



# **THOMAS STONE HIGH SCHOOL**

## **CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER**

### **OCTOBER 2008**

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.

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 Joint Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee is accepting applications for its apprenticeship programs in plumbing and pipefitting.
- Open Houses and Information Sessions:  
SEE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF ROOM 909 (MS. DIGGS' ROOM)

## **College Information Night**

October 16 at 7:00 PM  
Thomas Stone Cafeteria

### **College Fairs and College Tours**

|                                    |                               |         |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| National College Fairs             | Baltimore Convention Center   | Nov. 12 | 9:00-12:00 and 6:00-8:00          |
|                                    | Baltimore Convention Center   | Nov. 13 | 9:00-12:00 noon                   |
| DC Performing and Visual Arts Fair | Washington Convention Center  | Nov. 2  | 1:00-3:30                         |
| Architecture/Design College Fair   | Wentworth Inst. of Technology | Oct. 25 |                                   |
| Collegiate Arrow Bus Tour          |                               |         | See Mrs. Bilmanis for information |
| Of Historically Black Colleges     |                               |         |                                   |
| Delta Sigma Theta Tour             | Nov. 19 – Nov. 23             |         | See Mrs. Bilmanis for information |
| Of Historically Black Colleges     |                               |         |                                   |
| Ebenezer AME Church Tour           | April 5 – April 8             |         | See Mrs. Bilmanis for information |
| Of Historically Black Colleges     |                               |         |                                   |

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

The following Schools have sent information on their merit scholarships:

Fairmont State University (WV)                      Roanoke College (VA)  
Towson University (MD)

### **Comcast Leaders & Achievers Scholarship**

Eligibility: senior, GPA≥2.8, community service, leadership and academic achievement  
Award: \$1,000

Deadline: Nov. 15, give resume to Mrs. Bilmanis

### **ScholarshipExperts.com**

Eligibility: several scholarships each with its own requirements

Award: varies

Deadline: varies

### **Omega Psi Phi Essay Contest**

Eligibility: senior

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: Oct. 29

### **First Freedom Student Essay Competition**

Eligibility: high school student

Award: up to \$3000

Deadline: Nov. 24, register online <http://student.firstfreedomcenter.com>

### **Hispanic College Fund**

Eligibility: Hispanic senior

Award: varies

Deadline: information available at [www.hispanicfund.org/scholarships.php](http://www.hispanicfund.org/scholarships.php)

### **Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award Essay Contest**

Eligibility: senior who exhibits leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism

Award: up to \$5000

Deadline: resume to Mrs. Bilmanis by Nov. 15

### **Elks' Most Valuable Student**

Eligibility: senior, outstanding scholarship and leadership

Award: up to \$60,000

Deadline: Jan. 9

### **AXA Achievement Scholarship**

Eligibility: senior, outstanding achievement in extra-curricular or volunteer activity

Award: up to \$25,000

Deadline: Dec. 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

### **2008 Prudential Spirit of the Community Award**

Eligibility: all students, award recognizes outstanding community service and volunteerism

Award: up to \$6000

Deadline: give resume outlining volunteer activities to Mrs. Bilmanis no later than Oct. 15

### **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.com/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships) by Oct. 30

### **Bennington Young Writers Awards**

Eligibility: sophomores, juniors, or seniors

Award: \$500

Deadline: Nov. 1

### **NFIB Young Entrepreneur Scholarship**

Eligibility: senior, own a business, or member of DECA, FBLA

Award: up to \$10,000

Deadline: Dec. 15, apply on-line at [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA)

### **UMBC Scholarships (Humanities Scholars, Linehan Artist Scholars, Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars, Computer Scholars)**

Eligibility: senior, major in selected majors at UMBC

Award: up to \$20,000

Deadline: Nov. 15

### **African American Women in Computer Science**

Eligibility: senior, female, major in computer science at Florida A&M

Award: up to \$5,000 per semester

Deadline: contact Florida A&M Financial Aid Department

### **Tuition Giveaway Essay Contest**

Eligibility: high school student

Award: \$10,000

Deadline: January 31, details at [www.tuitiongiveaway.com](http://www.tuitiongiveaway.com),