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***THOMAS STONE HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER
November 2009***

Programs and scholarships are listed for your information. The staff of Charles County Public Schools and Thomas Stone High School does not rate the quality or value of any of these. For more information on any of these programs, please see Mrs. Bilmanis in the Career Center.

Dear Students and Parents,

The school year is well underway. It is important that every student find time to use the resources of the Career Center to make plans for life after high school. Students should familiarize themselves with the materials in the Career Center and read the monthly newsletter, paying close attention to information and deadlines that pertain to them. All students should also watch the cafeteria/homeroom monitors for important updates on Career Center news. Waiting until spring of a student's senior year to plan for after high school is not a good idea. Students may visit before and after school, during their lunch shift, or by appointment. Parents are also welcome to visit. Please e-mail me at mbilmanis@ccboe.com, or call me at 301-753-1756. I look forward to working with each of you.

Mrs. Bilmanis

ASVAB Test Scores Are In

Sign up in the Career Center
to review your scores

Financial Aid Workshop

for parents and students
Nov. 19 7:00 PM

**The Common Application
for HBCU's is in**

Apply to 34 schools
with one application

Programs to Note

- Interlochen Arts Camp – Art enrichment programs in creative writing, dance, motion picture arts, music, theatre arts, and visual arts. Additional information at www.camp.interlochen.org
- Discover the World of Communication (June 21 – July 16) – Summer workshops at American University (DC) focusing on scriptwriting, journalism, broadcasting, film, video, photography, and communication. Additional information at www.audiscover.org
- EDU, Inc. Common Black College Application – One application, one application fee of \$35, 34 colleges. See Mrs. Bilmanis or visit www.eduinonline.com
- Broadreach / Academic Treks – Visit other countries and continents for educational summer adventures for enrichment and college credit. Additional information at www.gobroadreach.com and www.academictreks.com
- See Mrs. Bilmanis for information and to sign up for enrichment opportunities in Leadership, Medicine, Law, Diplomacy, Government, International Relations, and more.

Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP)

-Eight week summer research opportunities
at participating ONR laboratories

-\$3000 for eight weeks

-Information and application available at

www.asee.org/seap

-Deadline is January 8, 2010

FAFSA Line by Line Seminar
January 23, 2010 9:30 – Noon
Calvert High School

College Goal Sunday
January 24, 2010 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Calvert Library – Prince Frederick
General Financial Aid Information

Scholarship Workshop
9:00 am to noon
Saturday, November 21
North Point High School

Nominations Are Being Accepted
2010 Women of Tomorrow Awards
Recognizing academic achievement and
significant contribution to the community
Deadline February 19, 2010
See Mrs. Bilmanis for details

ATTENTION SENIORS HOPING TO MAJOR IN ONE OF THE STEM FIELDS

**New 4-year aerospace and mechanical engineering
bachelor of science degree programs
have been established in Southern Maryland
through a cooperative effort of the University of Maryland
College Park, College of Southern Maryland, Southern Maryland
Higher Learning Center and NAWCAD at NAS Patuxent River.
Information available at www.itc.csmd.edu/mth/CoopBriefing-NAWCAD.ppt**

**College Week Live
Virtual College Fair
free and available online
at www.CollegeWeekLive.com
November 4 - 7**

Taken from the MDgo4it Calendar, Maryland Higher Education Commission

November

Check them out

Check them off

- Stay organized--create a file for each college to which I have applied.
- Begin submitting college applications if I haven't already. PROOFREAD!
- Keep copies of everything I submit to colleges and scholarship programs.
- Accreditation protects students. Apply to schools I can find in the U.S. Department of Education database at www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation
- Take the ACT or SAT tests I need. Send scores to colleges on my applications list.
- Transcript requests take time--check with my guidance counselor about the procedures my school uses.
- Check on health insurance--am I covered next year?
- Schedule admission or alumni interviews if I haven't already.
- Contact college financial aid offices to find out how to apply for aid and what the deadlines are.
- Did I check out all those FREE financial websites? Are there any [scholarships or grants](#) I can apply for now? When are the deadlines?
- The CSS/Financial Aid Profile is required by some private colleges & scholarship funds; this service is administered by the nonprofit College Board (<https://ProfileOnline.CollegeBoard.com/>).
- Write thank-you notes to my recommenders and interviewers.
- Keep pacing myself. Don't get discouraged.
- Make sure my guidance counselor is aware of my final college choices.
- Keep my family in the decision-making process as my decision will affect my entire family.

Maryland Higher Education Center's Junior / Senior MDgo4it Calendar

is available on-line at www.MDgo4it.org
click on Preparing for College
click on College Calendar
scroll down to pick a month and click

\$\$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS \$\$\$\$

The following schools have sent information on their merit scholarships: (see Mrs. Bilmanis for more information)
St. Vincent College (PA) Fashion Institute of Technology (NY)
Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ)

Sallie Mae's Scholarship Search Tool
www.SallieMae.com

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit, starting own business, or member of DECA, FBLA
Award: up to \$10,000
Deadline: Dec. 31

Ayn Rand Essay Contest

Eligibility: all high school students, must read *Anthem* (9th & 10th grades), *The Fountainhead* (11th & 12th grades)
Award: \$2,000 (9th & 10th grades), \$10,000 (11th & 12th grades)
Deadline: March 20 (9th & 10th grades), April 25 (11th & 12th grades)

KFC Colonel's Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, attend public, in-state university, GPA \geq 2.75
Award: up to \$5,000 per year
Deadline: apply online between Dec. 1 and Feb. 10 at www.kfcscholars.org

2010 Chesapeake Bay Trust's Arthur Dorman Scholarship

Eligibility: high school student, minority, GPA \geq 3.0, engaged in environmental improvement issues
Award: \$5,000
Deadline: apply online by Jan. 1 at www.chesapeakebaytrust.org

Washington Crossing Foundation Essay Contest

Eligibility: senior, plan a career in government service
Award: range \$500 - \$5,000
Deadline: Jan. 15

Gates Millennium Scholars

Eligibility: high school student, minority, GPA \geq 3.3, financial need (Pell Grant eligible), leadership, community service
Award: not stated
Deadline: Jan. 11

BCF Common Scholarship – Christa McAuliffe Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, GPA \geq 3.0, attend a Maryland college or university to study education
Award: \$1000 renewable
Deadline: April 1

Young Epidemiology Scholars

Eligibility: junior or senior, write an in-depth research report on an epidemiological problem
Award: up to \$50,000
Deadline: Feb. 1

These scholarships were sent to me by the mother of one of our seniors (thank you AP and Mrs. P):

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Contact: The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, c/o Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, 555 Broadway,

New York, NY 10012, e-mail: generalinfo@scholastic.com,
www.scholastic.com/artandwriting/awards/index.htm

Eligibility: Open to students in grades 7-12 enrolled in a public school in the United States. Awards are available in 10 writing categories and 16 art categories. *Award:* More than 1 million in prize money and scholarships.

Deadline: Contact for details

Signet Classic Student Scholarship Essay Contest

Contact: Penguin Putnam Inc. Academic Marketing Department, Signet Classic Student Scholarship Essay contest

375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014 *Eligibility:* Each English teacher may only submit 1 junior and 1 senior essay Entrants must be a full time 11th, or 12th grade students between the ages of 16-18. Essay should be at least 2 but not more than 3 double spaced pages. All sole work of the entrant. All entries will become the property of Signet Classic (Penguin Putman Inc.) and will not be returned. *Award:* \$1,000 (5 scholarships awarded annually); **Deadline:** Contact for details

State Farm Insurance Achievement Scholarships

Contact: Contact your high school counselor to obtain the PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin. *Eligibility:* This scholarship is open to African-American seniors. The selection criterion is based on the applicant's PSAT/NMSQT score, academic distinction, personal achievement, and demonstration of leadership. *Award:* 20 \$2,500 awards; **Deadline:** Please see the PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin.

AAU Youth Excel Program Scholarship, Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)

Contact: Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Attn: Youth Excel Program Coordinator, P.O. Box 22409, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, <http://www.aausports.org/>; *Eligibility:* High School seniors athletes who maintained a 2.5 minimum GPA. Participate in at least one sanctioned high school sport and show involvement in the community. Must submit an essay on goals accomplished and obstacles. Persevering through adversity is the key ingredient in the awarding of these scholarships. *Award:* \$500-\$3,500; **Deadline:** Contact for details

Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, Girls Going Places Award

Contact: 135 W. 50th St., New York, NY 10020, Applications are available through the website: www.glic.com *Eligibility:* Nominees must be between the ages of 12 through 16. Nominees should demonstrate entrepreneurship and/or financial acumen; have taken the first steps toward financial independence; make a difference in their school, community, or in other people's lives; and show potential for future success. Girls must be nominated by an adult who must submit a 1,000-word or less essay. *Award:* 15 awards total; one of \$10,000, one of \$5,000, one of \$3,000 and 12 awards of \$1,000 each. **Deadline:** Contact for details

Jackie Robinson Foundation, Inc.

Contact: Emma Roberson via writing only, Attn: Scholarship Program, JRF Headquarters, 3 West 35th St. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10001-2204, (212) 290-8600, *Fax:* (212) 290-8081, www.jackierobinson.org *Eligibility:* Minority senior high school students who have a high level of academic achievement, financial need, and leadership potential. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who have been accepted to an accredited 4-year college or university. Students must have a minimum of a 900 SAT score and an ACT score of 23. *Award:* up to \$6,000, renewable for 4 years; **Deadline:** Contact for details (**MARCH**)

LULAC, GMP Corp./League of United Latin American Citizens

Contact: Marisa Vasquez, 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 833-6130, www.lulac.org *Eligibility:* Minority students majoring in business or engineering, demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, GPA of 3.25, entering freshmen a high school GPA of 3.5, at least 23 on ACT or 970 on SAT. *Award:* \$5,000 (college), \$2,000 (high school); **Deadline:** Contact for details

A WORD TO THE WISE—watch your deadlines!!