

WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2007



IMPORTANT DATES

November 6	Hispanic College Fair 9:30 am – 11:15 am	Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville
November 19	ASVAB Testing	Watkins Mill
December 5	Financial Aid Workshop	Watkins Mill HS Auditorium 7:00 pm
December 21	Alumni Day	Watkins Mill HS

OPEN HOUSE AND SPECIAL COLLEGE MEETING DATES

Hispanic Financial Aid Seminar	November 4 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Gaithersburg HS
Hispanic College Fair Information Session	November 5 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	The Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville
Macklin Business Institute (MBI) Scholars Program Info Session	November 7 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Montgomery College Rockville campus
Montgomery College Scholars Program	November 10 2:00 p.m.	Montgomery College Rockville campus
Ebony Awareness HBCU College Fair	November 10 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Gaithersburg HS
Preparing for Success Seminar	November 17 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Montgomery College Rockville campus

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS

SAT

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
December 1, 2007	October 30, 2007	November 8, 2007
January 26, 2008	December 26, 2007	January 4, 2008
March 1, 2008	January 29, 2008	February 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

The SAT test will be administered at WMHS on January 26, 2008 and June 7, 2008.

The regular registration fee is \$43.00 and includes four free score reports to colleges. The late registration fee is an additional \$22.00. Register on line at www.collegeboard.com. The Watkins Mill High School code is 210568.

THE OFFICIAL SAT ONLINE COURSE

MCPS has contracted with CollegeBoard to allow all of our students to take their online prep class for free. Go to www.collegeboard.com/satonlinecourseschool. **Please Note: Starting Monday, October 22, each student who registers for the online course will need a unique access code.** The unique access codes (example: ABCD-1234567) replace the six-digit school-wide access codes (example: 123456). The codes are available in the Career Center. Please note that this change does **not** affect students who have previously registered for the online course.

ACT

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	November 15, 2007
February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008	January 18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 23, 2008

The ACT will be administered on December 8, 2007 and April 12, 2008 at WMHS.

The regular registration fee is \$30.00 (no writing) and \$44.50 for the ACT Plus Writing test. Four free score reports are included in the registration fee. The late registration fee is an additional \$19.00. Register on line at www.actstudent.org. The Watkins Mill High School Code is 210568.

ACT ONLINE PREP PROGRAM

ACT has developed the Online Prep program to familiarize students with the test. It offers practice tests and essays. The cost is \$19.95. Go to www.actstudent.org/onlineprep for more information.

TEST OPTIONAL POLICY

There seems to be a growing trend with colleges to allow students to decide if they want their SAT or ACT test scores considered in the application process. These schools believe each student knows best his or her own capability and potential. Admissions policies at these schools put more emphasis on grade point average as a more powerful predictor of college success. Among the schools adopting this policy are St. Lawrence University, Bowdoin, Wheaton, Connecticut, Bates, Holy Cross, Drew, Mt. Holyoke, Dickinson, Hamilton, and new this year, Christopher Newport University. A little closer to home, McDaniel College, Salisbury University and George Mason are test optional depending upon the student's cumulative grade point average. Check with individual schools to see if they are "test optional."

COLLEGE VISITS

A current list of upcoming visits is located in the Career Center which is **the only place a student can sign up to attend these sessions**. The list is also posted in the English wing, on the College/Career Center bulletin board next to the cafeteria and on the Family Connection website at www.connection.naviance.com/wmhs. Students have a personalized password and parents can sign on as guests using the password “Watkins” to access the site. The Family Connection website is the most up-to-date list.

Students interested in attending a visit must come to the College/Career Center, at least one day in advance, to sign up in the College Visit binder and obtain a pass from Mrs. Prochnow to be signed by the teacher whose class they will be missing. It is the student’s responsibility to get this pass signed. **A student’s attendance at any college visit is at the discretion of the teacher. Only students who have a signed pass may attend these visits.** If a student cannot attend but would like information about the college, see Mrs. Prochnow, in advance of the visit, so that she can reserve a packet for you to be picked up upon your return to the Center.

Hofstra University	November 5	7 th period
U.S. Air Force Community College	November 7	5 th period
University of Hartford	November 8	3 rd period
Johns Hopkins University	November 9	7 th period
Eastern University	November 12	6 th period
Columbia Union College	November 16	5 th period

COLLEGE FAIRS

HISPANIC COLLEGE CAREER FAIR

The fair will be held on November 6, 2007 at the Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center in Rockville, MD. Over 50 institutions will be attending. We will leave school at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 11:15 a.m. There is no cost to attend. Any interested Hispanic-American junior or senior is invited to attend. **All students must have a signed permission slip to attend.** Please see Mrs. Prochnow in the Career Center for forms. Deadline to return the signed form to Mrs. Prochnow is Nov. 2.

GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C. NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

The fair will be held on Thursday, November 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center. Please visit their website at www.nacacnet.org/NCF for more info.

EBONY AWARENESS HBCU COLLEGE FAIR

The sixth annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 10:00 to 2:00 at Gaithersburg HS. Dress is business casual.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

The **Central Scholarship Bureau** is a privately funded, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide access to post-secondary education to students from Maryland. CSB offers **interest-free loans and competitive scholarships and grants** to qualified students to **help meet the costs of college, professional or vocational training**. There are **no application fees or loan fees**. **Loans are interest free**. Applicants must be **permanent residents of the State of Maryland**, but may attend any accredited U.S. college, university or vocational school. They must be **full-time students in good academic standing, meet CSB income guidelines and have completed the FAFSA**. For more details go to www.centuralsb.org. **Applications will be available on the website after January 2, 2008.**

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

A financial aid workshop will be held at **Watkins Mill High School** in the auditorium on Wednesday, **December 5, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. This workshop is very important for parents of 12th grade college-bound students. Parents of Juniors are also welcome to attend. Melissa Gregory, a financial aid representative from Montgomery College, will present the workshop. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be discussed along with other pertinent financial aid information. The FAFSA form should be completed for all seniors planning to attend college or a career school regardless of family income. A student never knows when he/she might need a student loan, and the FAFSA needs to be on file. The form will be available to students in mid-December but cannot be filed until AFTER January 1, 2008. In addition, important information from the Maryland Higher Education commission about Maryland State financial aid will be presented. Parents attending will get answers to their financial aid questions.

Seniors and their parents can (and should!) register for their FAFSA PIN (Personal Identification Number) now. If you fill out the form on-line you will need this information in order to "sign" it. To apply for this number please visit the U.S. Department of Education website: www.pin.ed.gov. This is an important first step in applying for federal student aid.

Word of caution: There are many sites which charge a fee for filling out the FAFSA form such as fafsa.com. The real site is www.fafsa.ed.gov. There is no charge for applying for federal student aid.

Get help in completing the FAFSA at www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/fafsa.jsp.

Get an idea of how much federal aid you might receive by using the FAFSA forecaster tool at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov.

INTERNET SOURCES FOR FINANCIAL AID

Word of caution: do not pay for scholarships or scholarship searches!

Consult the MCPS College /Career Center website at www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/careercenter for links to financial aid information and scholarship databases. You can also search for further scholarship and financial aid information at the following FREE websites:

Fastweb

www.fastweb.com

Every student should register for this scholarship search site. You personalize a profile and are notified, by email, when potential scholarships match your criteria.

Finaid

www.FinAid.org

Register here, too.

www.collegeboard.com/cbsearch/ss/welcome.jsp

This is CollegeBoard's scholarship search section.

www.BlackStudents.com

Scholarships, internships and jobs are emailed to you weekly.

www.citizensbank.com/edu/scholarshipsearch

Find need and merit-based scholarships to help pay for college.

www.hispanicscholarships.com

A database of scholarships for Hispanic students. Create a profile and get the latest scholarships, internships and jobs emailed to you weekly.

www.nelliemae.org

Student loans

www.scholarships.com/plan/freemoney/index.html

Sallie Mae's free online scholarship database

www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/dollars/dshome.htm

Learn how colleges calculate aid packages, how to negotiate a better offer, and how to pay for college.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Information has been received from the following colleges/universities on their scholarship programs: **The University of Texas at Dallas, Roanoke College, Iowa State University, and Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill (for academic**

excellence and innovative leadership), Davidson College (for academic excellence and leadership), Montana State, Clemson University, the Fashion Institute of Technology in NY, the University of Maine (forestry), Radford University (for theatre and cinema students), the University of Maryland Baltimore County (humanities, art, public affairs and women in technology), Indiana University (for academic excellence), Washington and Lee University (specifically for Maryland students for academic excellence and extracurricular records), and Northeastern University (first generation students with financial need). If you are interested in applying to any of these schools, please check the information in the Career Center or contact the school of interest.

Hispanic students should check out the website for the **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** to find out opportunities for scholarships and enrichment. The website is www.hsf.net.

Seniors: **Harvard University** recently announced that high-achieving undergraduate students from low-income families making less than \$60,000 can go to Harvard for no cost. In addition, Harvard will reduce the contributions of families with incomes between \$60,000 and \$80,000. Visit <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> for more info.

The **Chesapeake Bay Trust's 2008 Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship** is for **minority students** who have demonstrated a **commitment to the environment** and the Chesapeake Bay, have promoted diversity and tolerance for individuals of all backgrounds, have **unweighted GPAs greater than 3.0** and have demonstrated **leadership in school and the community**. One winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship award. Application is online at www.chesapeakebaytrust.org/awards. **Deadline to enter is November 12.**

For seniors who wish to be considered for any of the scholarships offered each year by the **Watkins Mill High School PTSA**, the membership forms are now available in the Career Center. PTSA student membership is required for some of the scholarships offered so now is the time to join. The student membership is \$8.00. **Deadline to apply is before Thanksgiving.**

Are you a **journalist** interested in attending the **University of Maryland, College Park**? If so, apply for the **Maryland Media, Inc. Scholarship Program**. Two scholarships will be given to outstanding high school journalists. The scholarships will be for **in-state tuition per school year**. The scholarship recipients will be **required to work on one of the student publications**. Applications are online at www.diamondbackonline.com and in the Career Center. **Deadline is December 1.**

The **Ron Brown Scholar Program** is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented, highly motivated **African American** high school seniors who intend to pursue undergraduate degrees full-time. Applicants must be **U.S. citizens or permanent residents**. Applicants should demonstrate **academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need**. There are **two deadlines: November 1 and January 9**. Students who

apply by 11/1 will be considered for the Ron Brown Scholar Program *and* will have their application information forwarded to a select and limited number of additional scholarship providers. Students applying by January 9 will only be considered for the Ron Brown Scholar Program. Applications are available on line at www.ronbrown.org.

The **Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)** announces a scholarship program for seniors intending to earn a degree in **engineering** or a related science such as **math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, computer science**. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Students are encouraged to retrieve the application and information on-line www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm. Paper copies of the application are also available in the Career Center. **Deadline is December 1.**

The Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award Program honors a **young woman** for her **volunteer efforts**. The award includes a small cash award of \$200 to the individual and \$100 to the organization where she is most active as a volunteer. Local winners then become eligible to compete for a regional award of \$1,000. The award is based solely on her volunteer work and not academic achievement. For additional info and an application, please contact Ms. Shirely Prasado-Rao, 301-349-0099, sprathome@hotmail.com. Applications must be received no later than **December 1.**

The **AXA Achievement Scholarship** is for **students who set and reach ambitious goals**, demonstrate **drive, determination and ability to succeed in college** and who have **respect for self, family and community**. Ten national winners will be awarded \$25,000 and 42 state winners will be awarded \$10,000. The application **deadline is December 15**. To learn more go to www.axa-achievement.com

USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships will award renewable scholarships of \$1500.00 to students who demonstrate financial need. Apply online at www.usafunds.org/scholarship between December 15, 2007 and February 15, 2008.

The **Gates Millennium Scholarship** is offered to outstanding students who have **significant financial need and leadership**. Students must be **African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American**. Candidates must be a **citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the U.S.** Grade point average of **3.3** is required. **Deadline is January 11, 2008** for online applications. Materials may be obtained and submitted on-line at www.gmsp.org. There are some paper applications in the Career Center. Paper applications must be postmarked by December 31.

The American Dream Scholarships through Commerce Bank are for seniors with **GPA's of at least 3.0**, who plan to enroll in a 2 year or 4 year college, university or vocational school, and who have demonstrated involvement in **community service activities, volunteerism, school activities and/or employment responsibilities**. Commerce will award two hundred twenty-five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. The awards are for one year only and are non-renewable. Financial need is not a factor. Apply online at www.commerceonline.com/americandream. **Deadline is December 15.**

Seniors Helping Seniors Scholarship Program offers students an opportunity to develop and carry out a project that will enhance the lives of seniors citizens within their community using computer technology and a chance to win up to \$12,500 in scholarship money. Students can enter individually or in teams of up to five seniors. Apply online at www.pny.com/education. **Deadline is December 31.**

The National Wild Turkey Federation's Academic Scholarship Program is designed for high school seniors who have made an extra commitment to conserving natural resources. Students must be seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or more, have a current hunting license, have demonstrated leadership, and a commitment to community service. Each local scholarship winner will receive a minimum of \$250; each state winner a minimum of \$1000, and the national winner will receive \$10,000. Apply online at www.nwtf.org/jakes. **Deadline is January 1, 2008.**

The **United States JCI Senate Foundation** offers scholarships to seniors who are planning to attend college after high school. **Financial need** and **activities in school** are considered as part of the application. Paper applications are available in the Career Center. For more info, email Gary Williams at garyw683@aol.com. **Deadline is January 5, 2008.**

The **FEEA Scholarships** are for **children of current civilian federal and postal employees** who plan to enroll in a two year or 4 year post secondary school and who have at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA. All awards are strictly merit based. Awards generally range from \$500 to \$2500. **Applications** for the program will be **available in January 2008**. Go to www.feea.org/scholarships.html for more info.

Macklin Business Institute (MBI) Scholars Program at Montgomery College offers twelve outstanding high school seniors a two year merit-based tuition scholarship for its honors business program if you are accepted in the program. For more info, go to www.macklin.org. **The deadline is January 25, 2008.**

Montgomery College Scholars Program is an enriching college program that also offers two-year, full-tuition merit scholarships if you are accepted into the program. These scholarships will include expenses associated with attending the University of Cambridge summer program. The Montgomery Scholars Program offers many enriching opportunities as part of the schedule of studies. **The deadline is January 25, 2008.**

Scholarships from the **National Commission for Cooperative Education** will go to students who are planning **to participate in a cooperative education program at college** and who have a **3.5+ G.P.A.** Further details are found at www.co-op.edu. **Deadline is February 15.**

The Don and Mitzie Solberg Scholarship Fund is a local scholarship for Latino seniors who have **financial need**, have **demonstrated outstanding academic achievement** and have **overcome hardships and obstacles**. **Three or more scholarships** will be given **in the amount of \$8000** to be paid in the amount of \$1000 per semester for each year of undergraduate studies. See Mrs. Prochnow in the Career Center for applications. The **deadline is February 29, 2008**.

The **AMERICAN LEGION** sponsors an **oratorical contest** and the prizes are generous scholarship awards. For more information look on the Legion website at www.legion.org.

NOTE: Seniors! There are more scholarships listed on the Naviance Family Connection Program! Not registered yet on Family Connection? Come see Mrs. Prochnow in the Career Center for your password.

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES AND SPECIAL COLLEGE MEETING DATES

All colleges encourage prospective students to visit during their senior year of high school. These visits help in the decision-making process of which school to attend. Check with the schools you are considering and see when their campus visits are. Plan to visit if at all possible. See a dorm, talk with students, meet with the admissions representatives and learn what scholarships might be available for you. Below are a few of the colleges and universities that have sent information to the Career Center.

Towson University: Open House Dates for Seniors Nov. 2, Nov. 10 and Nov. 16. For more info, go to their website www.towson.edu/discover

Frostburg University: Considering theatre as a major or minor? Explore Frostburg during their Open House, Nov. 17.

The Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, College Park, invites prospective students and their families to visit campus and learn more about their programs on Maryland Day, November 9. Reservations required. Call 301-405-4689.

Radford University: Fall Open House date 11/10. Register online at www.radford.edu.

Roanoke College: Fall Open House date 11/10. Register online at www.roanoke.edu.

Bridgewater College: Open House date 11/10. Either bring your completed application to an Open House or apply online and the \$30 application fee will be waived.

Villa Julie College: Open House date 11/17. Register online at www.vjc.edu.

Montgomery College- Germantown: Open House date 11/17 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Topics will include financial aid, the Macklin Business Institute Scholars Program and transfer options after MC.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Montgomery County Women's Bar Foundation is again sponsoring its **"Preparing For Success"** conference on Saturday, **November 17, at Montgomery College Rockville campus, 10:00-4:30**. This is a seminar aimed at high school **girls** who plan to attend college or enter the workplace. This is a **free** day of fun and learning. Lunch provided. Free transportation is provided from Watkins Mill H.S. This year, in addition to the regular series of workshops, a complete program in Spanish will be provided for those ESOL students not yet proficient in English. Register on-line at www.preparingforsuccess.org. Information is in the Career Center.

Are you a junior interested in attending a **military academy** upon graduation? If so, the nomination packets can be obtained by calling the U.S. senators' offices or downloading the application packet from their websites. Please get the information and get started! Also check the website of the academy in which you are interested.

Lincoln Technical Institute announces the grand opening of its new **Center for Culinary Arts**, one of the most modern and prestigious culinary facilities on the east coast. Classes are limited to 24 students and interviews for possible acceptance are conducted strictly on a scheduled basis. Call 1-800-924-9325 for more info.

Lincoln Technical Institute will host a fall Open House and **free scholarship test** on Saturday, **Nov. 10** from **10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** If you are interested in a career in **Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Climate Control or Electronics** then you can't miss this event. There will be career workshops, campus tours, and financial aid workshops. Call Hank Blakely at 800-924-9325 ext. 41520 to attend.

Are you a senior who is passionate about making the world a better place? If so, **Bucknell University** is hosting **Issues for the 21st Century** on **Nov. 9 and 10**, a mini-conference in which to share your ideas. For more info, go to www.bucknell.edu/21stCentury.

ASVAB Testing: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be administered at Watkins Mill High School on Monday, **November 19**. Students interested in taking this test must have **parental permission**. Forms are available from Mrs. Prochnow. There is no military obligation associated with taking this test. Students receive information on jobs that best suit their abilities.

Youth Leadership Greater Washington is looking for proven and aspiring **leaders** who are **sophomores and juniors** to join its Class of 2008. Selected students will receive intensive hands-on leadership training. For an application, go to www.lgwdc.org or see Mrs. Prochnow in the Career Center. **Deadline is November 16.**

Are you a **senior** interested in pursuing a **career in Radiologic Technology**? Holy Cross Hospital's School of Radiologic Technology is a twenty-two month program **and is currently accepting applications for the class due to start in July 2008**. All applicants will be required to take a health occupations aptitudes test in March. Class selection will take place in May. For more info, contact Staci Maier, Program Director, at 301-754-7889.

If you are a sophomore or junior interested in an internship sponsored by **the Howard Hughes Medical Institute** and the **National Institutes of Health**, please see Mr. Bowman, the science department resource teacher, and express your interest. Talk to him soon since the nomination procedure is lengthy. **Deadline is November 28**.

WEBSITE TO HELP RECRUIT STUDENTS TO FEDERAL JOBS

The Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Department of Education's website, www.studentjobs.gov, is designed specifically for high school and college students who are looking for temporary employment with the federal government.

Studentjobs.gov features include the following:

- Links to student-employment pages for more than 50 federal agencies
- Links to articles that profile student job opportunities
- A link to the federal government's worldwide employment information database of permanent federal jobs
- Email notification every 24 hours for newly posted vacancies that meet the student's personal job-search profile
- A resume builder and online application tool

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF COLOR

Free financial aid and college prep seminar for **Hispanic juniors and seniors and their parents** hosted by the **Hispanic Scholarship Fund Institute** to be held on **Sunday, November 4** from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at **Gaithersburg HS**. Please attend and find out what you need to know. The event is **free** and the information will be given in Spanish. Refreshments will be provided.

Hispanic College Fair Information Session evening program (night before the Hispanic College Fair) for **Juniors, Seniors, and their parents**. The evening session will take place on Monday evening, **November 5** (Hispanic College Fair is 11/6), **7:00 - 8:30 PM**. This event will be held at the Universities of Maryland at Shady Grove, Building I, Rooms 203 and 204. Teresita Vergne, Program Director for the **Hispanic Scholarship Fund Institute** will discuss the importance of a college education, financial aid, scholarships and more. The presentation will be in both Spanish and English.

The University of Richmond will host **MOVE (Multicultural Overnight Visitation Experience)**, a program especially designed for **multicultural students** on **Sunday – Monday, November 11, 12. Juniors and seniors** will learn about **admissions, financial aid, and merit based scholarships**. For reservations call 800-700-1662 or go to www.richmond.edu/visitus.

New Light Leadership Coalition presents its **9th Annual Youth & College Leadership Summit** on **November 16 -18 at Morgan State University**. This event is for high school and college students and young professionals between the ages of 16 and 25. Students will **develop leadership skills, discuss issues facing youth, and will network and make valuable contacts to help in their personal, career and organizational development**. There is a fee to attend. For more info and to register go to www.nllc.org/summit2007.

Louisiana State University is seeking minority students for its **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Research Scholars Program**. Students must be **seniors with a GPA or 3.5 or better and an SAT score of 1100 or higher (Critical Reading and Mathematics Score) or ACT or 24 or higher**. If interested, please see Mrs. Prochnow in the Career Center. Deadline is **December 7**.

Minority Student Medical Career Awareness Workshops and Recruitment Fair **November 3** at the **Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC**. The fair is for **minority students** interested in **pursuing a career in medicine**. For more event info, contact Juan Amador at CareerFair@aamc.org or 202-862-6203.

EBONY AWARENESS HBCU COLLEGE FAIR

The sixth annual **Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair** will be held on Saturday, **November 10** from **10:00 to 2:00** at **Gaithersburg HS**. Students are encouraged to bring **resumes, transcripts, and to “dress for success.”** There will be scholarship opportunities and on-site admissions. This is a **free** event.

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Information has been received on two **Historically Black College tours: 1)Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor a Historically Black College Tour**– March 16 - 19 - \$405.00. Call (301) 265-8326 for information. 2) **Suggs/Lyons 2008 HBCU Fair**, February 17 – 21 - \$400.00, sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Council of Montgomery County. For info and reservations, contact: Darrell Marbury, 301-390-8402 or Brenda Wolff, 301-260-8760.

The **Panhellenic Council of Montgomery County** has a **scholarship for students who have taken the Suggs/Lyons Black College Tour, or have been accepted by or will be attending a HBCU and have a grade point average of at least a 2.5**. Applications can be found in the Career Center. Students need to complete the application, get two recommendations and an official transcript and participate in a mandatory interview. For more info call 301-260-8760 between 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Deadline is March 31**.

The mission of the **Call Me MISTER** (acronym for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) **National Initiative** is to increase the pool of available **teachers** from a broader more diverse background. **African-American males** interested in **becoming teachers** can obtain a **college degree for free** to become teachers. Ten South Carolina colleges and universities are participating in this project. Go to <http://www.callmemister.clemson.edu/index.htm> for more info.

The **African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation** Presents: **“Keeping the Spirit: Elders as Models Youth as New Leaders”** 6th Annual Conference on Friday-Saturday, **November 16 – 17** from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at **Montgomery College, Takoma Park**, Health Sciences Building. The cost is \$125 for adults, and \$1 – 15 for high school students (sliding scale). Activities include panel discussions, guest speakers, African drumming and dancing and African cuisine. For more info call 202-234-2473 or visit www.airfound.org.

Syracuse University's School of Architecture is desperately seeking young **men and women of color** interested in **pursuing a five year professional degree in Architecture**. The Dean of the School of Architecture, Mark Robbins, has **scholarship money** set aside to fully **cover education costs for 10 students**. For more info, email the dean at robbinsm@syr.edu .

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

Information on a special summer program has been received from **Washington and Lee University**. Check in the Career Center for details or go to the school's website.