



ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE/CAREER CENTER NEWS

September 15, 2009

The Career Center is opened daily from 7:00am to 3:30pm. Please stop by and schedule an appointment with Ms. Harris at your earliest convenience to begin or update your college search. The number to the Center is 301-517-8297.

TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Tests

October 10, 2009	Regular Registration:	September 9, 2009
	Late Registration:	September 23, 2009
November 7, 2009	Regular Registration:	October 1, 2009
	Late Registration:	October 15, 2009
December 5, 2009	Regular Registration:	October 30, 2009
	Late Registration:	November 12, 2009

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

ACT Tests

September 12, 2009	Regular Registration:	August 7, 2009
	Late Registration:	August 8 – 21, 2009
October 24, 2009	Regular Registration:	September 18, 2009
	Late Registration:	Sept. 19 – Oct. 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	Regular Registration:	November 6, 2009
	Late Registration:	November 7 – 20, 2009

Register online at www.actstudent.org.

TOEFL Tests: This test is for students whose first language is not English. You may register online at www.toefl.org, or check in the Career Center for more information. The Free TOEFL Practice Test is available online at www.ets.org/toeflpractice.

Fee waivers are available for students wishing to take Test whose family income meets certain guidelines. Please see Ms. Harris for further details.

SAT/ACT PREP RESOURCES

- **The Free Online Study Guide From Triumph (TCA) for the SAT /ACT / PSAT Exams is now available by accessing the MCPS website for students. Locate the tab for Rockville on the left, click and enter your 6 digit ID for your user name and password to log into the program. This program will help prepare you for the upcoming SAT/ACT and PSAT Exams. It even provides a Final Prep for your upcoming SAT/ACT/and PSAT Exams.**
- **Kaplan will be partnering with Rockville once again this year and will be providing an SAT / ACT Prep class at Rockville.**
- **A list of SAT Prep resources is available in the College/Career Center.**

COLLEGE FAIRS OPEN HOUSES INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Fairfield University in Connecticut will host Weekend Visits on the following days:
September 12th and 19th October 4th, 17th (NO Interviews) and 31st
November 8th, 14th and 21st (Interviews Only)**

MIT will hold an Information Session at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School located in Bethesda Maryland on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 2:00pm and again on Thursday September 17, 2009 at 7:30pm at Thomas Jefferson High School located in Alexandria Virginia.

*******Duke University will hold their “Discover Duke” Information Session here at Rockville High School on Tuesday September 22, 2009 at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Please come and have your questions answered as to the admission process and meet the Admissions Officer assigned to our region for your students.**

Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia will host their Open House on the following Saturday's
September 26, 2009 November 14, 2009
January 30, 2010 February 20, 2010

Students attending the Open House and submitting a completed application at that time will have their \$30 application fee waived. Application fees will also be waived for students applying on-line at www.bridgewater.edu. For further information and registration please visit them online at www.bridgewater.edu/Admissions or at 1-800-759-8328.

Quinnipiac University located in Hamden Connecticut will host their Fall 2009 Open House on the following Saturday's,

September 26 October 24 November 14

To register online on for further information please visit them at www.OUINNIPIAC.EDU/VISIT or 1-800-462-1944.

Wellesley College in Massachusetts will host the following visits for Discover Wellesley Days:

"Discover The Sciences" Saturday, September 26th

"Discover Campus Life" Monday October 12th (Columbus Day)

"Discover Multiculturalism" Saturday, November 14th

Discover Wellesley Weekend is Noon Sunday October 18th - Noon Monday October 19th. For further information please visit them at www.wellesley.edu/admission or contact them at 781-283-2270.

The Montgomery County Police Dept. Explorer Post 1986 will have an Open House on Wednesday, September 30th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for students ages 14 to 20. Students will to learn about opportunities in law enforcement. Students will also learn valuable information about receiving Student Service Learning hours by volunteering and assisting various civic organizations in the County. For further information please contact Charles Carpenter at Charles.carpenter@montgomerycountymd.gov or 301-840-2697.

The University of Maryland / Eastern Shore has announced the following Recruitment Visitation Dates:

Saturday, October 3rd Tuesday, November 10th Friday December 11th / 2009

Monday, February 15th Friday, February 15th Friday, April 23rd / 2010

For further information please visit them at www.RECRUITMENT@UMES.EDU or contact them at 1-410-651-6178.

Bates College located in Maine will host their "Prologue to Bates" Fall Open House Programs for Multicultural Students on October 11-13 and again on November 8-10. To register for either session, please contact them at www.bates.edu/perspectives.xml or at 1-207-786-6000.

The College of Charleston / Student Jewish Counsel invites students to participate in their College of Charleston JSU / Hillel Prospective Student Weekend on October 16 – 18, 2009. Students must register online at www.cofc.edu/admissions or contact Maxine Bier at bierm@cofc.edu or call 1-843-953-3917.

Suffolk University in Boston will have an Open House on November 14th. For further information please visit them at www.suffolk.edu/visit or contact them at 1-671-573-8460.

The Fall 2009 College and Career Fair will take place on Tuesday October 20, 2009 at the Discovery Sports Center in Germantown Maryland. Parents along with their students will be allowed to attend the evening session from 6:30-8:30pm, admission and parking is Free to the public. Families will learn information about Financial Aid, speak with college representatives and learn about the college application process.

Tulane University will host "Tulane Comes To You" information sessions in our area on the following evenings:

Tues. Oct. 20, 2009 @ 7:00pm

Sheraton Baltimore North

903 Dulaney Valley Road

Towson MD 21204

Wed. Oct. 21, 2009 @ 7:00pm

Hyatt Regency Bethesda

One Bethesda Metro Center

Bethesda, MD 20814

Thur. Oct. 22, 2009 @ 7:00pm

Tyson's Corner Marriott

8028 Leesburg Pike

Vienna, VA 22182

Please RSVP by contacting them at 1-800-873-WAVE.

The University of Scranton will host their Open House on October 25th and November 8, 2009. For further information please contact them www.scranton.edu/admissions or 1-888-SCRANTON.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Consult MCPS' College/Career Center website at www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/careercenter for links to financial aid information and

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/ScholarshipUpdate2.shtm for updated scholarship databases. You can also search for further scholarship information at the following FREE websites:

www.fastweb.com

www.CollegeAnswer.com

www.srnexpress.com

www.collegebound.com

www.scholarship.com

www.unusualscholarships.com

www.collegenet.com

www.centrlsb.org

www.schoolsoup.com/link

www.ParentAnswerService.com

www.gocollege.com

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.e-Scholar.com

www.mhec.state.md.us

www.scholarships4students.com

*****College Goal Sunday: Sunday, February 14, 2010 2 – 4 pm

Montgomery College Takoma Park / Silver Spring Campus

Charlene R. Nunley Student Services Center First Floor

Snow Date: Sunday, February 21, 2010 Same time and location

*The Academic Common Market is a tuition savings program for students wishing to study in certain states and pay in-state tuition. For further information please visit their website at

www.sreb.org/acm.asp or contact Genny Segura/ACM State Coordinator for Maryland at gsegura@mhec.state.md.us or contact her at 1-410-266-7667.

***The Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships are available to students planning on enrolling either part time or full time in a two- year or four- year program in a public or private institution in Maryland. For further information please visit www.mlis.state.md.us. The minimum award for the Senatorial Scholarship is \$400 and the minimum award for the Delegate Scholarship is \$200. Awards may be used at out –of-state institutions if the students’ major is not available in Maryland.**

***The Foster Care Tuition Waiver is available to certain students who reside in or have resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland and plan on attending a Maryland public college or university. Students will be exempt from paying tuition and mandatory fees. For further information please visit their website at www.MDgo4it.org .**

***The Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance (EA) Grant is available to students wishing to apply to a 2-year or 4-year public or independent college or university in Maryland. Awards are based on NEED. Students with the lowest Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be awarded first. Award amounts will vary from \$400 to \$3, 000. For further information please visit their website at www.MDgo4it.org .**

*** The Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant is available to students who have completed a college preparatory program. Students must have an unweighted 2.5 GPA and must enroll in a 2-year or 4-year public or independent college or university. Students must also meet certain income requirements. The GA Grant equals 100% of financial need, ranging from a minimum of \$400 up to a maximum amount which changes annually. The maximum award is at least \$14,300. For further information please visit their website at www.MDgo4it.org .**

***Harvard University has announced NO TUITION and NO STUDENT LOANS to HONOR STUDENTS graduating from high school whose family income is less than \$60,000 a year. There are also reduced fees for any student whose family income is between \$60,000 and \$80,000. For further information please contact their financial aid office at (617) 495-1581 or their website at www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/.**

NEW Scholarships for the 2009/2010 Academic Year

Winthrop University will conduct Scholarship auditions and master classes for students wishing to major in theatre or dance on Saturday 19th at the Olney Theatre Center at 2001 Olney – Sandy Spring Rd., in Olney MD 20832. The Dance Master class is at 10:00am; the Theatre Master Class is at 11:00am and the Scholarship auditions are at noon. For further information and registration please visit their website at www.winthrop.edu/admissions/masterclass .

The 2009 Junior Achievement Essay Competition is open for students in grades 9 – 12. The theme for this year’s essay is “How Can Greater Washington Companies Responsibly and Effectively Deal with the Economic Challenges Facing the United States?” ONE winning student will receive \$20,000, have their essay published in the January 2010 issue of the Washingtonian, and recognized at the Washington Business Hall of Fame. There will also be NINE \$10,000 winners who will also be recognized at the Washington Business Hall of Fame. In addition each school with the greatest number of eligible applications will receive \$6,000. Applications may be submitted online at www.myJA.org/students/essay/ and must be received by October 1, 2009.

Indiana University / Bloomington have announced their 2010 Wells Scholars Program. (The average profile of recent classes was a 3.9 GPA with a1430 or higher on the SAT. Each school may nominate 2 students. Students interested in applying should see Ms. Harris ASAP for a nomination package. Applications must be received by October 5, 2009.

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center Scholarship is available to students who are or have been (between 2004 -2009) a member of the 4-H in Montgomery County or a current volunteer involved with the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc. / Fair or the Montgomery County 4-H program. Applicants should plan on studying education in agriculture, family and consumer sciences or a related field such as consumer affairs, economics, biology, biochemistry, microbiology, statistics, genetics, accounting, computer science, veterinary science and trade schools. All applications must be received on or before October 9th by 4:30pm and are available online at www.mcagfair.com or by calling the 4-H office at 301-590-9638 X 0.

***** THE PSAT/NMSQT Examination will be conducted here at Rockville High School on October 14th. This exam is sponsored through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and helps to identify those juniors who are eligible for recognition and scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Achievement Scholarship Program is another academic competition through the (NMSC) in which only African American students may participate.

The Robert T. Mangum Memorial Scholarship is available for any Montgomery County High School senior wishing to study in the field of Floriculture, Horticulture, or Plant Science or a related field and plans on attending a 2 or 4 year institution in the state of Maryland and has maintained a 2.5 GPA is eligible to apply. The Recipient of this \$2,000 award must also be available to attend and receive this award in person at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau's Annual Dinner in Gaithersburg, Maryland in November 2009. Applications are available in the Career Center and must be received by October 15th 2009. For any further information you may contact Mrs. Lechlinder at 301-253-1501 or by email at TheLecksFarm@aol.com.

Random House is sponsoring an Essay contest entitled "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" This \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible 12 grade student. All entries must be an original composition that is typed, double spaced and no more than 500 words in length. All entries must be postmarked by February 15, 2010. For further information and applications please visit their website online at www.ohtheplaces.org.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

INTERNSHIPS

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Please visit the current website for Government Internship Programs at:
www.career.ucsd.edu/sa/GovInternship.shtml.

Lockheed Martin/ Explorer Post 1010 will host their Open House for the Engineering Exploring Program for students who are interested in computers, robotics, rockets and engineering. The Open House will take place in Gaithersburg, MD at Lockheed Martin located at 700 North Frederick Ave (Rt. 355) on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm and again on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please be sure to have photo identification. For further information please be sure to contact Bob Ekman at Lockheed Martin, at 301-240-7625 or bob.ekman@lmco.com.

******* Attention Seniors...The Maryland General Assembly has started their selection process for seeking High School Seniors who are interested in becoming a Page for the Maryland General Assembly 2010 Legislative Session. Pages will work from January 12 – April 12, 2010 and will receive a \$50 a day stipend to cover expenses. Applications and further information is available by contacting Montgomery County Coordinator:**

Ms. Karen L. Crawford, Coordinator
Department of Student Services, Student Affairs
Montgomery County Public Schools
1200 Main Street, Room 120
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-670-1419
Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org

Students will be notified by November 15, 2009 if selected.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The government has a website featuring employment in the Intelligence Community. The current website for this information is www.intelligence.gov/index. Also visit www.studentjobs.com, www.studentjobs.gov, www.usajobs.opm, www.snagajob.com, www.mycoolcareer.com, and www.gazette.net to explore other job opportunities. Be sure to stop by the Career Center and check the bulletin board for further information on employment opportunities.

The Allen Law Firm located in Gaithersburg is looking to hire a part-time bilingual high school senior, to work in their office performing general clerical, receptionist, and or possible translation work. For further information please contact, Cindy Flores, Office Manager at 301-987-2002 or email them at allenlawfirm@aol.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Don't forget to check out MCPS's College/Career Center Website, where you will find a wealth of information relating to post-high school planning. Please visit the following website www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/careercenter for further information about career awareness, testing, colleges, career/trade schools, financial aid, scholarships, and many other useful links.

- Register for free scholarship information at www.fastweb.com. This is a FREE SERVICE! This website is full of valuable information and will answer many of your burning questions about the college search. Again, this is a **FREE SERVICE**.
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Did you know that AMTRAK offers special rates for students and their families when traveling by train for college visits? For further information visit their web site at www.campusvisit.com.

- **Are you hoping to participate in Division I or II college athletics? Start your Clearinghouse registration online at www.ncaa.org. Go to the Parent/Prospect page and click on Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete.**
- **Confused about choosing a major? Check out www.MyMajors.com.**
- **Do you like helping people? Want to make a difference in your community? Enjoy working with others and solving problems? Find out more at www.HealthManagementCareers.org. Find out what a health care executive does, what education and training is required, and what salary you could expect.**
- **Imagine America has a new website to assist students to explore careers, search for schools, and apply for scholarships to their schools. Check it out at www.imagine-america.org.**