resume. Record all your accomplishments, involvements, and work experiences over the past three years. Make appointments for summer interviews and campus visits. Plan summer activities. Think about what types of jobs or projects would look good on a college application.

Seniors: As soon as possible after May 1, notify colleges to which you are accepted of your decision to attend, in keeping with the Candidate Reply Date Agreement (some colleges do not subscribe to the Agreement and may have earlier deadlines). If you have been offered financial aid from the college you have decided to attend, make sure you accept the

offer as instructed by your award letter. If you have received financial aid from other schools, make sure you let them know that you will not be attending. (And remember, you must reapply for financial aid every year.) If you are not admitted to any of the colleges you selected, see your counselor immediately.

If you have received a college acceptance letter or an award for a scholarship, please let Mr. Richie or Mrs. Walls know as soon as possible.

Each senior was given a College Acceptance and Scholarship sheet to complete (Yellow Sheet) and a Post-Secondary Plan sheet (Green Sheet) to complete. This information will be placed in our graduation program, therefore, we must have this information as soon as possible. See Mrs. Walls in the Career Information Center.

GET ORGANIZED AND KEEP TRACK OF ALL DEADLINES AS YOU PREPARE FOR COLLEGE!!

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NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarships on Demand from Comcast provides parents and students with information about local resources and scholarships that help supplement the cost of paying for a college education. Comcast Digital Cable customers can access this exclusive feature 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the Get Local section of Comcast ON DEMAND. From the ONDEMAND menu, click on Get Local, then Education Update, then Scholarships.

Lincoln Technical Institute in Columbia, MD is proud to announce the Grand Opening of their new Culinary Arts Program. Interested? Call 1-800-924-9325.

Plumbers and Gasfitters Apprenticeships – Washington, D.C. Plumbers Local Union #5 located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, MD. Apply in person on the first Tuesday of each month between the hours of 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. You must be 18 years old to apply. Earn up to \$14 an hour.

Black Male Teachers Needed – The Call Me Mister Program is an effort to address the critical shortage of African American male teachers. The program collaboration is between Clemson University and four historically black colleges in South Carolina: Benedict College, Claflin Univ., Morris College and South Carolina State Univ. You can go to college for FREE. Visit – www.callmemister.clemson.edu/index.htm for more details and the online application or call 800-640-2657.

EDU. Inc. – Common Black College Application: Apply to 34 member institutions with one \$35 application fee at www.eduonline.com or call 770-716-0616.

Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) – For: High school students who have completed at least Grade 9. This program provides an opportunity for students to participate in research at a Department of the Navy (DoN) laboratory during the summer. For more information visit at www.asee.org/SEAP.

Scholarship Search, featured at www.citizensbank.com/edu/scholarshipsearch, is an easy-to-use tool that helps students locate scholarships, internships, and grants that match their educational level, talents and background.

The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising is proud to announce a new major: Jewelry Design. Included in the program are courses in general studies, creative design, training in technical skills, fabrication methods,

current technology, and gemology. Students will have access to one of the largest jewelry districts in the world: Los Angeles! Visit www.fidm.edu for more information.

Kings Dominion will host a 2008 MATH and SCIENCE Day sponsored by the Science Museum of Virginia on Friday, May 16, 2008. Please call 804-876-5561 for more information.

Frostburg State University is offering an International Studies major. Interested – visit at <http://www.frostburg.edu/dept/inst> for more information.

Morgan State University is offering Industrial Engineering as a major. This is a field that combines the disciplines of business, management, and engineering. Interested? Visit the website at www.soe.morgan.edu/academic_programs/industrial_eng/welcome.html.

Students who would like to visit different colleges and universities need to have written permission from Mr. Werkheiser if you would like to be considered for an excused absence.



SCHOLARSHIPS & COMPETITIONS

The following is presented for your information. The staffs of Charles County Public Schools and Henry E. Lackey High School do not rate the quality or value of any of these. For more information on any of these programs or

scholarships, please see Mrs. Walls in the Career Center.

If you have not registered with **FastWeb**, please do so as soon as possible. Start a free search now to access the internet's largest database of over 600,000 scholarships worth more than \$1 billion. FastWeb is recommended by over 20,000 colleges and high schools. Go online to www.fastweb.com.

By School

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD – Full scholarships will be available. For application materials visit the website at www.mica.edu

Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Teachers nominate talented art, music and theatre students. **Award:** \$500 to \$3,000.

Unity College in Maine – Scholarship for a young woman who plans to be a future leader in an environmental field. Student must be nominated. **Award:** \$1,000. Visit at www.unity.edu/WELead for more information.

UMBC Scholars Program – Seeking applicants for the five premier scholarships available. They offer four-year awards at varying levels. Selected scholars will receive awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$22,000 per year.

By Organization

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes – For: Seniors: **Criteria:** Free to enter. Only one entry per person for each drawing, however students can register after each drawing for the next scheduled drawing. **Award:** \$1,000 plus a \$100 SunTrust Visa Gift Card. **Deadline:** Winner will be chosen every

two weeks from October 31, 2007 through May 15, 2008. For more details, visit www.offtocollege.info.com or www.suntrustededucation.com.

Marine Option Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) 4 Year Scholarship Program – For: All juniors/seniors who have a minimum of 100 on their SAT's and at least a 3.3 GPA. Applications are being accepted now. Questions? Call T.P. Sudmeyer at 410-379-0800.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund – For: Hispanic/Latino seniors. **Criteria:** Varies. **Award:** Up to full tuition and more. **Deadline:** Varies. Visit www.hsf.net for more information.

For Nursing Scholarships visit: www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/scholarship/ and www.discovernursing.com.

The Sallie Mae Fund Scholarship Programs – For: Seniors. There are several scholarships available. **Awards:** \$250 - \$1,000. **Deadline:** Varies.

Truth Chapter No. 19 – Order of the Eastern Star, P.H.A. Scholarship – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Submit an application. Have at least a 2.5 GPA. Write an essay explaining “What A Degree Means To Me.” **Award:** Varies. **Deadline:** May 14, 2008.

Central Charles Youth Football Association, Inc. – Student Athlete – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Must have a minimum of 2.8 GPA and show record of participation in sports all four years of high school. **Award:** \$500. **Deadline:** June 1, 2008.

Southern Maryland Chain Chapter Links Incorporated – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Minority student with academic and community involvement have a letter of recommendation and attend a personal interview. **Award:** \$500. **Deadline:** May 18, 2008.

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) “Incentive to Succeed” Scholarship –

For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Plan to attend a Maryland College or University full time. Submit a copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application (4 pages). Write a 250 word essay describing how this scholarship will help you accomplish your goals during your first year of college. **Award:** \$1,000. **Deadline:** May 16, 2008.

Maryland State Grange– For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Applicant must be hearing impaired or a student preparing to work with the hearing impaired. Submit a resume and a two page essay on the “Importance of Deaf Education Today.” Submit three letters of recommendation. **Award:** Varies. **Deadline:** July 1, 2008.

Blacks in Government Academic Scholarship – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Must be accepted for admission to at least one accredited institution of higher learning, provide official high school transcript and a letter of recommendation. Submit an essay on “How should today’s Youth combat negative moral influences? **Award:** Varies. **Deadline:** May 23, 2008.

The Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Scholarship Program – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** You must be accepted at a four-year college or university to pursue a degree in a business-related field such as, business law, finance, accounting, acquisition management or business management. Complete application; submit a transcript and a letter of recommendation. **Award:** \$750. **Deadline:** May 23, 2008.

COLLEGE FAIRS

Visit www.nacacnet.org/fairs for upcoming college fair information.

COLLEGE TOURS

The 19th Annual Philadelphia Association of Catholic Colleges Tour: July 14 – 18, 2008.

SAT/ACT TEST DATES

SAT Dates: June 7, 2008. Given at **Westlake High School and the College of Southern Maryland.**

ACT Dates: June 14, 2008. Given at the **College of Southern Maryland in La Plata and McDonough High School in Pomfret, Maryland.**

JOBS

The Maryland Job Service is located at 175 Post Office Road in Waldorf, Maryland. Office hours for Job Service referrals are from 8 AM to 3 PM daily. If the job seeker is presently registered, they may call for job referral information. The Maryland Job Service number is 301-645-8712 or go online at www.careernet.state.md.us.

The Southern Maryland Workforce Services Youth Development Program is available to help youth obtain year-round employment. All candidates must be 14-21 years of age and be a low income individual as defined by the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) standards. For additional information, see Mrs. Walls.

Summer work for juniors and seniors – The contractors of the **Electrical Alliance** employ about 100 high school students during the summer, who work on the job site under the guidance of a journeyman electrician. The students work full time and earn \$10 - \$11 per hour. Please call 703-658-4383 for more information.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

United States Military Academy – Summer Leaders Seminar 2008 – West Point on June 7-13 and June 14-20. To apply: www.admissions.usma.edu.

The College of William & Mary – Science Training and Research Program – June 22 – July 19, 2008. Application deadline is May 7, 2008.

Virginia Tech – Computers and Technology Program being offered at Virginia Tech on June 29 – July 12, 2008.

WISE 2008 Residential Camp – sponsored by Penn State – Women in the Sciences and Engineering Institute – June 22 – 28, 2008. Visit www.equity.psu.edu/wise.

Delaware State University – Girls Explorations in mathematics and Science – July 13 – Aug. 2, 2008. The program is open to motivated young women. Students are required to have completed Algebra II and Biology by July 2008.

University of Maryland – Young Scholars Program – For rising juniors and seniors. Visit www.summer.umd.edu/ysp1.

Maryland Leadership Workshops – Summer Programs – www.mlw.org. For seniors who have attended Senior High Workshop – Held Sunday, July 27 – Saturday, August 2, 2008.

Susquehanna University Writers Workshop - July 6 - July 12, 2008. www.susqu.edu/writers.

CAREER CENTER CALENDAR

May 3	SAT Test Date
May 5	Interims issued
May 10	Lackey's Prom
May 5 – 16	AP Testing
May 19 – 22	HSA
May 23	Last day for seniors
May 26	Memorial Day Schools/offices closed
May 27	Mandatory senior activities
May 28	Mandatory senior activities
May 29	Mandatory senior activities AWARDS NIGHT - 7PM
May 30	Mandatory senior activities