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You've Got To  
Apply to Win!  
And, It Pays To  
Apply!  
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## Career Center News for November

Congratulations to Cindy Euceda, Alexandria Maloney, and Laurel Huffman for getting accepted into the Young Women of Color Conference. Students, be sure to inform us in the Counseling Department about any special programs or events you attend when we advertise such opportunities!

- [SchoolSoup](http://www.SchoolSoup.com) has the *largest scholarship database* in existence (\$32 BILLION in scholarships - *ten times larger* than Fastweb) [www.SchoolSoup.com](http://www.SchoolSoup.com)
- [SchoolSoup](http://www.SchoolSoup.com) has information on thousands of colleges and universities, including ALL scholarships available at these schools
- [SchoolSoup](http://www.SchoolSoup.com) has information on hundreds of careers
- [Every \\$1,000 in scholarship](http://www.SchoolSoup.com) funds can save students tens of thousands of dollars in student loan interest

Fastweb.com has some competition! Another popular search: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

Need some help with career choices? Check these popular websites:

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/planning>

<http://www.bewhاتيwanttobe.com>

<http://www.careervoyages.gov/>

<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/careers.html>

<http://www.acrnetwork.org/>

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

<http://www.careerkey.org/cgi-bin/ck.pl?action=choices>

<http://www.nycareerzone.org>

**Wondering if Engineering is for you? With all the scholarship money available for this major, you should investigate. The Junior Engineers Technical Society (JETS) has an engineering aptitude test to help determine which type of engineering suits you and will help guide you to the selection of a university program! Go to JETS at [www.jets.org](http://www.jets.org) for this service at a small fee. Visit this site for more colleges and scholarships: [www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org)!**

### Reps coming in November:

Nov. 3: RN STAT/Civista

Nov. 4: Westwood

Nov. 9: NROTC

Nov. 10: Sr. Info Night

Nov. 12: ASVAB Test

Nov. 18: Hartford Univ.

Nov. 30: Johnson & Wales

WVA Institute of Tech

**Sign Up in the Career Ctr.**

If you are interested in nursing and would like to attend The College of Southern Maryland, you need to sign up to see the RN STAT Rep coming November 3rd for this scholarship opportunity! Have your education paid for and be given job placement...You can't go wrong!

How about visiting colleges online? If you can't drive to a campus, these websites may help. Visit either of these: [www.CollegeWeekLive.com](http://www.CollegeWeekLive.com) or [www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com). Remember to login and write down your password. Some scholarship opportunities are available at these sites.



*"No one ever stumbled  
onto something big while  
sitting down!" Anonymous*  
*"The difference between  
ordinary and extraordinary  
is that little extra."*

**College Fairs in November:** **November 14** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Stephen Decatur Community Center at 8200 Pinewood Drive, Clinton, MD.

**November 17** at Largo High School from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Landover Road in Largo, MD.

Seniors, as the days of November are numbered, you need to be completing college applications for admission! Four-year colleges and universities wrap up recruiting tours and call their reps back into the office to start processing the admissions applications. Preferably you will complete all applications to your schools by Thanksgiving! Colleges that offer rolling admissions have been accepting students as the applications arrive and that person fits the bill for one of the slots open in their freshman class. Don't be left out of your dream college; finish the application process now. Remember, don't let ACT/SAT test dates hold you back. The application can and should be submitted even if you are not testing until December.

A scholarship workshop sponsored by the minority achievement office will be offered at North Point High School on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Register at [www2.ccboe.com/instruction/scholarshipworkshop.cfm](http://www2.ccboe.com/instruction/scholarshipworkshop.cfm) or call 301-934-7360. Marianne Ragins, a past winner of more than \$400,000 in college scholarships and an author of two college survival and scholarship books conducts the program. All high school students are invited to attend with a 450 participant limit. See [www.scholarshipworkshop.com](http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com).

**Students do you want merit aid for all your hard work? Check out MeritAid.com from Cappex, Inc. with more than \$11 billion in merit aid scholarships. More than 2,000 colleges participate and it is free.**

**A Financial Aid Night will be held in the auditorium at McDonough on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. George Bachman, Financial Aid Director of the College of Southern Maryland will provide information concerning applying for financial aid and the critical Free Application for Federal Student Aid...FAFSA! Mark your calendars parents! Let's make sure we "Know How To Go!"**

**Seniors interested in attending a Historically Black College may want to take advantage of the Common Black College Application. For only \$35 you can apply to all 34 member institutions. For the application visit [www.eduinonline.com](http://www.eduinonline.com).**

Another convenient college application website: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) for nearly 400 colleges that will take that one application and their application fee; some colleges do ask for supplemental materials. Be sure to look for that detail when using the Common Application. Give the School/Counselor Report information to Ms. Thatcher to complete.

Students can practice for the ASVAB with a practice book from the library or visit [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com). See Mrs. Welch for more details and to sign up by Nov. 4.

**<http://www.sparknotes.com/satfiction/> This website has SAT/ACT novels to read with no cost for help in building your critical reading scores on college entrance exams.**

Some other good websites to use for college admissions information are:

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

and

[www.collegeconfidential.com](http://www.collegeconfidential.com)

[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) THE INTERNET'S FIRST SOURCE FOR FREE ACT/ SAT TEST PREP

[www.ctcl.com](http://www.ctcl.com) a great website for exploring colleges that are considered as institutions that change lives. These colleges are excellent choices!

Check out

[www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov)

to explore the U.S. Department of Labor and Department of Education's current information on the job market and projected needs as well as interest inventories to develop a career path.

**MEDICAL CAREERS:** Students interested in medical careers should visit the following: [www.marylandhealthcareers.org](http://www.marylandhealthcareers.org). This includes careers in nursing, radiology, and other areas. Also, any minority student desiring to become a doctor should visit this website, [www.AspiringDocs.org](http://www.AspiringDocs.org) for additional opportunities.

### **Scholarships: Remember...You've Got To Apply To Win!**

American Legion Scholarships

Large variety of scholarships and essay contests;

Visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) or [www.needalift.org](http://www.needalift.org).

Army ROTC Scholarship for University of Maryland College Park

[www.goarmy.com/rotc/high\\_school\\_students.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high_school_students.jsp)

full tuition, room, board and more for serving as a 2nd Lieutenant

The Rep is in the Career Center November 3rd.

Deadline: December 1, 2009

AXA Foundation Scholarships

For ambitious students; awarding more than \$1.3 million

Outstanding, significant service projects or business projects

learn more at [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com)

Deadline: December 15, 2009

Burger King Scholars Program \$1,000 Scholarships

Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher

Work an average of 15 hours per week

Community service, co-curricular activities, financial need;

[www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars) to apply.

Central Scholarship Bureau

Seniors planning to attend college full time in the fall who meet other eligibility requirements may apply for scholarships and loans through this Maryland agency. Visit

[www.centrlsb.org](http://www.centrlsb.org) to apply.

Deadline: January 9, 2010

## “Freedom in Academia” High School Essay Contest

Seniors may write a 700-1,200 word essay to win scholarships: \$5,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and \$2,500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; enter online at [www.thefire.org/contests](http://www.thefire.org/contests); Deadline: November 20, 2009

Seniors are you looking for a different kind of college experience? Check out Disney World’s offer at [www.disneycollegeprogram.com](http://www.disneycollegeprogram.com) for some very unique opportunities. Students with a passion for performing and fine arts may pursue this avenue!

Searching for Merit Aid Scholarships? \$11 Billion in merit aid scholarships awaits your application. Visit [www.MeritAid.com](http://www.MeritAid.com) and find your merit match!

If you have residency in the state of Maryland, please look to The Central Scholarship Bureau for possible scholarships and interest-free loans! Check it out: [www.centrlsb.org](http://www.centrlsb.org)!

The University of Maryland College Park offers students with high financial need the opportunity to attend college free if you meet entrance requirements. The Maryland Pathways Program is provided by the State of Maryland’s Guaranteed Access Grant (GA Grant). Please check out this opportunity at [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us) for more information and the application which opens in February 2010.

## What Else Besides the College Option?

Stable careers can be achieved by acquiring skills that are needed to sustain our way of life in America. Students can apply to become apprentices in many different career fields.

Apprenticeships pay for your education and training at state-of-the-art facilities that rival any technology oriented university setting. Some of these include the electrical and telecommunications apprentices. Visit [www.washdcjatc.org](http://www.washdcjatc.org) to learn more. Also check out [www.causegmw.org](http://www.causegmw.org); as well as [www.ua.org](http://www.ua.org); [www.iuoelocal77.com](http://www.iuoelocal77.com); and [www.pl5.org](http://www.pl5.org) to name a few.

## Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Need Pell Grant income eligibility and minority status, 3.3 unweighted GPA and good leadership qualities demonstrated by service; visit [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org); Deadline: January 11

History Buff? Enjoy Politics? Government or Military Service? Visit [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org) for \$1,000 to \$7,500 Scholarships at the Washington Crossing Foundation. **Deadline: January 15, 2010**

The **United States Coast Guard** offers opportunities for people to work in humanitarian and law enforcement roles. Visit this site [www.uscg.mil/jobs](http://www.uscg.mil/jobs); for the Reserves: [www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve) and for civilian jobs: [www.uscg.mil/civilianjobs](http://www.uscg.mil/civilianjobs).

If you are a college bound student who has the heart to be a leader in service to your country, the United States Coast Guard Academy may be for you! This military academy requires no Congressional appointment. The CGA charges no tuition and pays a stipend to students.

## Legacy of Life Scholarship

\$3,000 and \$1,000 scholarships for essay winners of a 1,000 word persuasive argument on organ and tissue donations that give the gift of life. Visit [www.beadonor.org](http://www.beadonor.org) for details or see Mrs. Welch in the Career Center. **Deadline: March 31, 2010**

## Co-op Scholarships

175 merit co-op scholarships over \$3 million Apply online at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) Deadline: February 15

## The Gordon Croft Scholarship to Johns Hopkins University

High-achieving students living in the Port Tobacco and Ripley area along Route 225; \$22,000 scholarship based on financial need; preference for engineering; apply to Johns Hopkins University and apply for financial aid.

Apply to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at [www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu). Deadline to apply is February 1st.

The Coast Guard Academy opens up a world of possibilities—both in the Coast Guard and beyond—for students with the ability, commitment and motivation to succeed! Check it out!

Congrats to Shayla Anderson for being accepted to the Delta Gems Program; Tiffannie Lee and Dan-yelle Smoak have been invited to participant in the People to People Program. Students remember to let us know the special events you attend so we can showcase your achievements in the news!

Some Diversity Websites Include:  
[www.blackstudents.com](http://www.blackstudents.com); [www.blackexcel.org](http://www.blackexcel.org);  
[www.HispanicHeritage.org](http://www.HispanicHeritage.org); [www.KnowHow2Go.org](http://www.KnowHow2Go.org); and  
[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org). Check our website at [www.ccboe.com/mcdonough](http://www.ccboe.com/mcdonough)! Parents ask your students about handouts they receive at school. Freshmen will be receiving their college and career information packets through Health classes.

**More Scholarships:** Parents/Guardians don't feel you have to pay for information concerning financial aid. A plethora of "FREE" information is available. The web links are located at [www.ccboe.com/mcdonough](http://www.ccboe.com/mcdonough) on the Career Center page. The "Getin2College" link is great! Be weary of free workshops that advertise their books for purchase. You'll be paying enough for your child's education without buying books which are available at public libraries and in the Career Center.

### African-American Women in Computer Science at FAMU

AAWCS Scholarships are available for undergraduate studies in Computer Science, Engineering or Math majors at Florida A&M University. Visit [www.cis.famu.edu/aawcs](http://www.cis.famu.edu/aawcs) or contact [jblack@cis.famu.edu](mailto:jblack@cis.famu.edu).

### Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) Scholarships

Twelve scholarships with some being offered to Charles County residents.

Over \$544,000 awarded in three years. Visit these websites for applications or see Mrs. Welch: [www.bcf.org](http://www.bcf.org) or [www.collegeboundfoundation.org](http://www.collegeboundfoundation.org). **Deadline: April 1, 2010**

### KFC Colonel's Scholars

\$5,000 for a senior with a GPA of 2.75 or higher;

Enrolling at a public, in-state college pursuing a bachelor's degree;

U.S. citizen or permanent resident; complete the application online at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org);

Available **December 1, 2009 to February 10, 2010 deadline.**

### 2009SAE Engineering Scholarships

Various monetary amounts for designated and undesignated colleges

Apply online at: <http://www.sae.org/students/student.htm>

Deadline: December 1, 2009

### SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes

**\$1,000** scholarship for high school seniors; no GPA requirement; enter at [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info)

Winner chosen every two weeks. **Deadline: May 14, 2010**

### The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund

2,000 plus scholarships offered to students attending 47 member schools for more details visit [www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org](http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org).

### Upromise Scholarships

100 grants for \$2,500 to eligible students demonstrating financial need and hard work; for details and deadlines visit [www.upromise.com/member/loans/scholarships.do](http://www.upromise.com/member/loans/scholarships.do).

## Opportunities:

The Science and Engineering (SEAP) Program is taking applications for students 16 years of age or older to work an eight week summer research program with no vacation time allowed during those 8 weeks for \$3,000 and \$3,500 for returnees. The Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, VA is participating and others. Students must apply online by January 8, 2010 at [www.asee.org/SEAP](http://www.asee.org/SEAP). See the flyer in the cafeteria or contact 202-331-3546.

Washington Internship Experience Workshops on politics, medicine, journalism, education and law for 3 weeks offered in June and July 2010. Visit [www.workshops.org](http://www.workshops.org) to enroll. Fees apply to these programs.

The National Student Leadership Conference is taking applications. Visit this website [www.nslcleaders.org](http://www.nslcleaders.org) for more information.

## College Rankings: Competing for Attention

Fall is the season of college rankings, led by **US News and World Report**. However, a competing website is attempting to focus on what it claims are more important criteria: what students will take away from their four-year college experience. Named [WhatWillTheyLearn.com](http://WhatWillTheyLearn.com), the site was launched by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, and it provides letter grades based on the core subjects required for graduation. In other words, it attempts to evaluate actual learning effectiveness. In contrast, US News & World Report's system of measurement uses a peer assessment survey of university presidents, retention rates, resources, graduation rates, alumni giving and other metrics to obtain its overall rankings. The mix provides an eclectic, albeit controversial, ranking system that compares many more institutions than the competitor site mentioned. (currently [WhatWillThey Learn](http://WhatWillTheyLearn.com) grades about 125). However, some institutions decline to be listed, so there is inherent imperfection in the final rankings assigned. Also, community colleges are not well represented, if at all, in the ranking systems. So what do we recommend? Using data to supplement your college research is certainly wise; and the ranking systems are just that - data that you can use. However, recognize the potential flaws and biases in rankings and don't become overly focused on the actual numbers.

## Featured Website: [www.GlobalQuad.com](http://www.GlobalQuad.com)

Want to keep up on the latest buzz from your prospective colleges? A new site attempts to help you do just that, by consolidating and organizing tweets from the various campuses. It's basically "college life via Twitter", which means that visitors get short, 140-character snippets sorted by most recent first. Users can filter news by school, and drill into news from that school's newspaper, alumni magazine, sports teams, clubs etc. There are also tweets from key college personnel such as professors, coaches, and other staff. Check it out!

Remember to sign up in the Career Center for the November 12th ASVAB administration. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery not only gives scores needed for the military entrance requirement, but also information on career options. The [ASVABProgram.com](http://ASVABProgram.com) website will become available to all ASVAB examinees by virtue of an access code given in your score report that lasts for two years.

Good Luck and,  
See You in the Career Center,  
Mrs. Welch  
College and Career Advisor