



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

September 9, 2011

The Career Center is opened daily from 7:00am to 3:30pm. Please call and schedule an appointment with Ms. Harris at your earliest convenience to begin or update your college and scholarship search.

TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Test Dates

October 1, 2011	Regular Registration: September 9, 2011 Late Registration: September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	Regular Registration: October 7, 2011 Late Registration: October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	Regular Registration: November 8, 2011 Late Registration: November 20, 2011

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

ACT Test Dates

September 10, 2011	Regular Registration: August 12, 2011 Late Registration: August 7 – 20, 2011
October 22, 2011	Regular Registration: September 16, 2011 Late Registration: September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	Regular Registration: November 4, 2011 Late Registration: November 5 – 18, 2011

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 May 1*****Kaplan is partnering 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 Online”; “PSAT Online”or “ACT Online”.Click “Enroll Now”, then click “Proceed to Next Step”; Fill out “Billing Information” (Don’t Worry, It’s Free); However you must complete all fields, including student and parent contact information. In the “Promotion Code” box enter the Discount Code for the course you wish to begin: SAT --- SATKAS430 / PSAT---- PSATKAS 430/ ACT----ACTKAS430 ...Click “Apply” next to the promo code box. The total should reset to \$0. Click “Submit Order” and you’re registered.
- 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

Grove City College located in Pennsylvania will host their Senior Crimson Day on September 10th and October 15th from 9:00am – 1:00pm. For further information please contact them 724-458-2100 or www.gcc.edu.

Washington University in St. Louis will host an Admissions Information Session from 7:00pm – 8:00pm on Monday, September 12, 2011 in the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace building located at 1779 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. in Washington, DC. No reservations are required. For further information contact them at 1-800-638-0700 or visit www.admission.wustl.edu.

Dartmouth College located in Hanover, New Hampshire, will host their “Learn more about Dartmouth” on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 11:00am at the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall Smithsonian Institute located at 4th Street & Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. For further information and to RSVP please visit their website at www.dartmouth.edu/admissions/nearyou.

The University of Virginia will host an evening Information Session on Sunday, September 18th at 6:30pm at the Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn located at 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland, 21031. Students and their families will have an opportunity to meet with the Associate Dean of Admissions along with a panel of recent graduates and learn about their admissions process. Please RSVP at www.virginia.edu/undergradadmission/uvavisit.html.

Washington and Lee University will host an Information Session at the Marriott Bethesda located at 5151 Pooks Hill Road in Bethesda, MD on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 7:00pm. For further information about Washington and Lee, please visit their website at www.wlu.edu or contact them at 540-458-8710.

Duke University will host their “Discover Duke” program at Georgetown Preparatory School / Hanley Center located at 10900 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda, MD 20852 on Monday September 19, 2011 at 7:00pm. Duke admissions officers will present information and answer questions about the university, the admissions process, financial aid, and much more. To register for the program please visit their website at www.admissions.duke.edu.

Yale University will host their 2011 Yale Information Sessions on September 26th at Walt Whitman High School located at 7100 Whittier Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817 in their auditorium. Lindsay Hobbs, Associate Director of Admissions will discuss academic programs, residential college and campus life, admissions and financial aid. For further information and registration please visit their website at www.apps.admissions.yale.edu/events.

The University of Maine at Farmington will host their Fall Open Houses on September 24th, October 15th and November 12th. Students and their families will learn about the application process and financial aid. Please register online at <http://www.umf.maine.edu/visit>.

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

Sunday October 2nd / October 16th / November 13th / December 4th

Saturday, February 18th / March 10th / April 14th

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

The Coast to Coast College Tour with representatives from Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, The University of California, Berkley and Vanderbilt University will host a joint information session on Sunday October 2nd from 7 – 9 pm at the Hilton Springfield located at 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA, 22150. For further information and to RSVP please visit their website at www.coasttocoasttour.org.

Lafayette College in Pennsylvania will host the following Open House programs:

Fall Open House: Monday, October 3rd / Friday November 11th / Saturday November 12th

Multicultural Visit Day: Monday, October 17th

Engineering Open House : Friday October 21st

For further information and to register please visit their website at www.admissions.lafayette.edu/visit or contact them at 610-330-5100.

“Discover Wellesley” will take place October 16 – 17, 2011. Wellesley College will provide Free / travel grants to select high school seniors who wish to discover more about this all female College. The young ladies who are selected will be provided with Free transportation, meals and housing. Applicants from underrepresented cultural backgrounds such as African American, Latina American, Native American and Asian American, from low income students as well as those who identify with other underrepresented communities are encouraged to apply. All applications must be received by Wednesday, August 31, 2011. Applications are available online at www.wellesley.edu/Admission/falltravelgrant. For further information or questions, contact them at 781-283-2270.

Bridgewater College located in Bridgewater, Virginia will host an Open House on the following Saturdays:

October 22nd / November 12th / January 28th / February 11th

Please register online at www.bridgewater.edu/Admissions or contact them at 800-759-8328.

Penn Stat Mont Alto will host their Fall Open House on Saturday October 22, 2011. Learn more about their 2+2 Program, meet faculty and students and enjoy a guided tour of the campus. For further information contact them at www.events.visitmontalto.com or call 1-800-392-6173. Students may also learn more about this campus by registering for their web seminar online at www.webinar.visitmontalto.com on Tuesday September 13th.

The University of Scranton will host their Open House on October 23rd and November 6th. For further information and to register visit their website at www.scranton.edu/admissions or contact them at 1-888-SCRANTON.

Stony Brook University will host an evening Information Session Wed., October 26th at 7:00pm at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center. Admission counselors will be present to answer any questions you may have about the admission process, scholarship opportunities and their academic programs. For further information and to RSVP contact them at www.stonybrook.edu/admissions/ossinfo.

Trinity University will host an “On The Spot Admission” event at Northwood High School on October 26th from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Students applying for admission should have a minimum 2.5 GPA and NO SAT or ACT score is required. Applicants must complete the application and answer one essay topic from the list on the application and have 1 – 3 recommendation letters. Scholarship consideration will be given to those students with a minimum 3.0 GPA and leadership activities. Please see Ms. Harris in the Career Center in order to sign up for this opportunity.

The Jewish Student Union / Hillel at the College of Charleston will host their College of Charleston Prospective Student Weekend October 28th – October 30th. Students will participate in Shabbat services and dinner at 5:45 and spend the night with a JSU / Hillel student. Families are invited to attend the CofC Open House on Saturday and the bagel brunch on Sunday. Families attending the CofC Open House must register at www.cofc.edu/admissions. For further information please contact Mimi at 843-953-3917 or lewismn@cofc.edu

Mount Holyoke College located in Massachusetts will host their “Focus on Diversity Program on November 6 – 7, 2011. Mount Holyoke will provide Free round trip airfare, lodging and meals to the nominated and selected female Senior who would like to experience and learn more about this Liberal Arts College. Applicants must be a US citizen or permanent resident, and demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and co-curricular involvement. Please see Ms. Harris ASAP if interested in being nominated. All Nominations must be received by September 26, 2011.

Lincoln University located in Pennsylvania will host an “On The Spot Admissions” event on November 9th at Wootton High School from 6 -8pm. Students applying for admission should have a minimum 2.5 GPA and a SAT 850 or ACT 18 (Flexible). Scholarship consideration will be given to those students with a minimum 3.0, SAT 900 or ACT 19. Two letters of recommendation are encouraged plus a personal statement. Please see Ms. Harris in the Career Center in order to sign up for this opportunity.

Smith College will host their Women of Distinction Program on November 11 – 13, 2011. This program highlights the opportunities for high school senior African American., Latina, Asian American and Native American students. Smith will provide round – trip transportation, meals and accommodations for all participants. For further information and an application visit their Women of Distinction Program at www.smith.edu/admission/wod.

Hampton University will host an “On The Spot Admission” event at Richard Montgomery High School on November 15th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Students applying for admission should have a minimum 2.5 GPA, SAT 950 / ACT 20 and 3 letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a counselor. Scholarship consideration will be given to those students with a minimum SAT 1100 / ACT 24. Please see Ms. Harris in the Career Center in order to sign up for this opportunity.

Morehouse College in Atlanta will host an “On The Spot “event at Gaithersburg High School on November 17th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Applicants should have a minimum 2.8 GPA or 3.2WGPA, SAT 1500 (All 3 sections) or ACT 22. Scholarship consideration will be given to those students with a minimum 3.20GPA, 3.5 WGPA, SAT 1750 (All 3 sections), and at least one letter of recommendation plus evidence of leadership.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

******* Rockville’s Financial Aid Workshop will be held on November 10, 2011 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Parents and students will learn important information concerning completion of the FAFSA applications, as well as updated information on financial aid that your student may be eligible to receive when planning on attending college. So mark your calendars and be here.**

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.CollegeAnswer.com
www.srnexpress.com
www.collegebound.com
www.scholarship.com
www.unusualscholarships.com
www.collegenet.com
www.centrlsb.org
www.Wirescholar.com
www.College-Scholarships.com

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
www.FinAid.org
www.zinch.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.**

The Washington Regional Transplant Community has announced their "Done Vida Scholarship" for high school seniors who are Latino, need money for college and are willing to learn about and support organ, eye and tissue donations. Students must submit a 2-3 minute video to www.BeADonor.org on One of the following Myths: My religion does not support donation; Doctors will not try to save my life if I'm a organ donor; I am too old or too sick to be a donor; or Wealthy people and celebrities are moved to the top of the list ahead of "regular patients". Four scholarships will be awarded varying from \$500 - \$2000. All entries must be received by September 30, 2011.

The AES Engineers is offering a \$500 scholarship to students planning on attending college. Students must write an essay of no more than a 1000 words answering "What impact will the Natural Disasters of 2010 have on global economy? How should these events affect future political, business and personal decisions"? Essays should be submitted on line to scholarships@aesengineers.com. There is No Application Packet. Students are to submit their full name, the name of the school you are attending in 2010/11 and your plans for 2011/2012. Students do not need to major in Engineering to apply for this scholarship. They are requesting that NO resumes be attached to this essay and there is NO required GPA or SAT/ACT scores needed. For further information visit their website at www.aesengineers.com/scholarship.htm .All essays must be submitted by October 2, 2011.

*******Applications for Nomination to the U.S. Service Academy are due to Congressman Chris Van Hollen's Office by October 14, 2011. Applications are available in a Word document at <http://vanhollen.house.gov> . Students may also obtain a copy by writing Char Rosnick at Char.Rosnick@mail.house.gov or by calling the Congressman's Office at 301-424-3501. Applications are also be available in the Career Center.**

The 2011 Junior Achievement Essay Competition is open to students in grades 9 – 12 attending an accredited high school. Students must write a 1,000 to 1,500 word essay on the topic “How can young entrepreneurs and the local governments of DC, Maryland, and Virginia work together to empower the next generation to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Greater Washington?” Applications may be submitted online at www.myJA.org/students/essay/. Eight of the nine winners selected from each of the Maryland, DC, and Virginia schools will be awarded a \$10,000 each and One will be selected to receive a \$20,000 Scholarship. In addition scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 each will be awarded to the top 3 schools in Maryland, Virginia and DC with the most submitted applications. All entries must be received by October 31, 2011.

The Rodney and Lorna Sawatsky Rising Stars Concerto Competition will take place at Messiah College. This competition is open to students in grades 9-12. The winner will receive a \$1000 cash prize and the Vollmer Music Scholarship to attend Messiah College valued at more than \$60,000 and a possible appearance to perform with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra for their Masterworks Series. Applicants must submit an audition recording in compact disc form (ONLY) by November 28, 2011, to the competition chair, Mr. Richard Roberson, Messiah College, Dept of Music, Box 3004, Grantham, Pa, 17027.

The Fleet Reserve Association has announced their 2011 -2012 Essay Contest. This contest is open to all students in grades 7 – 12 with a Grand Prize Savings Bond of \$10,000. The topic for this 350 word or less Essay is “What Freedom of Speech Means to Me”. Complete information including the Cover Sheet which must accompany the Essay can be accessed at www.fra.org/essay. The Sponsors name for the cover sheet is PRPEC Paul R. Gunther and the Branch is Triangle Branch 182. Applications are to be mailed to

**PRPEC Paul R. Gunther, Chairman
12867 Sage Terrace
Germantown, Maryland, 20874-2050**

All applications must be received by December 1, 2011. For additional information please contact Mr. Gunther at PaulG48104@aol.com.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

INTERNSHIPS

SUMMER PROGRAM

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

*******The 2012 Maryland General Assembly Student page Program is looking for high school Seniors with a strong interest and desire with and for our legislators in Annapolis from January 11 – April 9, 2012. Pages will receive \$50 a day towards expenses. Those students selected into the program will work two nonconsecutive weeks during the legislative session at the State House in Annapolis and are assigned to either the Senate or the House of Delegates. For further information and an application visit <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/>. You may also contact the Montgomery County Page Coordinator, Mrs. Karen L. Crawford at Karen.L.Crawford@mcpsmd.org or 301-670-1419 for further information. All applications must be received by October 26, 2011.**

*******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.**

******* Montgomery College Dual Enrollment Program will offer an Online Multivariable Calculus Course this fall starting August 29th - September 15th Students will not meet in a classroom or at a set time. Lessons and assignments will be given and completed each week. Students must have a 3.0GPA. For further information please see Ms. Harris.**

The Family Division of The Montgomery County Circuit Court has announced an opening for a fall / winter (non-paid) Intern position. The intern will be responsible for the review, prep, scan and shredding of confidential documents pertaining to custody cases; deliver and pick up files from various offices within the court and possibly make phone calls. If interested in applying for this position, please email or fax your resume to Alexis Zelaya, Family Case Manager at AZelava@mccourt.com or fax to 240777-9085.

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.

Montgomery College / Kids College Youth Programs will begin in October. For further information concerning programs, brochures and registration please visit their website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth or contact them at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

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.

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 Maryland State Police are now hiring young men and women between the ages of 17 - 19 for the Cadet Program. Applicants MUST be a U.S. citizen with a valid driver's license, possess a high school diploma or GED before being hired, have excellent moral character and have NO drug and criminal history. For further information or to apply visit their website at www.mdsp.org.

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.

