

Career Center News for September

College Fair Attracts Over 130 Representatives!

College Rep Visitations

September 8:

7:30 a.m.: Catawba College

8:30 a.m.: High Point Univ.

10:00 a.m.: Christopher Newport Univ., Virginia

September 15:

9:30 a.m.: Johns Hopkins

September 16:

8:00 a.m.: Albright College

10:15 a.m.: Washington

September 17:

10:45 a.m.: Univ. of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)

September 21:

8:00 a.m.: Frostburg Univ.

9:00 a.m.: University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

September 23: College Fair

September 24:

7:30 a.m.: Old Dominion Univ.

8:30 a.m.: Methodist Univ., N.C.

9:30 a.m.: Hood College

September 25:

8:30 a.m.: Liberty Univ.

9:30 a.m.: Kent State Univ.

10:30 a.m.: University of Maryland Eastern Shore

1:00 p.m.: Ohio University

COLLEGES ARE ADDED DAILY!

The Charles County Public Schools College Fair will be held **Wednesday, September 23 at North Point High School in Waldorf.** College-bound juniors and any senior still sifting through college choices should pick up a permission slip in the Career Center to attend from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the day session. The College Fair is open to the general public from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with two financial aid presentations at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Over 130 universities, colleges, arts and technical schools will be sending their representatives to speak to interested students about the many opportunities available on college campuses across the country.

Additionally, Ms. Lisa Romano from UMD-University College will conduct two financial aid workshops in the auditorium for interested parents and guardians.

Another opportunity for high school students to speak to college representatives is available in the Career Center. Representatives from many colleges have arranged a date and time to speak to individual students about their colleges. Please stop in the Career Center to sign up for the visitation. A pass will be issued to the teacher listed by you the day prior to the visit. See Mrs. Welch in the Career Center for more details.

Merit Scholarships

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

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY REGIONAL INFORMATION NIGHTS

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 are designated programs that allow you the inside information to gain admissions!

The Greater Washington, DC National College Fair will take place September 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center, Hall C. Visit www.nacac.com/video/NCF_Video.wmv to watch a preview of the National College Fair. In addition, www.nationalcollegefairs.org is a website that will offer more events.

College Open Houses are scheduled regularly in the fall recruiting season. Towson Univ. will host an Open House on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24, and UMES Tuesday, November 10. Check for posters and flyers in the cafeteria as well as your prospective college websites.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING dates and deadlines are fast approaching. The **PSAT** will be administered at McDHS on Wednesday, October 14. The cost for juniors and freshmen will be \$15. CCPS pays for all sophomores. Mrs. Welch will collect the \$15 cash or check payable to McDonough High School by October 7.

September 18 is the deadline to register for the October ACT. Late fees apply after the 18th.

Students taking the PSAT are reminded to use College Board's My College QuickStart to establish a customized SAT plan, a personalized college and career planning kit, and make use of the exploration tools available through MyRoad. Your access code to these services is listed on your test score report.

Free Information: All students at McDonough High School have access to www.getin2college.com/protected/websource with information on college admissions, grade level planning calendars, a multitude of checklists, SAT and ACT college testing, links to the Maryland college system websites, as well as over 600 other pertinent web links. Also, information applicable to the student athlete desiring to play Division I and II collegiate sports is available from this website. Our students can access this from our Career Center webpage. User name and password is given under the icon.

Scholarship Opportunities

Remember to check with individual colleges and universities you are applying to as each have their own distinct scholarships. Many of these are merit scholarships that request a nomination from your high school. Don't miss out on scholarship money because you didn't check it out. Here are a few of the many that have such offers: UMBC, West Virginia U, UMDCP, UVA, Washington U., Dickinson, and NYU to name just a few. Check out the website www.MeritAid.com that is dedicated to helping students find merit scholarships and states that \$11 billion is available to eligible students.

“You've Got to Apply to Win...”

Remember to register your profile on www.fastweb.com for a free scholarship search. Some other free searches include www.ScholarshipCoach.com, www.Schoolsoup.com, www.salliemae.com, www.collegeboard.com, www.scholarship.com, www.tutitions.com and www.finaid.org. Over 50 website links are listed on the www.ccboe.com/mcdonough Career Center newsletter.

Some diversity WebPages include: www.blackstudents.com, www.blackexcel.com, www.blackexcel.org, and www.hsf.net, www.HispanicHeritage.org.

Architecture Scholarships to Syracuse University

Ten full ride scholarships for African-American students studying architecture at Syracuse University in New York.

Visit www.http://soa.syr.edu/index.php for more information.

Ron Brown Scholar Program

African-American seniors who excel academically and have a strong service and extracurricular activities record may apply.

\$40,000 award; see Mrs. Welch or visit www.ronbrown.org; Deadline: November 1

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

\$3 million dollars in scholarships

Must apply online at www.coca-colascholars.org

Deadline: October 31

Davidson College Bryan Scholarships and Davidson Scholars Program

Three outstanding student athletes may be nominated by the counseling department for \$30,000 annually to attend Davidson College in North Carolina. See Mrs. Welch by September 18 to meet the deadline.

Junior Achievement Essay Competition

Visit www.myJA.org/students/essay/ to apply online. Students in grades 9-12 may compete for \$20,000 and have your essay published in *Washingtonian* magazine. **Deadline for receipt: October 1. Flyer posted in cafeteria.**

Oh, the Places You'll Go! College Scholarship Program

Seniors may apply for this \$5,000 award which requires an essay.

Visit www.ohtheplaces.org to apply or see Mrs. Welch in the Career Center.

Deadline: February 15, 2010

Colleges Admissions Information

Watch deadlines * Make copies of everything * When applying online, remember to save a copy * Ask your teachers at least a week before you need a letter of recommendation * Work on your essay-don't wait! * Put together a working resume; include community service and extra curricula activities.

* Apply for every scholarship for which you are qualified and create an appropriate, presentable e-mail address for colleges to respond to your requests.

* Visit the Career Center often. The college application process takes a full school year. Watch deadlines and keep copies of everything you send to colleges or scholarship applications. Remember to ask your Senior Counselor, Ms. Thatcher, well in advance for letters of recommendation. You are just one person, while she is working for the entire senior class. Good luck, have a great senior year and stop by the Career Center and let Mrs. Welch know what you need in order to have a successful post-secondary transition.

* If you are planning to go to college, you will want to be an informed consumer of scholarship information. Some scholarships are for specific schools, while others are for specific skills. Some are general and others are very specific. Information that is received in the Career Center concerning scholarships is announced by the television productions' news team, advertised in the newsletter, and put on the web. Many posters and flyers are posted on the college wall in the cafeteria. It is up to you, however, to check and see what is available. The best sources for scholarship information are the colleges to which you are applying. The colleges will figure out a total financial aid package, including scholarships, loans and grants.

**See you in the Career Center,
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Websites of Interest

Bell Labs Fellowships for Underrepresented Minorities

<http://www.bell-labs.com/fellowships/CRFP/info.html>

Student Inventors Scholarships

<http://www.invent.org/collegiate/>

Student Video Scholarships

<http://www.christophers.org/vidcon2k.html>

Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarships

<http://www.coca.com>

Holocaust Remembrance Scholarships

<http://holocaust.hklaw.com/>

Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships

<http://www.aynrand.org/contests/>

Brand Essay Competition

<http://www.instituteforbrandleadership.org/IBLEssayContest-2002Rules.html>

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<http://www.instituteforbrandleadership.org>

Gates Millennium Scholarships (major)

<http://www.gmsp.org/nominationmaterials/read.dbm?ID=12>

Xerox Scholarships for Students

http://www2.xerox.com/go/xrx/about_xerox/about_xerox_detail.jsp

Sports Scholarships and Internships

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html>

National Assoc. of Black Journalists Scholarships (NABJ)

<http://www.nabj.org/html/studentsvcs.html>

Saul T. Wilson Scholarships (Veterinary)

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/mb/mrphr/jobs/stw.html>

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund

http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/sk_v6.cfm

FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)

<http://www.finaid.org>

Presidential Freedom Scholarships

<http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships/>

Microsoft Scholarship Program

<http://www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/minority.asp>

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students

<http://www.apsanet.org/PS/grants/aspen3.cfm>

Multiple List of Minority Scholarships

<http://gehon.ir.miami.edu/financial-assistance/Scholarship/black.html>

Guaranteed Scholarships

<http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com/>

BOEING scholarships (some HBCU connects)

<http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/educationrelations/scholarships/>

ROTC Military Scholarships (Navy, Army, Marines, Air force)

http://www.todaymilitary.com/chart_mil_rotc.html

Easley National Scholarship Program

<http://www.naas.org/senior.htm>

Maryland Artists Scholarships

<http://www.maef.org>

Historically Black College & University Scholarships

<http://www.iesabroad.org/info/hbcu.htm>

Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students

<http://www.beanactuary.org/minority/scholarships.htm>

International Students Scholarships & Aid Help

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

College Board Scholarship Search

<http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/fundfind01.html>

Burger King Scholarship Program

<http://www.bkscholars.csfa.org/>

Siemens Westinghouse Competition

<http://www.siemens-foundation.org/>

GE and LuLac Scholarship Funds

<http://www.lulac.org/Programs/Scholar.html>

CollegeNet's Scholarship Database

<http://mach25.collegenet.com/cgi-bin/M25/index>

Union Sponsored Scholarships and Aid

<http://www.aflcio.org/scholarships/scholar.htm>

25 Scholarship Gateways from Black Excel

<http://www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm>

Scholarship & Financial Aid Help

<http://www.blackexcel.org/fin-sch.htm>

Scholarship Links (Ed Finance Group)

http://www.efg.net/link_scholarship.htm

FAFSA On The Web (Your Key Aid Form & Info)

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Aid & Resources For Re-Entry Students

<http://www.back2college.com/>

Scholarships and Fellowships

<http://www.osc.cuny.edu/sep/links.html>

Scholarships for Study in Paralegal Studies

<http://www.paralegals.org/Choice/2000west.htm>

HBCU "Packard" Sit ABroad Scholarships (for study around the world)

http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/packard_nomination.html

Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities

<http://ccmi.uchicago.edu/schl1.html>

INROADS internships

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

ACT-SO "Eurolympics of the Mind" Scholarships

<http://www.naacp.org/work/actso/act-so.shtml>

Black Alliance for Educational Options Scholarships

<http://www.baeo.org/options/privatelyfinanced.jsp>

ScienceNet Scholarship Listing

<http://www.sciencenet.emory.edu/undergrad/scholarships.html>

The Roothbert Scholarship Fund

<http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships>