



**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE/CAREER CENTER NEWS**

December 16, 2011

The Career Center is open daily from 7:00am to 3:30pm. Please call and schedule an appointment with Ms. Harris at 301-517-8297.

TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Test Dates

January 28, 2012	Regular Registration:	December 30, 2011
	Late Registration:	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	Regular Registration:	February 10, 2012
	Late Registration:	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	Regular Registration:	April 6, 2012
	Late Registration:	April 20, 2012

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

ACT Test Dates

February 11, 2012	Regular Registration:	January 13,, 2012
	Late Registration:	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	Regular Registration:	March 9, 2012
	Late Registration:	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	Regular Registration:	May 4, 2012
	Late Registration:	May 5 – 18, 2012

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

- ***** New Codes beginning December*****Kaplan has partnered with Rockville and is providing our students with a FREE SAT/ ACT/ PSAT Online Prep Course. To register visit their website at www.kaptest.com/kas. Under “Free Resources” select “ SAT On Demand”; “PSAT On Demand”or “ACT On Demand”. Enter the Discount Code for the course you wish to take: SAT --- SATBTS711 / PSAT----PSATBTS711 / ACT----ACTBTS711 ... on the Payment and Confirmation page when you check out online. Remember this online prep is FREE.
- Kaplan will be partnering with Rockville once again this year and will be providing an SAT / ACT Prep class. Scholarships are available for students who are on Free and Reduced lunch. Please see Ms. Harris for a scholarship application (The course will be FREE).
- The Free Online Study Guides from Triumph (TCA) for the SAT /ACT / PSAT Exams is available by accessing the MCPS website for students. Locate the tab for Rockville on the left, click and enter your 6 digit School ID for your user name and password to log into the program. This program will help prepare you for the upcoming SAT/ACT and or PSAT Exams. It even provides a Final Prep for your upcoming SAT/ACT/and PSAT Exams.
- A list of SAT Prep resources is available in the College/Career Center.

COLLEGE FAIRS OPEN HOUSES INFORMATION SESSIONS

Washington & Jefferson College will host several Campus Visit Days:

Jan. 16th / Feb. 20th / & Senior Overnight April 13th – 14th

For further information on these events and others, please visit their website at www.washjeff.edu/oncampusevents.

**Bridgewater College located in Bridgewater, Virginia will host an Open House on the following Saturdays:
January 28th / February 11th
Please register online at www.bridgewater.edu/Admissions or contact them at 800-759-8328.**

St. Mary's College of Maryland will host an Open House on the following Saturday's beginning at 10:00am: February 4th / April 21st / July 14th / August 18th. For further information and to register please contact them at 1-800-492-7181 or visit them at www.smcm.edu/admissions .

Christopher Newport University will have several Open House Events:

President's Leadership / Honors Days.....Invitation Only

February 11th / February 17th / March 16th

Open House... February 18th / March 17th

Admitted Freshman Days.....Invitation Only

March 31st & April 14th

For further information visit their website at www.admissions.cnu.edu. (CNU is now a part of the Common Application)

The UNCF / NAACP / MCPS will host the HBCU College Fair at Blair High School on February 15, 2012, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Snow date is February 17th). The College Fair is FREE and open to All students in grades 9 – 12. Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in “On The Spot” admission sessions.

The Western New England University will host several Open House Events on the following dates:

February 18th / March 10th / April 14th

Please RSVP at www.wne.edu/admissions or contact them at 1-800-325-1122 ext. 1312.

American University will host their “Preview Days” for prospective students and their parents on February 20th / and August 3rd. Families will meet current AU students and faculty, tour the campus and learn about academic programs, financial aid, study abroad and much more. Students may register at www.american.edu/admissions/previewday.cfm or contact them at 202-885-6000.

Stevenson University will host their Open House events on March 3rd and April 28th. Please register online at www.stevenson.edu.

Shippensburg University will host will host several Open House Programs on the following Saturday's:

March 24th / April 14th

Please schedule a visit at www.ship.edu/Admissions.

The University of Charlotte will host their “Explore UNC Charlotte” March 24th and April 21st.

For further information please visit them at admissions.uncc.edu.

Towson University will host their Open House for Juniors on the following Friday's from 9:00am – 3:00pm April 20th & May 4th. Students and their families are encouraged to contact them or make a reservation for a campus tour or attend an Open House at 1-410-704-2113 or online at www.towson.edu.

Hofstra University will host their Spring Open House for High School Juniors on Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 8:30am – 1:00pm and Preview Day for High School Sophomores on Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 9:00am – Noon. For further information and to register please visit hofstra.edu/admissionevent or contact them at 1-800-HOFSTRA.

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 as well as through your Naviance Accounts. You can also search for further scholarship information at the following FREE websites:

www.fastweb.com	www.schoolsoup.com/link
www.CollegeAnswer.com	www.ParentAnswerService.com
www.srnexpress.com	www.gocollege.com
www.collegebound.com	www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.scholarship.com	www.scholarshipexperts.com
www.unusalscholarships.com	www.e-Scholar.com
www.collegenet.com	www.mhec.state.md.us
www.centrlsb.org	www.scholarships4students.com
www.Wiredscholar.com	www.FinAid.org
www.College-Scholarships.com	www.zinch.com
www.supercollege.com	www.brokescholar.com

*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/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.

NEW Scholarships for the 2011/2012 Academic Year

*******In addition to the Scholarships listed below please come to the Career Center to search from Scholarship list located in the Center. Also be sure to check your Naviance list for scholarship information as well as search each individual college that you are applying to for their OWN Scholarships !!!!!**

*The Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance (EA) Grant is available to students wishing to apply to a 2-year or 4-year 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. Applications will be accepted January 1st through March 1st. Late applicants will be placed on a waiting list. These awards will be automatically renewed if you maintain satisfactory academic progress at the college you are attending and submit your FAFSA before March 1 each year. For further information please visit their website at www.MDgo4it.org or contact them at 1-800-974-0203.

*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. Students must apply January 1st – March 1st each year and should contact the Financial Aid Office at the institution in which they plan to enroll for the Waiver. For further information visit their website at www.MDgo4it.org or contact them at 1-800-974-0203.

* 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 college or university in Maryland. Students must also meet certain income requirements, which change yearly and are posted on MHEC's webpage and at www.MDgo4it.org. The GA Grant equals 100% of financial need, ranging from a minimum of \$400 up to a maximum amount \$15,500. Students must complete the FAFSA which can be accessed at www.fafsa.gov and submit the Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant online through MDCAPS at <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>. Students are encouraged to apply by March 1st. Applications received after March 1st will be considered upon availability of funds. For further information please visit their website at www.MDgo4it.org or contact them at 1-800-974-0203.

*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 college or university in Maryland or who plan on attending certain private career schools. Awards may also be used at out –of-state institutions if the students' major is not available in Maryland. Students must also demonstrate financial need. The minimum award for the Senatorial Scholarship is \$400 and is renewable automatically if students maintain satisfactory academic progress at their college. The minimum award for the Delegate Scholarship is \$200, however these awards are not automatically renewed and students Must reapply each year to the delegate. Students should contact their Senator or Delegate in February for further instructions. If you are unsure of your State Senator or Delegate you can call the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Montgomery County at 240-777-8500.

The Rochester Institute of Technology, R.I.T, is sponsoring their National Science Fair for Deaf and Hard –of-Hearing Students during a science weekend on their campus on March 23rd -25th. For further information and registration materials please contact them at www.rit.edu/NTID/ScienceFair12. The entry deadline is December 15, 2011.

The HAZ LA U (Make the U) Educational Grant sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Company has announced their 2012 \$15,000 educational grant as well as ten \$2,500 additional grants. These grants are available to students who are of Hispanic heritage. Applicants must be a high school senior who is a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident with a minimum 3.0GPA and plan on attending a program in a two or four year institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands or Guam. For further information and an application visit their website at www.colgate.com/hazlau. All applications must be received by December 31, 2011.

The Maryland JCI Senate grants two \$500 scholarships to graduation high school seniors planning to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The United States JCI Senate Foundation will also award \$1000 in grants to high school seniors. The rules to submit are on the US JCI website at www.usjcisenate.org . Students can also download the state application in MS Word from this site as well. (Applications are also in the Career Center.) All applications must be postmarked by January 6, 2012.

The Ron Brown Scholar Program is available to high school seniors who have excelled academically, demonstrate a strong sense of social responsibility and a willingness to extend themselves to others who are in need. Scholars will receive \$40,000 for use at an accredited college or university. Applications are available at <http://ronbrown.org> and must be received by January 9th.

The Burger King Scholars Foundation Program is now available online and will close on January 10, 2012. Applications are available online at <http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org>. Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be a resident of the United States, and plan on attending a two or four year college or university, or vocational - technical school in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico. There is also an additional scholarship that is available to students who are children of employees or students who are employed themselves at Burger King. Scholarships will be awarded from \$1,000, \$5,000, \$25,000 and \$50,000. All applications must be received by January 10, 2012.

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is now available online at www.hsf.net. Looking under scholarships for graduating high school seniors you will find application dates, information and availability.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is available online at www.gmsp.org. This scholarship is open to high school seniors who are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, national or legal permanent resident, Pell eligible and have a 3.3 unweighted GPA and planning on attending a college or university. All applications must be received by 11:59 pm EST on January 11, 2012.

“We Green –USA” has announced their 2012 Essay contest which is open to students in grades 9 – 12. For contest rules please visit their website at www.wegreen-usa.org (click on upcoming events). All applications, including the signed Entry form, must be received by 5:00pm on January 12, 2012.

The Asian & Islander American Scholarship Fund 2012 - 2013 is now available. For further information and an application visit their website at <http://www.apiasf.org/>. All applications must be received by January 13, 2012,

The Ronald McDonald Scholarship is now open. However students in Montgomery County must apply as a RMHC Scholar. Applicants must be a legal U.S. resident, a high school senior who is planning on attending a two or four year college or university or a technical school. Students may apply online at <http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/> . All applications must be received by January 27, 2012.

The Children of Abraham Youth Leadership Grants are now available to high school students in grades 10 & 11. Applicants are to submit essay and proposals for a teen based community project focusing on the topic “Present at the Beginning: Celebrating Three Women and Three Faiths” Fifteen students will receive \$1,000 in Grants and one will receive a cash Prize of \$2,000. For further information and an application visit their website at www.futureofchildren.net .All applications must be submitted by January 30, 2012.

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations will award up to \$1,000 and invite the awardee to Princeton University for an expense-paid weekend symposium on race. Applications are available online at www.princeton.edu/pprize. For further information contact them at 1-800-742-1036. All applications must be received by January 31, 2012.

Notre Dame of Maryland University has announced their 34th Annual Art Scholarship Competition open to young women who are high school juniors and seniors. These tuition scholarships are renewable for up to four years with the First Place Prize for \$3,000 and Second and Third Place Prize being \$2,500. Students may submit slides or original art work. For further information please contact them at 1-800-435-0200. The Scholarship Competition deadline is January 31, 2012.

The Darin C. Banks Foundation has announced their 2011-2012 Scholarship Competition. This \$1,000 scholarship is open to All high school seniors who have a minimum 3.0GPA and are U.S. or naturalized citizens. Further information and eligibility requirements are available online at www.dcbfoundation.org. All applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2012.

The Maryland Farm Bureau 2012 Scholarship is now available to high school seniors starting college in the fall of 2012. The Bureau will award ten, \$2,000 scholarships, seven of which will be offered to agricultural curriculum majors and three will be offered to non-agricultural curriculum majors. Applicants or their parents /guardians Must be members of the Maryland Farm Bureau. Applications must be received by 4:00pm February 1, 2012 and are available in the Career Center.

The AXA Achievement Scholarship and the AXA Community Scholarships are both available online at <http://www.axa-scholarship.com/>. Please apply online and now. Application deadlines are December 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012 respectively. The scholarships will range from between \$2000 and up to \$25,000.

The I Empower Scholarship Fund is now available for students wishing to attend a 4 year college or university in the United States. This \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior with high academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to community service. Applications can be downloaded from <http://www.thursdaynetwork.org/volunteer.html> . All applications must be received by February 3, 2012.

The KFC Scholars program is available for high school seniors who plan on enrolling in a public (state funded) college or university within your state of legal residence. Applicants must have a minimum 2.75 GPA, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and demonstrate financial need. This is a renewable scholarship valued at up to \$20,000. For further information and to apply online visit their website at www.kfcscholars.org . All applications must be completed by February 8, 2012

The American Foreign Service Youth Scholarship is available to high school seniors who ARE children of US Government Foreign Service employees. These scholarships are Need Based and Merit. All applications must be received by February 6, 2012. For further information and an application please visit their website at www.afsa.org/Scholarships . Also See below for other scholarship information:

For those who are connected with the federal government or Foreign Service, below lists other resources to investigate:

- State Dept Credit Union offers scholarships to its members. Contact 703-706-5019 or go to <https://www.sdfcu.org/youthcenter>
- Federal Employee Emergency Assistance (FEEA) Fund offers scholarships to children of civilian government employees. Contact 303-933-7580 or <http://www.feea.org/programs/scholarships>
- DACOR Bacon House Foundation - Dreyfus Award for Foreign Service dependents who are attending Yale University. Contact 202-682-0500 or http://dacorbacon.org/?page_id=142.

*******College Goal Sunday will take place on February 12, 2012 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Montgomery College located at 7625 Fenton St., Takoma Park, MD 20912. This FREE event will assist students and their families in completing their FAFSA applications. For further information and a list of forms and financial records needed to be brought to the session visit www.CollegeGoalSundayMD.org . or contact Wendy Maldonado at wendy.maldonado@montgomerycollege.edu . Spanish interpreters will also be available. (Snow date is February 19, 2012).**

The Rotary Club of North Bethesda has announced their 2012 Scholarship Program. The Rotary Club will provide One Year tuition to Two Rockville students who enroll at Montgomery College. Applicants should have a minimum 3.0 GPA, have a demonstrated interest in service to others and / or the community and a financial need. Students will have an informal interview with the Rotary Selection Committee in mid - April here at Rockville. Please see Ms. Harris in the Career Center for an application.

The National Co-op Scholarship Program is now accepting Scholarship Applications from students who have been accepted to attend one of the following WACE partner institutions: Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Scholarship awards will vary from \$6,000 up to \$30,000 and are renewable. Students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Applications are available online at www.co-op.edu and must be postmarked by February 15, 2012. For any additional information please contact Danielle Perry at 978-934-1870.

The GE –Reagan Foundation Scholarship is now open and is excepting scholarship applications until February 17, 2012. Applicants must demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship at school, at home in the workplace and or community. Students must have a minimum 3.0GPA , be a U.S. citizen, be nominated by a community leader, such as a high school principal, or an executive director of a nonprofit organization. Applicants should also demonstrate financial need. Applications can be downloaded at www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships. Recipients of this scholarship will receive a renewable scholarship of \$10,000 a year for four years.

The Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association, Northern Virginia (AFCEA NOVA), has announced their 2012 Scholarship Program for students who plan on studying Math / Science / Technology / Engineering / and other related technology – related fields supportive of our National Security. This scholarship is available to students who plan on attending a 2 or 4 year institution anywhere in the United States. Scholarship recipients will receive a one-time \$4,000 scholarship award if they are attending school full time or a \$2,000 award if they are attending school part-time. For further information and an application, which can be completed online, visit their website at <http://www.afceanova.org/committee/scholarship-committee>. Transcripts, test scores and letters of recommendation may be submitted separately. All applications must be received by February 29, 2012.

The National Society of Black Engineers – Alumni Extension has announced their 2012 Future Innovators Scholarship to African American high school seniors wishing to pursue a degree in the science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) field at an accredited college or university. This \$1,000 merit based scholarship is non- renewable and only applies to the winners first year in college. Applications are available in the Career Center and must be submitted by February 29, 2012.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) / in the Baltimore -Washington Section (BWS) has announced their 2012 Scholarship Program for young women interested in majoring in engineering. Applications are available online at www.baltwashwe.org/scholarships and must be received by March 1, 2011. There is also a national SWE scholarship program with additional funding on the national level. Applications are available online at <http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/>.

The SEIU Scholarships are available online and must be completed by midnight March 1, 2012. Each Scholarship varies by amount, eligibility and criteria:

- **SEIU Lottery Scholarships \$1,000 renewable for 4 years at a 2 year, 4 year college or university, technical or trade school.**
- **Moe Foner Scholarship for Visual and Performing Arts \$5,000 non-renewable. Students must be pursuing visual or performing arts at a 2 year, 4 year college or university, community college, technical, or trade school in the arts-related field.**
- **Jesse Jackson Scholarship \$5,000 renewable for 4 years at a 2 year, 4 year, college or university or a community college.**
- **Bonnie Ladin Scholarship is for students who are attending the National Labor College.**
- **Nora Piore Scholarship is \$4,000 and renewable for 2 years.**
- **Visit <http://www.seiu.org/a/members/fulfill-your-college-goals-with-an-seiu-scholarship.php> to apply for these scholarships.**

The Sherry S. Hintz Scholarship Fund is now available to high school juniors or seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who have lost a parent or primary guardian to breast or ovarian cancer. Applicants must be a resident of Montgomery County, have demonstrated financial need, be involved in a school, community, or athletic activity and have a desire to attend college. Awardees of this scholarship may be eligible to receive up to \$20,000 per year for four years. For further information please contact Stefanie Moreno at smoreno@mhamc.org or call 301-424-0656. (There are also paper applications in the Career Center...Please see Ms. Harris) All applications must be received by March 5, 2012.

R.I.T. The Rochester Institute of Technology is sponsoring the R.I.T. Spirit Writing Contest for 10th – 12 grade students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. There will be a total of 6 winners and only two students per grade per school may enter. Winners have a choice of receiving one of two prizes; \$500 in cash or paid tuition and expenses for you to attend “Explore Your Future”, R.I.T.’s six day summer career exploration program, including an all - expenses - paid, two day visit to EYF for a parent. For further information visit their website at www.rit.edu/NTID/WritingContest . All applications must be received by March 15, 2012.

The Masonic Charities of Maryland, INC., have announced their 2012 Scholarship Program for graduating high school seniors. All applications are available in the Career Center and must be returned to Ms. Harris in the Career Center by 3:00pm on March 30, 2012. Applicants will be judged by their participation and leadership in the community and school activities, resume, academic records, financial need, written evaluations and organization, appearance and completeness of the application. Again all applications are available in the Career Center and must be returned to Ms. Harris in the Career Center by March 30, 2012.

The Legacy of Life Scholarship / sponsored by the Washington Regional Transplant Community has announced their 2011-2012 essay contest open to All high school Seniors. The essay topic is “Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade Someone to Give the Gift of a Lifetime”; Write a 1,000 word persuasive argument on the topic, fiction or non- fiction, with sources cited. The first place winner will receive \$5,000, second place winner will receive \$3,000 and \$1,000 each will be awarded to 6 students who are Honorable Mention. All applications must be received by midnight Saturday, March 31, 2012. For further information and an application visit their website at www.beadonor.org/scholarship.

My Sister’s Keeper 2012 Scholarship Program is now open to graduating seniors with a minimum 3.0GPA, who plan on attending a 4 year college or university. Applicants must also provide proof of community service. Applications are available in the Career Center and must be received by March 31, 2012.

The National Organization of Professional Hispanics NRCS Employees (NOPHNCSE) has announced their 2012 Scholarship for Hispanic seniors who will be attending an accredited college or university and plan on pursuing a career in Natural Resources Conservation (forestry, soil, science, botany, entomology, ecology, etc.) Seniors must have a minimum 2.7 GPA and must have proof of US citizenship. Applicants may download the application form at <http://nophnrcse.org/index.php/scholarships/62-scholarshipsmain>. Students will then complete, sign, scan and submit the digital application with all documents to scholarships@nophnrcse.org. Or students may get a paper application in the Career Center to mail. All applications must be submitted by April 2, 2012.

The American Foreign Service Association has announced their 2012 National High School Essay Contest to all high school students who are U.S. citizens whose parents are NOT in the Foreign Service. The winner will receive a \$2500 prize, an all-expense paid trip for them and their parents to Washington, D.C. where they will meet the Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton and a Semester at Sea. For further details and an application visit their website at http://www.afsa.org/essay_contest.aspx. All applications must be received by April 15, 2012.

The Claire and Robert Moore Scholarship fund will award a \$1,000 scholarship to an incoming freshman who will be attending Notre Dame University of Maryland and is planning on majoring in English and or Drama. The scholarship may be applied to tuition, books or educational fees. Online applications can be completed at www.crmoorescholarship.org and must be completed by April 15, 2012.

Gram’s Promise Charitable Foundation, Inc, has announced their 2012 Elizabeth Ann “Libby” Frist Memorial Scholarship Application. This scholarship is open to any high school senior who is tobacco free and have demonstrated a commitment to anti – smoking. Scholarship awards will vary from \$250 - \$1000. All applications must be received by April 27, 2012 . For further information about Gram’s Promise, please visit their website at www.gramspromisefoundation.org. Applications are also available in the Career Center

Big Sun Scholarship is offering \$500 scholarships to seniors who are athletes regardless of the sport. For further information and an application visit their website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>. Application deadline is June 22, 2012.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

INTERNSHIPS

SUMMER PROGRAM

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

*******Seniors and juniors wishing to participate in the Dual Enrollment Program at Montgomery College should see Ms. Harris and your counselor ASAP. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience college classes and earn college credit while still attending high school. Interested seniors should have a minimum 2.75 GPA while juniors and sophomores should have a minimum 3.0GPA.**

“Bits & Bytes 2012 at UMBC” will take place on February 19th – 20th. The Center for Women In Technology (CWIT) will host an overnight visit at UMBC for academically talented high school girls who are juniors and would like to learn more about leadership in the information technology and engineering fields. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0GPA, and have a strong interest in mathematics and science, as well as strong leadership qualities. However they do not need to have any previous experience in engineering or IT. For more information and an application, visit their website at www.cwit.umbc.edu/hs/bitsbytes . All applications must be received by January 15, 2012.

The STEP-UP Program (The Short –Term Education Program for Underrepresented Persons) is a program that seeks to increase participation for underrepresented groups to learn more about biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social science research. Students will participate in an 8 -12 week program and receive a stipend not to exceed \$2500. Applicants must be a junior or senior with a minimum 3.0GPA. For further information and an online application please visit their website at <https://stepup.niddk.nih.gov> . All applications must be received by February 15, 2012.

The NIH/ Summer Program is now accepting online applications for the Summer Internship Program in Biomedical Research (SIP). Interns will spend eight weeks of training, attending lectures, working with some of the world’s leading scientist. For further information and an application please visit their website at <https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip> or contact Ms. Winnie Martinez at 301-435-2988. All applications must be received by March 1, 2012.

“Choose Respect Give It! Get It!” the Teen Dating Conference to be held on March 24, 2012 from 10:00am – 1:30pm at the Takoma Park / Silver Spring Campus at Montgomery College in the Cultural Arts Center.

The American University School of Communication has announced their 2012 Summer “Discover the World of Communication”program. This two, three and four week program will be a hands-on summer workshop for high school seniors. They will offer such courses as Film Production, Animation, Photography, Video Game Design, Sportswriting and Broadcasting, Professional Newswriting, On Camera Acting, and so much more. For further information please visit them at www.audiscover.org. or call 202-885-2019 .The sessions will be held June 18th – July 13th, 2012.

The Oxbridge Academic Programs are now open to students in grades 9 – 12. The program dates will vary for The Oxford & Cambridge, France & Spain and The New York College Experience which will run from June 29th – August 4th. For further information please contact them at 1-800-828-8349.

Carnegie Mellon Summer Pre-Summer College Programs will take place June 30 – August 10, 2012. Students will learn about Advanced Placement / Early Admission; Fine Arts: Architecture / Art & Design Drama / Music and their National High School Game Academy. For further information visit their website at www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college.

The Catholic University of America will offer their “Experiences in Architecture” pre-college summer workshop for students interested in architecture or other design related fields. The three week intensive course will help prepare students for the rigors of architecture as well as acquaint them with campus life at the university. The workshop will take place July 9 – July 27, 2012. For further information contact David Shove- Brown, Director, Experiences in Architecture at 202-319-5786 or <http://architecture.cua.edu/summerprograms/experiences.cfm>.

The Kid’s College / Youth Programs have announced their 2012 Spring Classes for students in grades 2 – 12. For a complete schedule of classes and to register please visit their website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth. You may also contact Sharon Wolfgang at 240-567-7264 or Karla Espinoza at 240-567-7917 if you have any questions. All courses will be offered after school and on Saturdays and Sundays at their Rockville and Germantown Campus. Assistance in Spanish is also available.

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County / ReStore is looking for Volunteers to work at their Gaithersburg store assisting customers. Volunteers may earn SSL hours. (Please be sure to contact Ms. Kelli Richards SSL Coordinator / Room 2005 to verify those SSL hours will be approved.) For further information contact Bolanle Ogunmakin at 301-990-0014 ext. 31 or bolanle.ogunmakin@habitat-mc.org .

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, www.gazette.net and www.aarjobs.com 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 Washington D.C. Joint Steamfitting Apprenticeship Program will be accepting applications for those students interested in pursuing a career in Process Piping, Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (Construction and Service) and Environmental Systems Trades. Students wishing to apply must have a high school diploma or have earned a diploma by June, 2012. Applications will be accepted from 8:00am to 12:00pm on the following days at the following address:

<u>UA Mechanical Trades School</u>	<u>Wednesday, January, 4, 2012</u>
<u>8509 Ardwick Ardmore Road</u>	<u>Thursday, January, 5, 2012</u>
<u>Landover, Maryland 20785</u>	<u>Friday, January, 6, 2012</u>

For further information please contact their office at 301-341-1555.

The City of Gaithersburg, Department of Parks & Recreation is offering Lifeguard Training Classes. The City of Gaithersburg is currently recruiting and hiring Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Pool Attendants and Cashiers to work the summer and winter seasons. Students wishing to apply may download an application from www.gaithersburgmd.gov/aquaticsjobs or contact them at 301-258-6445.

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.**
- 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.