



THOMAS STONE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2009

These 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 items in this newsletter, please see Mrs. Bilmanis in the Career Center or contact her at 301-753-1756 or mbilmanis@ccboe.com.

Dear Students and Parents,

The school year is well under way. We are in the process of meeting with every senior to discuss their future plans. 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. Waiting until spring of a student's senior year is not a good idea. Students may visit the Career Center before and after school, during their lunch shift, or by appointment. Parents are also welcome to visit. Call me at 301-753-1756 or e-mail mbilmanis@ccboe.com to arrange an appointment. I look forward to working with each of you.

Mrs. Bilmanis

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- You may sign up for conferences on Diplomacy, Intelligence, Law, Medicine, and Leadership in the Career Center.
- The University of Cambridge (England) will host its Summer Program July 22 – August 11, with an optional trip to Paris, August 11 – 17. For details go online at www.cambridgecollegeprogramme.org.
- Open Houses and Information Sessions:
SEE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF GUIDANCE

Financial Aid Information Night

November 19 at 7:00 PM
Thomas Stone Cafeteria

College Fairs and College Tours

DC Performing and Visual Arts Fair	Washington Convention Center	Oct. 25	1:00-3:30
Alpha Phi Alpha College Fair	Stephen Decatur Community Center Clinton, MD	Nov. 14	10:00-1:00
Collegiate Arrow Bus Tour Of Historically Black Colleges	Oct. 16	See Mrs. Bilmanis for information	
Delta Sigma Theta Tour Of Historically Black Colleges	Nov. 18 – Nov. 22	See Mrs. Bilmanis for information	



RN STAT

is a Nursing Scholarship and Mentoring Program
co-sponsored by Civista Medical Center and College of Southern Maryland.

The scholarship covers full tuition, fees, books, and supplies.

The student also has the option to work up to 20 hours per week at Civista.

See your High School Counselor or College & Career Advisor, or call

301-609-4409 for more information.

**Estimate your family contribution toward college expenses
using FAFSA4caster
at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov**

Science / Engineering Apprentice Program

This apprenticeship program is designed to encourage students to pursue science and engineering careers. Students must have completed grade 9, be a US citizen, and in most cases be 16 years old to be eligible for this summer program. The stipend for this 8-week program is \$1500. Information is available at www.asee.org/SEAP .



Saturday, October 17, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
College of Southern Maryland
La Plata Campus
Center for Business and Industry

*Learn all about career options for
women interested in mathematics!*

- * Keynote Speaker *
- * Hands-on Workshops for Attendees *
- * Teacher Workshop *
- * Career Panel *
- * Continental Breakfast and Lunch *
- * Door Prizes and Contests *

Registration deadline: October 12

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This project has been funded in part
by a grant from the Energetics Technology Center.

**See Mrs. Bilmanis for more information on this
program**

Taken from the MDgo4it Calendar, Maryland Higher Education Commission

October

Check them out.

Check them off.

- Applications often consist of multiple parts/forms--and the first part is due soon!
- The earlier I apply to some colleges, the better my chances might be for admission and for a better financial aid offer.
- Should I use the Common Application? See www.CommonApp.org and individual colleges for details. For HBCU, see www.EDUincOnline.com.
- I will keep a copy of every form I submit.
- Talk with teachers & guidance counselors about recommendations—I'll ask for recommendations, discuss my interests and college choices. Provide each teacher/guidance counselor my resume along with stamped, addressed envelopes.
- Give my guidance counselor all forms that I need guidance officers to submit to colleges.
- Submit any early decision applications--if that's a good choice for me.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT. Have results sent to colleges where I'll apply.
- Finalize portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples, or other required special submissions.
- After drafting my applications, let them sit for a few days & then proofread. Proofread from a paper copy. PROOFREAD AGAIN!
- Applying online sometimes saves \$\$--proofread before hitting the submit or send button.
- Financial aid information is available from colleges; get it & check the due dates.
- Rank my college choices. Think about what best fits me.
- Apply for scholarships
- If I'm not interested, or I've decided not to attend a traditional college/university--there are many career & technical schools in Maryland to fit my goals.

Maryland Higher Education Center's Junior / Senior MDgo4it Calendar

is available on-line at www.MDgo4it.org
click on Preparing for College
click on Calendar to Assist High School Juniors and Seniors.

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

The following Schools have sent information on their merit scholarships:

Washington University in St. Louis (MO)	Ithaca College (NY)
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (CA)	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)	Boston University (MA)

UMBC Scholarships (Humanities Scholars, Linehan Artist Scholars, Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars, CWIT Computer Scholars, Sherman Teacher Education Scholars)

Eligibility: senior, major in selected majors at UMBC
Award: up to \$22,000 per year
Deadline: Nov. 15, see Mrs. Bilmanis

The Art Institute's Passion for Fashion Competition

Eligibility: senior
Award: up to full tuition at the Art Institute
Deadline: Nov. 15, application at [www. http://www.artinstitutes.edu/competitions/passion-for-fashion.aspx](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/competitions/passion-for-fashion.aspx)

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Eligibility: high school student
Award: up to \$10,000
Deadline: must register online, deadline for essay is Jan. 9 www.jfklibrary.org

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 26 (11th & 12th grades)

Washington Regional Transplant Community Essay Competition

Eligibility: senior
Award: up to \$5,000
Deadline: Mar. 31

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

Eligibility: high school student who has worked to advance the cause of race relations
Award: \$1,000
Deadline: Jan. 31

SunTrust Scholarship Sweepstakes

Eligibility: senior
Award: \$1,000
Deadline: enter now at www.offtocollege.info, drawing will be held every 2 weeks starting Oct. 30

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, outstanding achievement in extra-curricular or volunteer activity
Award: up to \$25,000
Deadline: Dec. 15, apply online at www.axa-achievement.com

Horatio Alger Award

Eligibility: senior, GPA > 2.0, extra-curricular activities, financial need, overcome personal adversity
Award: up to \$20,000
Deadline: apply online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm by Oct. 30

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award Essay Contest

Eligibility: senior who exhibits leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism
Award: up to \$5,000
Deadline: resume to Mrs. Bilmanis by Nov. 1

National Co-op Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, attend a participating Co-op college (Johnson & Wales, Drexel, Kettering, Pace, Rochester, Cincinnati, Toledo, Wentworth)
Award: \$6,000, renewable
Deadline: Feb. 15

Principal's Leadership Award

Eligibility: senior, outstanding leadership
Award: up to \$12,000
Deadline: resume, providing evidence of outstanding leadership, to Mrs. Bilmanis by Nov. 3

2009 Prudential Spirit of the Community Award

Eligibility: all students, award recognizes outstanding community service and volunteerism
Award: up to \$6,000
Deadline: give resume outlining volunteer activities to Mrs. Bilmanis no later than Oct. 15

Patuxent Dental Society Scholarship

Eligibility: senior who has been accepted at an accredited school of dental hygiene or other dental care curriculum leading to licensure as a dental hygienist or dentist by April 15
Award: not stated
Deadline: April 15

Hispanic Heritage Foundation and Colgate-Palmolive

Eligibility: Hispanic student
Award: up to \$10,000
Deadline: Nov. 30, apply online at www.colgate.com/hazlau

Create a Holiday Card Scholarship Contest

Eligibility: high school student
Award: \$10,000
Deadline: Jan. 15, apply online at www.gallerycollection.com/holiday-cards-scholarship3.htm

National Association of Women Business Owners-Barbara Balter Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship

Eligibility: female senior, run own business, take SAT
Award: \$1000
Deadline: March 12 <http://nawbormaryland.org/wh>

Elks' Most Valuable Student

Eligibility: senior, outstanding scholarship and leadership
Award: up to \$60,000
Deadline: received by Nov.2

Lucerne "Taste of Moosic" Art Contest

Eligibility: high school student
Award: \$5000
Deadline: Nov. 1, entries turned in to Mrs. Bilmanis