

Career and Guidance Newsletter

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Explore all post-secondary career options: apprenticeships, trade/technical schools, colleges, community colleges, military or workforce.

Juniors: Work with your counselor to develop a preliminary college list. Consider becoming a leader in a few extracurricular activities-run for an office, lead a team, or head an organization. Plan college visits whenever possible. This is a good time for you and your family to plan for college costs.

Seniors: If you're applying to college under an early decision or early action plan, be sure to mail all necessary forms this month. Go visit those schools on your list of potential colleges. Create a financial plan to pay for college. Talk to high school alumni who are home for the holidays about their college experiences. Get all your application forms organized. Don't procrastinate. You don't want to scramble for recommendations, application essays, and aid forms at the last minute. Your counselor will send your high school grades to colleges. Return the proper forms to your counselor at least two weeks before colleges require them.

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!

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

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>

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter presents a Talent Hunt Competition on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Westlake High School – 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Admission is Free! Application deadline is February 14, 2009. Application materials also available on: www.southernmdques.org.

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.eduinonline.com or call 770-716-0616.

2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards – For: Middle and High School students. **Criteria:** Complete an application online and submit it to your principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by October 31, 2008. Must have been engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after Sept. 1, 2007. Online application at www.prudential.com/spirit and www.principals.org/prudential.

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.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation will present a 2008 "Go- to - High School, Go- To- College" College Fair and Seminar on November 15 at 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Stephen Decatur Community Center in Clinton, MD. Admission Free!

The United States Senate Youth Program – Washington Week 2009 – March 7-14, 2009. Any high school junior or senior is eligible for the program. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation offers a \$5,000 scholarship to students who qualify. Visit www.ussenateyouth.org for more information.

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



OPEN HOUSES

Pennsylvania College of Art and Design – Saturday, November 15, 2008. Application fee waived during Open House! Register online at WWW.PEAD.EDU.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro – Saturday, October 25, 2008 and Saturday, November 8, 2008. Register at WWW.UNCG.EDU/ADM/VISIT.

Keystone College, La Plume, PA – Fall Open House – Saturday, November 8, 2008. Call 1-877-4COLLEGE.

Gannon University, Erie, PA – Fall Open House – November 9, 2008. WWW.GANNON.EDU.

Western New England College, Springfield, MA – Open House dates – Sunday, November 9, December 7, 2008. Register online at: WWW.WNEC.EDU/ADMISSIONS_OR_CALL_1-800-325-1122.

Loyola College in Maryland – Saturday, November 22, 2008. Email at WWW.LOYOLA.EDU/ADMISSIONS/CAMPUSVISITS.

Connecticut College, New London, CT. - A Multicultural Experience for High School Seniors – November 8-10, 2008. Application postmark deadline: Friday, October 17, 2008.

Email

WWW.CONNECTICUTCOLLEGE.EDU.

Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts – Focus on Diversity – November 9-10, 2008.

Register at

WWW.MTHOLYOKE.EDU/GO/ADMEVENTS.

College of Notre Dame of Maryland – Fall Class Visit & Decision Days – November 17, December 3, 2008. Visit WWW.NDM.EDU.

Lafayette College, Easton, PA – Multicultural Visit Day – Friday, November 14, 2008.

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey –

They would like to invite seniors, juniors, and their parents to an evening informational program on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Marriott Tysons Corner in Vienna, VA. Please visit:

WWW.PRINCETON.EDU/PR/ADMISSIONS/U/EP.

Johnson & Wales University is hosting an Admissions Information Meeting along with an opportunity to meet the Charlotte Campus President on Sunday, November 23 from 1-4 p.m. at the Hilton Columbia in Columbia, MD. If interested, please contact Angela Caso Bridgins at 240-498-0054.

Stevenson University (Formerly, Villa Julie College) – Open House – November 22, 2008, February 7, 2009 and April 25, 2009. Register online at WWW.STEVENSON.EDU.

St. John's University, Queens, NY - Fall Open House – Queens Campus – Sunday, November 16, 2008. Open House event online at:

WWW.STJOHNS.EDU/OPEN_HOUSE.

Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina – Senior Visitation Day – November 3, 2008 and January 23, 2009. Register online at

WWW.MEREDITH.EDU/ADMISSIONS/VISIT-CAMPUS.HTM.

George Mason University – Open House - Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 1 p.m. For

more information and reservations visit – admissions.gmu.edu/rsvp.

University at Buffalo – The State University of New York – Fall Discovery Day – Thursday, November 11, 2008. Visit admissions.buffalo.edu/discoveryday.

SCHOLARSHIPS & COMPETITIONS

The following is presented for your information. The staff of Charles County Public Schools and Henry E. Lackey High School does 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

The Arts Institutes Passion for Fashion Competition – Scholarships available for potential students enrolling in the Fashion Design or Fashion marketing & Merchandising and Retail Management programs. Deadline for entries: November 21, 2008. Learn more at artinstitutes.edu/passionforfashion.

Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV – Theatre Talent Scholarship Grants available in Acting and/or Design/Technical Theatre for qualifying students. www.davisandelkins.edu

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD – **The Gordon Croft Scholarship** – **For:** Graduating seniors from La Plata High School, Henry E. Lackey High School and McDonough High School. **Criteria:** Plan to enroll in the Whiting School of Engineering and the Krieger School of Arts & Sciences. **Award:** Up to \$22,000 a year (based on financial need) to attend Johns Hopkins. **Deadline:** Before January 1, 2009.

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.

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/scholorships.

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

Johnson & Wales University scholarship opportunities include renewable scholarships up to full tuition for participation in high school clubs such as, DECA/DEX, FBLA/PBL, SkillsUSA or TSA. Call toll free at 1-800-342-5598 ext. 2345.

By Organization

McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship – **For:** Seniors. **Criteria:** Own your own business for at least one year, have at least one paid employee, and plan to attend a four year college **Award:** Up to \$40,000. **Deadline:** January 25, 2009.

2009 SAE Engineering Scholarship – **For:** Seniors. **Criteria:** Meet minimum requirements with regard to grade point average, SAT and/or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. **Award:** \$500 to full tuition. **Deadline:** December 1, 2008.

2008 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award – **For:** Seniors. **Criteria:** A young budding entrepreneur, or small business owner. **Award:** \$1,000. **Deadline:** November 2008 – January 2009. February – March 2009. Apply online at www.NFIB.com/YEA.

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.

AXA Achievement Scholarship – **For:** Seniors. **Criteria:** Ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for

self, family and community and the ability to succeed in college. **Award:** Up to \$25,000. **Deadline:** December 15, 2008. Download an application at www.axa-achievement.com.

Elks National Foundation 2009 Most Valuable Student Scholarship and the Elks Legacy Awards – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Applications will be judged on: scholarship, leadership and financial need. Applications are available Sept 1 at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. **Award:** Up to \$15,000 per year. **Deadline:** January 9, 2008.

First Freedom Student Competition – For: 9th – 12th grade students. **Criteria:** Submit an essay; see the website for topic and application at www.firstfreedom.org. **Award:** \$750-\$3,000. **Deadline:** November 26, 2008.

Daughter of American Revolution – DAR Good Citizens Program sponsored by the Port Tobacco Chapter – **For:** Seniors. **Criteria:** Complete application and write an essay. **Award:** Up to \$5,000. **Deadline:** December 1, 2008.

Gates Millennium Scholars – For: Seniors. Be an African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American. **Criteria:** Have a GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale. Plan to attend college full-time, have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities, meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria and complete and submit all three required forms. Must be nominated by teachers, principals, individuals from educational organizations or community agencies. **Award:** Cost of tuition, fees, books and living expenses. **Deadline:** January 12, 2009.

Ron Brown Scholar Program – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** You must be Black or African American. Demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. **Award:** \$10,000

annually for four years. **Deadline:** November 1, 2008.

USDA/1890 National Scholars Program – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** You must have a GPA of 3.0 or better, have a combined verbal/math/written score of 1,500 or more on the SAT or a composite score of 21 or more on the ACT, plan to attend one of the eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions, study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines. Demonstrate leadership and community service. **Award:** Each award provides annual tuition, employment, employee benefits, and use of a laptop computer, printer and software while on scholarship, fees books, and room and board for each of the four academic years. **Deadline:** February 1, 2009.

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program – For: African American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian seniors. **Criteria:** Senior intending to or already majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, or a chemically related sciences and planning a career in the chemical sciences or chemical technology. You must have a financial need. **Award:** Varies. **Deadline:** March 1, 2009.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Plan to attend an institution of higher learning. Complete the full application packet and submit an essay. “Is race a relevant consideration in leading the United States of America?” **Award:** \$1,000. **Deadline:** February 27, 2009. 2008-2009 **National High School Essay Contests** – Essay need to be postmarked by October 29, 2008. **Award:** \$1,000.

Legacy of Life Scholarship – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Write a 1,000 word persuasive argument on the topic, fiction or non fiction, with sources cited. Titled “Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade Someone to Give the Gift of a Lifetime.” **Award:** Up to \$5,000. **Deadline:** March 31, 2009.

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.

Maryland United For Peace & Justice, Inc. – The Fred Benjamin Peace Contest and Awards – For: High school students. **Criteria:** You may submit literary work including essays or poems or artwork including posters, quilts, paintings or watercolors or multimedia work including DVDs, videos, or audiotapes. (No power point presentations) **Award:** \$250. **Deadline:** January 25, 2009.

George Fisher Memorial Scholarship – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Write an essay of 250 words or less. **Award:** \$1,500. **Deadline:** December 10, 2008.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund – For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Answer three essay questions. Plan to pursue a degree that will lead to a career in the health field. **Award:** \$2,500. **Deadline:** January 19, 2009.

The American Institute of Architects – IA/AAF Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship- For: Seniors. **Criteria:** Be nominated and complete application. **Award:** Varies. **Deadline:** December 8, 2008.

FRA Americanism Essay Contest – For: Grades 7 thru 12. **Criteria:** Write an essay of 350 words or less on “What The United States Flag Stand For.” **Award:** \$15,000 Savings Bond. **Deadline:** December 1, 2008.

COLLEGE FAIRS

The Baltimore National College Fair will be held on Monday, November 12, 9 a.m. – 1p.m. and 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Tuesday,

November 13, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center.

The Greater Washington, DC National College Fair will be held on Thursday, November 8, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30p.m. and 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore 7th Annual Tri-County College Fair – Friday, November 14, 2008 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more information contact Tyrone Young at 410-651-6411.

COLLEGE TOURS

DC Pearls III Foundation in Conjunction with RHO MU OMEGA CHAPTER - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – HBCU Bus Tour – November 9 -14, 2008. Open to all current high school juniors and seniors. For more information call: Brenda Lawson at 301-390-9499.

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: November 1st, December 6, 2008 and January 24th, March 14th, May 2nd and June 6, 2009. Given at **Westlake High School and the College of Southern Maryland.**

ACT Dates: December 13, 2008 and February 7th, April 4th, June 13, 2009. 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 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 university housing. Visit www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college.

The Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP) – For: High school students who have completed at least grade 9. A graduating senior is eligible to apply. You must be 16 years of age or older. Application closes: January 26, 2009. For more information and to apply: www.asee.org/seap.

CAREER CENTER CALENDAR

November 1	SAT Test Date
November 3	Individual Conferences 8 th Period – Guy-Dixon
November 4	Election Day – Schools Closed for students & Teachers
November 5	Lunchroom setup Army
November 7	West Virginia Tech 12:00
November 10 – 14	Junior Orientation
November 11	Veterans Day – Schools Closed for students
November 12	Lunchroom setup Air Force
November 17	Meeting @ Central
November 19	To-hour early dismissal
November 26 – 28	Thanksgiving Holiday Schools/offices closed