

Career and Guidance Newsletter

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Finalize post-secondary and summer program plans. Continue scholarship applications, especially those offered by Charles County. Juniors should start college and scholarship process. Begin Academy and ROTC applications. Take ACT/ACT before summer vacation.

Juniors: If you are taking an AP course, be sure to prepare for its exam in May. Consider taking SAT II: Subject Tests. Subject Tests can add some positive support to a college application. Attend college fairs in your area. Continue to visit campuses of schools that interest you. Make sure to include a variety of types – private and public, large and small, etc. Create your “resume.” Record all your accomplishments, involvements, and work experiences over the past three years.

Seniors: If you’re taking an AP course, be sure to prepare for its exam in May. Don’t stress yourself while waiting for that “thick envelope” from colleges. Go for a walk or do some breathing exercises. Keep your mind off the arrival of the mailman. Once you’ve heard from all the colleges, review your college acceptances and financial aid packages. If you can, revisit your top choices. Be sure to talk to the colleges’ financial aid officers. Make a decision! Most colleges request your reply by May 1. Don’t fade out now! Keep up with your studies. Thank teachers and counselors who wrote recommendations for you.

Various representatives from colleges, the armed services, technical schools and apprenticeship programs will be in the Career Center throughout the year. In order to hear these representatives, you must sign up in the Career Center before the presentation. Passes will be issued through homeroom teachers or first period teachers on the morning of a presentation. Please sign up early!

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NEWS BRIEFS

The ASVAB will be administered here on Tuesday, April 21st 2009 at 7:30 am in the Library. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a multi-aptitude test battery that is designed to measure your aptitudes at this time in your life. Sign up in the Career Center. ROTC students may sign up with Col. Gilbert.

University of Maryland - WEI Lead Academy in Aerospace Engineering – Programs for males and females with an interest in engineering. Applications are available online at:
<http://www.wie.umd.edu/precollege/lead.html>

Congressman Steny Hoyer will be hosting his 28th Annual U.S. Service Academy and Military Career Showcase on Monday, April 20th at 6 – 8 PM at the Show Place Arena – For information call 301-474-0119.

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 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Application fee is \$20. You must be 18 years old to apply. Earn up to \$14 an hour.

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.

Methodist College, Fayetteville, North Carolina is seeking talented, fundamentally sound basketball players who are committed to obtaining a college degree. Stop by the career center to see the brochure for Women's Basketball.

SREB's Academic Common Market – You can earn a degree in specialized programs such as meteorology, medical illustration, dance performance and dozens more through the ACM. This is a tuition-savings program. Visit the website at www.sreb.org/acm.asp. Learn how you can pursue a degree not available in your home state – yet pay in-state rates!

If you're a high school junior with your mind set on college and your heart set on a

career, the Early Enrollment Program (EEP) at **Johnson & Wales University** can give you a head start on your plans. Visit on the web at www.jwu.edu.

Enter the Driving Skills for Life Video Contest! For more information, ask your principal, administrator, club coordinator and log onto: www.choosesafetyforlife.com/dsfl. Qualify for cool prizes!

Civista Medical Center's Volunteer Program – This program give teens an in-depth healthcare environment experience to help them decide if healthcare is the right career for them. Students between the ages of 14 and 17 are encouraged to apply. The application process begins in February of each year. Contact Civista's Human Resources Department at 301-609-4444 to receive an application.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has issued a notice concerning financial assistance for citizens relocating to Maryland because of BRAC (Base Alignment and Closure). These students may qualify for in-state tuition at the University System of Maryland and Morgan State University. To qualify you must have the appropriate documentation regarding your BRAC-related move. Visit MHEC's website at www.mhec.state.md.us.

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



Capitol College, Laurel, Maryland – Jump Start Junior Expo 2009 – April 24, 2009 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 800-950-1992.

OPEN HOUSES

Stevenson University (Formerly, Villa Julie College) – Open House – April 25, 2009.
Register online at WWW.STEVENSON.EDU.

University of Maryland – Eastern Shore – April 24, 2009. Email at RECRUITMENT@UMES.EDU.

Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Lancaster, PA – Visitation Days - May 7, June 20, 2009. Visit online at WWW.LANCASTERGENERALCOLLEGE.EDU.

Anderson University, South Carolina – April 18, 2009. Visit online at WWW.ANDERSONUNIVERSITY.EDU

University of Maryland – College Park – **Maryland Day** for sophomores and juniors on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Make your reservation online at WWW.ADMISSIONS.UMD.EDU/VISIT.

Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA – Visitation Days – April 17, April 18. For more information and to register, go to WWW.RANDOLPHCOLLEGE.EDU/VISIT

Virginia Tech – College of Engineering – **Engineering Open House** – Monday, April 6, 2009

Spring Festival and Open House – University of Maryland – Eastern Shore – Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Contact the office of Recruitment at 410-651-6178.

SCHOLARSHIPS & COMPETITIONS

The following is presented for your information. The staff 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.

Offered by University or College

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 – Theatre Talent Scholarship Grants available in Acting and/or Design/Technical Theatre for qualifying students. www.davisandelkins.edu

University of Maryland, College Park – The Russell Gordon Croft Charles County Scholarship provides annual tuition scholarships for students who have graduated from Charles County. You must enroll in the A. James Clark School of Engineering. Students must be in good

academic standing and show financial need. See Mrs. Walls for more details.

Maryland Media, Inc. Scholarship Program – College Park, MD. – For talented students interested in journalism. Award: in-state tuition. Download information at diamondbackonline.com and click on the UMD Student Publications Scholarships link on the right-hand side of the page.

UMBC – The Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program supports talented undergraduate students who want to become effective leaders in government, non-profits, corporations and the community. Awards range from \$5,000 - \$22,000 per year for four years. Please visit www.umbc.edu/undergraduate/learn/scholars for more information.

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts - For: Seniors. Several scholarships are offered including the Trustee and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships that require a student be nominated or recommended by a principal, teacher, or advisor. All information is available at www.bu.edu/admissions/scholarships.

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH – A number of Merit Awards are available. Visit at www.owu.edu.

Unity College in Maine – For: Seniors. The Women's Environmental Leadership program is seeking nominations from high school teachers guidance counselors, or advisors for young women who demonstrate an interest and involvement in activities that foster environmental stewardship and who show promise of being future leaders in an environmental field. Visit www.unity.edu or contact Kay Fiedler at kfiedler@unity.edu.

By Organization

The Maryland Pathways grant guarantees that students with the most financial need can graduate debt-free. Qualifying students receive

sufficient grants funds to cover tuition, fees, room, board and books. They are asked to participate in Federal Work Study to earn money to help pay for personal and incidental expenses. Many qualifying families receive assistance from Welfare, Supplemental Security Income or qualify for free or reduced price school lunches. See Mrs. Walls for more information.

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, 2008 through May 15, 2009. For more details, visit www.offtocollege.info.com or www.suntrusteducation.com.

Prom Guide High School Scholarships – Register for Prom Guide high school scholarships. Each year, Prom Guide awards more than \$20,000 in scholarships and prizes to high school students. They are accepting applications for two of their most popular programs, The Teen Model Search and Junior Producer. For deadline and requirements information on both scholarships, visit www.PROMGUIDE.com.

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – For: Students under the age of 20 years **Criteria:** The prepared oration. The subject should be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. **Award:** Up to \$18,000 **Deadline:** For more information visit www.legion.org

The Tom Joyner Foundation – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Plan to attend a Historically Black College or University. **Award:** Full tuition. **Deadline:** Visit at <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/site.aspx/foundation/fullride>

Ayn Rand Essay Contests for High School Students – For: 9th and 10th graders – Write an essay of no fewer than 600 and no more than 1,200 words in length on “The Anthem.” **“Award:** Up to \$2,000. **Deadline:** March 20, 2009. **For:** 11th and 12th graders – Write an essay of no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length on “The Fountainhead.” **Award:** Up to \$10,000 **Deadline:** April 25, 2009.

Delegate Peter F. Murphy Scholarship – District 28 – Maryland House of Delegates Scholarship - For: Seniors **Criteria:** The recipient must attend a Maryland college or university, or private career school and be a resident of the 28th Legislative District. **Award:** Varies **Deadline:** April 15, 2009 at 5 PM.

Delegate Murray D. Levy – Maryland House of Delegates Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** This scholarship is awarded to students for academic programs in Maryland schools, unless you are matriculating in a course of study that is unique and unavailable in Maryland. **Award:** Varies **Deadline:** April 15, 2009.

Delegate Sally Jameson- 28th Legislative District – House of Delegates – For: Seniors **Criteria:** You must attend a Maryland college or university, or private career school and be a resident of the 28th Legislative District. **Award:** Varies **Deadline:** April 15, 2009.

Carl T. Rowan Chapter – Blacks in Government – Evangeline J. Montgomery Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Complete an application, write an essay and send your transcript with a letter of recommendation. **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 17, 2009

Minds In Motion Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Scholar athlete and have a GPA minimum of 3.5. **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 17, 2009.

Federal Water Quality Association – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Plan to pursue an

environmental career. **Award:** \$1,000 - \$2,000 **Deadline:** April 20, 2009

Grady Rayam Prize in Sacred Music Competition – For: Students in grades 11th and 12th and of Afro—ethnic descent. **Criteria:** You must perform two songs, one assigned and one selected. **Award:** \$3,000 **Deadline:** Competition will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Joseph Fox, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Major in education, have a GPA of 3.2 or better in high school and complete the application. **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 15, 2009.

The Absalom Jones Memorial Window and Scholarship Fund – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Demonstrate compassion, leadership, service, and interest in education. **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 3, 2009

The Dorothy Marvil Memorial Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Applicant must be a member in good standing of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union. Write an essay and have a minimum of 2.5 or higher. **Award:** \$2,000 **Deadline:** April 13, 2009

Southern Maryland Chain Chapter –The Links Incorporated – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Complete application and write an essay **Award:** \$500 - \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 20, 2009

Ann Roberts Civista Health Auxiliary, Inc. – Health Career Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Applicant must have a “B” or better average during the junior and senior years of high school. Submit an acceptance letter. **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 30, 2009

Maryland’s Junior Miss – A Local Scholarship Program offered through the Greater Waldorf Jaycees – For: Young women in competition **Criteria:** Young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities. **Award:** Varies **Deadline:** Contact Tatiana Vrem at 301-645-4546

Captured Moments Photography – The Show Us Your Creativity Award – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Must submit one creative item for consideration (can be a poem, artwork, video, or something you made) **Award:** \$500 **Deadline:** April 17, 2009

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund still has a number of scholarships available. Visit <http://www.hsf.net> and apply online.

Andrews Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA or better, for a dependent of active duty, guard, reserve and civilian personnel assigned to Andrews AFB, which includes all tenant units and branches of service; retired or deceased military members. **Award:** Varies **Deadline:** April 10, 2009

2009 Rotary International (La Plata Rotary) Scholarship Program – For: Seniors **Criteria:** You must have an A-B average. Consideration is given to scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community and financial need. **Award:** \$500 - \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 10, 2009

La Plata Rotary Educational Grant and Outback Steakhouse of La Plata – For: Seniors **Criteria:** You must have an A – B average and plan to do Culinary Arts. **Award:** \$2,500. **Deadline:** April 10, 2009

Mary Croft Ward Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Scholarship must be used to attend the College of Southern Maryland. For students who have attended Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School. **Award:** \$500 **Deadline:** April 30, 2009

Henry E. Lackey Athletic Boosters – The Wanda F. Lucas Athletic Scholarship and The Leonard V. Stevenson, Sr. Athletic Scholarship. For: Seniors. The Lucas Family will give two scholarships for \$1,500 each – one male and one female athlete. The Stevenson will give one for \$1,000. **Deadline:** April 17, 2009. Completed applications must be submitted to Mrs. Walls.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society – Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Beta State – The Josephine Bowling Grant – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Pursue a career in education. You will be judged on scholastic achievement, financial need, school and community activities, essay and completed application form. **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 3, 2009

Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship – Epsilon Chapter – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Have an interest in pursuing a career in education and attending a Maryland State School. **Award:** Up to \$1,000. **Deadline:** April 15, 2009.

Student – View Scholarship Program – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Plan to attend a four-year college, community/junior college or career school. Complete a 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in your area. Log on to www.student-view.com. **Award:** Up to \$4,000 **Deadline:** April 19, 2009

Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region – The Ira Rosenzweig Scholarship Fund – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Applicant must have a diagnosis of epilepsy supported by documentation from their treating physician. Write an essay. **Award:** \$500 - \$2,000 **Deadline:** April 10, 2009

Alfred Street Baptist Church Foundation – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Maintain a solid academic record with a 2.75 or above GPA, have a combined SAT scores of 1400 or above/or composite ACT of 19 or above. Exhibit financial need. **Award:** Up to \$20,000 **Deadline:** April 17, 2009.

Pomonkey High School Alumni Association, Inc. – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Applicant must be an heir to a paid member of the Alumni Association, and must obtain a C average or above. **Award:** \$500 **Deadline:** April 18, 2009.

McDonough Council Knights of Columbus – Angela M. Houtz/KOC Annual Memorial Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Have a cumulative high school GPA

of at least 3.0 **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** May 1, 2009

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Nu Zeta Omega Chapter – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Have a minimum GPA of 2.5, write an essay of 500 -700 word essay on “What would you say in a speech to your best teacher since first grade, and what lasting impression (s) did he/she leave with you?” **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** April 14, 2009

Port Tobacco Players – Lillian Medas Memorial Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Applicants must have participated in the performing arts, have been involved in community service and submit application. **Award:** Varies **Deadline:** May 1, 2009

National Contract Management Association Chesapeake Chapter – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Pursue a degree in a business-related field such as contract or business law, finance, accounting, acquisition management or business management. **Award:** \$750 **Deadline:** May 15, 2009

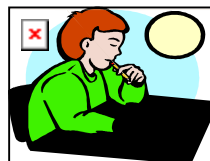
Beat The Odds – Children’s Defense Fund – D.C. Area – For: Juniors **Criteria:** Applicant has to have overcome significant obstacles such as, but not limited to, poverty, disability, homelessness or abuse. Must have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or above showing marked effort, improvement or success. **Award:** \$5,000 to \$10,000 **Deadline:** April 17, 2009

The Master of Arts in Women’s Health (MAWH) for African Americans – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Write an essay on one of the suggested topics. **Award:** Varies **Deadline:** April 15, 2009

The Donna Jamison-Lago Memorial Scholarship – For: Seniors **Criteria:** Write an essay on a suggested topic. **Award:** Up to \$2,500 **Deadline:** July 1, 2009

COLLEGE TOURS

Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, Fort Washington, MD will be hosting a 2009 Historically Black College Tour! Tour is open to currently enrolled high school students – no guest. Sunday, April 5 – Wednesday, April 8, 2009. For additional information contact: 301-265-8326 or 301-248-8833.



SAT/ACT TEST DATES

SAT Dates: May 2nd and June 6, 2009. Given at **Westlake High School and the College of Southern Maryland.**

ACT Dates: April 4th, June 13, 2009. Given at the **College of Southern Maryland in La Plata and McDonough High School in Pomfret, Maryland. Given at Westlake High School in December and June.**



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.

The Federal Aviation Administration is now hiring Air Traffic Controllers. Visit www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_controllers/

House of Representatives Page Program— Student must be 16 years old and have a 3.0 GPA and interested in serving. Please visit <http://pageprogram.house.gov>. Pages are required to attend the Page School in addition to their responsibilities as support staff to the Members of the House of Representatives.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh, PA – A Summer of Exploration – Late June to early August Summer Pre-College Programs. Students must be 16 and have completed 10th grade before the start of the program to reside in housing. Visit: www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college.

Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont will be offering a Drill Camp and a Future Leadership Camp in June and July for high school students, both male and female, who will enter the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. Visit online at www.norwich.edu/admissions.

United States Military Academy Summer Leaders Seminar 2009 – May 30-June 5 and June 6-12 at West Point. To apply: www.admissions.usma.edu.

George Washington University Summer Scholars Pre-College Programs – 10-day Mini Courses for rising 9th graders – July 5-July 15 and a 6 week Pre-College Program for rising seniors – July 2-August 14. Visit: www.summerscholarsgwu.edu

Washington University in St. Louis – For high school students completing their sophomore or junior year. Visit online at mhussung@wustl.edu

Women in Engineering – 2009 Summer Programs – Exploring Engineering at the University of Maryland – Current 10th and 11th graders – July 12-18, 2009 or July 19-25, 2009 . Spice Camp – Current 8th and 9th graders – June 29 - July 3, 2009. Visit: <http://www.wie.umd.edu/precollege>

The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising – Summer Program for High School Students! Three days of Fashion during the month of June. Register for the event by logging on to fidm.edu/summerprogram or call 1-800-624-1200.

Morehouse Summer Program – For students going to the 10th and 11th grade. Hosted at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA for African-American males. Three weeks at Morehouse – June 7 – 28, 2009. Creative Writing – SAT Prep - Debate – Pre-Calculus – Leadership Development – For more info go to: www.morehouse.edu/projectidentity

Clemson University, Clemson, SC – Summer Science, Engineering and Architecture Enrichment Program –Visit online: www.clemson.edu/summerscience.

Virginia Tech – College of Engineering – (C-Tech2) Computers and Technology at Virginia Tech – June 28 – July 11, 2009. Visit online at www.ctech2.eng.vt.edu.

The College of William and Mary – Pre-Collegiate Summer Program in Early American History for Juniors and Seniors in High School – June 21 – July 11 and July 12 – August 1, 2009/. Visit website at www.wm.edu/niahd.

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA – Writers Workshop – June 28 – July 4, 2009. Visit online at www.susqu.edu/writers.

University of Maryland – Young Scholars Program – July 12 – 31, 2009 for rising juniors and seniors. Visit we site at www.ysp.umd.edu .

Hofstra University Honors College – Summer Scholars Program – a four-week Pre-Collegiate Academic and Residential Experience for High School Students. July 5 – 31, 2009. Visit web site at hofstra.edu/summerscholars or call 1-800-HOFSTRA.

Delaware State University – Girls Explorations In Mathematics and Science (GEMS) - Sunday, July 19th to Friday, July 31st 2009

CAREER CENTER CALENDAR

- April 3 John Robert Powers –
Performing Arts School
(During lunch periods)
- April 4 ACT Test Date
- April 6-13 Spring Break
- April 14 Schools reopen
- April 15 9:00 am – Apprenticeship Programs
- April 17 Two-hour early dismissal
- April 21 ASVAB
- April 28 Charles County Sheriffs Dept.
9:00 am
- April 29 Devry University – Juniors and
Seniors 8:30 am