

# Career Center News for October

## October Visits:

10/6, Tuesday: Univ. of MD-College Park  
7:00 p.m., auditorium

The College of Southern Maryland, 7 p.m.

10/13: U.S. Air Force

10/19: Mt. St. Mary's

10/20: Lincoln College of Technology and Longwood Univ.

10/28: Stevenson Univ

10/29: College of Notre Dame of MD

November 12: ASVAB

Sign-ups Career Ctr.

Colleges may be added as contacted...

**ACT Registration  
December 12 Test**

**Register by:**

**November 6, 2009**

**ACT Plus Writing**

## College Admissions Information

### Night, Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Andrew Nolan, Undergraduate Admissions Officer from the University of Maryland College Park will host an information session at McDonough on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Mr. Nolan will give us the latest details about what it takes to get accepted to the flagship campus of the University of Maryland system. These details will help students and parents/guardians understand what it takes to enter a four-year college or university.

### Merit Scholarships

Contact the Financial Aid Office of your prospective colleges to see if separate applications for aid are due this fall.

All students planning to attend a college or university upon graduation are encouraged to attend this information session.

Both colleges will be providing materials for further exploration.

McDonough families are also encouraged to use our McDonough website: [www.cchoe.com/mcdonough](http://www.cchoe.com/mcdonough). Using the Getin2College website that is available under Career Center provides an abundance of information. The user name and password is printed under the icon. Go for it!



Applying online for college admissions is the way to go! Don't forget to use the internet for scholarships!

### COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY REGIONAL IN- FORMATION NIGHTS:

Remember the front bulletin board and wall as you enter the cafeteria are loaded with information concerning various college visits, seminars, and workshops to meet the representatives from colleges across our nation. These colleges are not able to visit every school and have designed these programs to allow you to come to them for information and admissions advice.

Student athletes planning to play at the Division I or Division II level need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Submit your test scores by using the code "9999" when registering for college entrance examinations. The "Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete is also available!

#### ATHLETES TAKE NOTE!

## Opportunities:

Check out what Today's Military has to offer. A copy of the Futures magazine is available in the Career Center. For additional information regarding careers in the military, log on anytime to [www.todaysmilitary.com/careers](http://www.todaysmilitary.com/careers). If you take the November 12 ASVAB examination you will be given an access code to use the [ASVABProgram.com](http://www.ASVABProgram.com) website which features many options for exploration and building a portfolio.

**The College of Southern Maryland** will be hosting two important events for females this month. Register by October 12 to attend the **Women and Math workshop on Saturday, October 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Learn all about career options for women interested in mathematics! Visit the web at [www.csmd.edu/Women&Math](http://www.csmd.edu/Women&Math) for more details or call Sandy Poinsett at 301-934-7808. Door Prizes are given as well as breakfast and lunch.

The second program is the **I AM POWERFUL EVENT on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** featuring many great motivational speakers. Check the details at <http://youngwomenofcolorconference.web.officelive.com>. This event is for girls of all races and a \$15 fee applies. Call Ms. Jehnell Linkins in the Educational Talent Search Office at 301-934-2251 to find out if you can have the fee waived and register to attend this outstanding event.

## College Matching Service Intern for the Feds

The Christian Connector, Inc. provides a free Christian college information service as well as a \$2,500 Christian college scholarship drawing. Students log onto the website for info at [www.christianconnector.com](http://www.christianconnector.com) and be automatically entered into the scholarship drawing.

Try the college match services offered by [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) and [princetonreview.com](http://princetonreview.com) as well as the [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com).

The U.S. State Department is pleased to inform you they are now accepting applications for the **Summer 2010 Student Internship Program**.

Please visit the website (<http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP>) for more information, and to view the vacancy on USAJobs and start the online application process. **The deadline to**

**Seniors, November 1st is the Priority Deadline for many colleges including the University of Maryland. Take time off from work, sports, and other activities to meet the deadlines for your college admissions applications.**

**submit completed applications is November 2, 2009.**

## A Must Summer Program for Engineering and Math Career Paths...

### SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING APPRENTICE PROGRAM (SEAP)

The program provides experience and exposure to the world of scientific research for high school stu-



Visit website [www.asee.org/seap](http://www.asee.org/seap) for more info.

dents who are interested in or show the potential to pursue successful careers in the fields of science, engineering and mathematics. Students selected to participate in the program are as-

signed to work with a scientist or engineer who serves as mentor to the apprentice for an eight week period during the summer. The students receive an educational award of \$1,500 dollars in the program. **Deadline: December 15**

Remember...You've Got to Apply to Win! It Pays to Apply!

Seniors will receive the "College 411" books from the Maryland Higher Education Commission this month!

For the science minded student: The Dublin City University and the National Society of High School Scholars invite you to share your ideas and win prizes and a trip: visit

[http://www.nshss.org/scholarships/nshss-dcu\\_application.pdf](http://www.nshss.org/scholarships/nshss-dcu_application.pdf)

**Deadline: October 31**

## Wooing New Vets to the Fold

According to the September issue of *The Progressive Farmer*, the production-animal veterinarian field is facing a critical shortage of veterinarians. In order to rectify the situation and encourage students who want a career in this area, several states and universities have developed pro-

grams to reduce, or in some cases, eliminate the debt load of graduates willing to serve in rural areas.

The National Veterinary Medical Service Act, which is aimed at helping to recruit veterinarians, has about \$4.8 million to be distributed. For more information on the NVMS

Act, go to

[www.csrees.usda.gov](http://www.csrees.usda.gov). For more on the crisis in veterinary medicine or to learn about a career as a veterinarian, check out these web sites:

[www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org),  
[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org),  
[www.ruralvets.com](http://www.ruralvets.com),  
[www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov)

## More College Fairs—Historically Black Colleges Tours

On October 16, when public schools are closed, Arrow Collegiate College Tour will provide a campus visit to Morgan State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Coppin State University. The cost is \$75, but the colleges will do on-site admissions and waive the application fees. In

addition, Arrow Collegiate Tour is presenting a nine college tour for \$465 to nine HBCUs and Disney World/Universal Studio Visit

[arrowcollegiatetour.com](http://arrowcollegiatetour.com) to register or call Sabrina Crowder at 301-505-2204.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Prince George's County is hosting a COLLEGE FAIR, Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Stephen Decatur Community Center in Clinton. Free Laptops and \$1,000 Scholarship

## GI Transferability Bill Benefits Families

The Post 9/11 GI Bill began its family transfer option on August 1, which allows service members to shift their benefits to their families. With the new bill, service members are granted three years of educa-

tional benefits, and the unused benefits can be given to a spouse or up to two children. Children must be at least 18 to qualify and forfeit their benefits at 21 if they are



It pays to apply!

not full-time students. For more information, see [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil).

**Specific College Scholarships:**(only a few for example...research your colleges' FA offers)

**Syracuse University** has 10 full rides for African-American men and women interested in Architecture. Visit: <http://soa.syr.edu/index.php>

**University of Maryland Baltimore County** offers a variety: CWIT for computer science, computer engineering, information systems, mechanical and chemical engineering as well as other IT-related fields; Humanities Scholars Program for English, history, ancient studies, linguistics, communications, etc.; Linehan Artist Scholars Program for visual and performing arts; Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program for students pursuing careers in public policy, government service, or the non-profit sector; Sherman Teacher Education Scholars Program for students interested in teaching and in STEM areas of study; Meyerhoff Scholars Program supports students planning to pursue doctoral study in the sciences or engineering and who are interested in the advancement of minorities in those fields.

**Towson University:** Jess Fisher FCSM Scholarship for freshmen intending to major in science and mathematics; Jess Fisher Pre-Engineering Scholarship for students pursuing engineering.

These are naming a few of their scholarships, other scholarships are available. Davidson College in North Carolina, University of Virginia, Emory University, GA, Johns Hopkins University, and many more have separate applications for scholarships that must be completed and submitted with early October deadlines. Please do the research; don't miss out!

### **Hispanic Heritage Foundation's \$10,000 Educational Grant**

Hispanic youth will need to log on to: [www.colgate.com/hazlau](http://www.colgate.com/hazlau) and submit a 500 word essay on "How do you think education can impact the Heritage of Hispanic generations to come?" **Deadline: November 30**

### **The RN STAT Program with the College of Southern Maryland (CSM)**

Seniors need to complete the RN STAT Program Application form, have a 3.0 or greater GPA; a 250 work essay entitled, "Why I have Chosen the Profession of Nursing."

Acceptance to CSM and two personal letters of recommendation. **Deadline: March 30**

### **Another Opportunity:**

**The Black College Expo will be held on Saturday, October 31 at the University of Maryland College Park, Reckord Armory. A multitude of colleges will be present including HBCUs, seminars on financial aid, hot careers, and the student-athlete and education. At 4:00 p.m. the KFC Step Show will take place. The cost is \$8.00. Visit [http://thecollegeexpo.org/reg\\_dc2.thm](http://thecollegeexpo.org/reg_dc2.thm) for more details.**

**See you in the Career Center,**

**Mrs. Wanda N. Welch, College and Career Advisor, Career Center**

National College Fairs and Performing & Visual Art College Fairs are happening across America. Visit [www.nacacnet.org/fairs](http://www.nacacnet.org/fairs) for more information about fairs. in our region.

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

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Exam, 11/12....Sign up in the Career Center by 11/7. Students can practice for the ASVAB at [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com).

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

Nursing Scholarships:

[www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/scholarship/](http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/scholarship/)  
[www.discovernursing.com](http://www.discovernursing.com)

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).

History buff? Enjoy Politics? Apply for the Washington Crossing Foundation scholarships available for seniors. \$1,000 to \$7,500 awards available at [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org) or call 215-949-8841. **Deadline: January 15, 2010**

### **Horatio Alger Scholarships**

Seniors with critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross) demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity involvement in co-curricular and community activities a minimum gpa of 2.0; and U.S. Citizenship  
apply at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm)  
**Deadline: October 30**

### **The Princeton Review in Race Relations Scholarship**

High school students involved in activities to improve race relations in school or community can apply at [www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize](http://www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize)  
**Deadline: January 31**

### **National Co-Op Scholarships**

170 merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 renewable each year. Drexel University, Johnson & Wales, Kettering, and Pace Universities are some of the participants. Apply online at: [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu). **Deadline: February 15**

**The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship**  
\$1,000 to \$60,000 awards for seniors with scholarship, Leadership, and financial need. See Mrs. Welch for the forms.  
**Deadline: November 2**

### **Embry-Riddle \$1,000 Alumni Scholarships**

Seniors applying to Embry-Riddle University can request The application for scholarship at [RudyNewsome@verizon.net](mailto:RudyNewsome@verizon.net). The scholarship application must be sent with the admissions application. See Mrs. Welch for more details.

### **The Legacy of Life Scholarship (\$1,000–\$5,000 awards)**

Write a 1,000 word persuasive argument on the topic, "Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade Someone to Give the Gift of a Lifetime"; visit [www.beadonor.org/scholarship](http://www.beadonor.org/scholarship) for details.

**Deadline: March 31**

### **The Principal's Leadership Award**

Outstanding student leaders may compete for a \$12,000 scholarship; demonstrate exceptional leadership activities. Apply at [www.principals.org/PLA](http://www.principals.org/PLA)

**Deadline: December 4**

### **Sun Trust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes**

\$1,000 for seniors; not based on GPA or financial need;

**Enter online at [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info); Deadline: May 14**

### **Scholarships for Military Families**

Seniors from military families should check out [www.thanksusa.org](http://www.thanksusa.org) for available scholarships.

### **The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

Students in all grade levels who have accomplished outstanding volunteer service in their communities can apply for these awards. Apply at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.principals.org/prudential](http://www.principals.org/prudential); **Deadline: November 2**

### **Win Cash for College Essay**

Seniors write a 500 word essay on "Why is a College Education Important to Me?" See Mrs. Welch for the details. **Deadline for Receipt: October 19**

**Poetry Contest available as well.**