



Northwest High School College/Career Information Center

Senior Bulletin

“ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL”

JAG NEWS for the Class of 2012

Hello seniors!

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Make the Northwest High School College/Career Information Center an important part of your senior year. Important dates and information for your senior year planning are below. Check out some of the links below that explore career and college options and how to prepare accordingly. Saving this document will provide hyper links and easy access for bookmarks! Make note of the scholarship opportunities currently offered. Start exploring career and college options with a visit to your College/Career Information Center.

The College/Career Information Center resources are available to students and parents before school, during lunch or after school. Appointments are welcome!



Updated calendar information will be available on the web.

Select the

‘College & Career Info’ link!

“Mark Your Calendars”



COLLEGE TESTING

SENIORS SHOULD BE REGISTERED FOR FALL COLLEGE TESTING DATES! REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

COLLEGEBOARD FOR THE SAT: WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM. FOR THE ACT: WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

ACT TESTS 6 TIMES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10. CURRENT COST \$49.50. TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1.319.337.1270

THE SAT TESTS 7 TIMES BEGINNING OCTOBER 1. CURRENT COST \$49.00 TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1.866.756.7346

COLLEGE BOARD (CEEB) HIGH SCHOOL CODE: 210589 (THIS CODE IS USED ON THE ACT AND SAT REGISTRATION FORMS)



OCTOBER

OCTOBER 18: PRE-HISPANIC COLLEGE FAIR INFORMATION NIGHT AT THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE. TIME TBD.

OCTOBER 19: NATIONAL HISPANIC COLLEGE FAIR (UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE). NWHS FIELD TRIP. NO COST TO STUDENTS PARTICIPATING. PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COLLEGE CAREER INFORMATION CENTER.

OCTOBER 22: SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE & FAIR. MONTGOMERY COLLEGE, ROCKVILLE CAMPUS. CONFERENCE TIME AND PROGRAM OUTLINE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE MC WEB SITE IN EARLY OCTOBER. (WWW.MONTGOMERYCOLLEGE.EDU)



DECEMBER

DECEMBER 6: FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR FOR SENIOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS. 6:30 PM. NWHS AUDITORIUM

DECEMBER 20: ALUMNI DAY AT NWHS. AUDITORIUM PROGRAM DURING PERIOD 4. TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR CLASSES TO THE AUDITORIUM FOR STUDENTS TO HEAR ABOUT FIRST-YEAR COLLEGE EXPERIENCES FROM OUR GRADUATES.



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 15: HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES COLLEGE FAIR. BLAIR HS. ALL GRADES INVITED. 6 TO 8 PM.

FEBRUARY 16: ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM OFFERED AT NWHS. 7:30 AM IN THE COLLEGE/CAREER INFORMATION CENTER. OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12 AT NO COST AND NO OBLIGATION TO THE MILITARY. PARENTAL PERMISSION IS REQUIRED TO TEST. REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COLLEGE/CAREER INFORMATION CENTER IN JANUARY.

2011-2012 ON SITE ADMISSION EVENTS:

Montgomery County Public Schools in partnership with several Historically Black Colleges and Universities will host on-site admissions events throughout the school year. Admissions criteria for each event will be available in the College/Career Information Center and on the web as each date is scheduled. Students should be prepared with copies of their application and any required supporting documents at the time of their interviews. Interviews are typically offered on a first-come, first-served basis on the night of the event. Events scheduled may include Lincoln University, Hampton University, Morgan State University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morehouse College and Virginia State University. Visit the school web site “College & Career Info” web page and select “Calendar Events” for the complete schedule.

The "411" on High School College & Career Visits:

Each school year beginning around the third week of September up to the Winter Break and again in the spring, Northwest HS will host college admission representatives from schools all across the country. A benefit of attending these visits is meeting a college's admission officer who, in all likelihood, will be the first person to review your application. Your attendance indicates your interest in their school and can make a favorable impression when your application is reviewed.

The list of college admissions representatives who will be visiting NWHS this school year will be available on the **Family Connection** web site. To view the high school visit schedule, go to <https://connection.naviance.com/northwest>. Key in your email address and the **PERSONAL PASSWORD** you established during registration. Click on the "COLLEGES TAB".

All students **MUST** visit the College/Career Information Center, SIGN the College Visit Roster and get a PASS. It is your responsibility for obtaining the signature on the pass of the teacher whose class you will be missing, indicating that your absence from class is excused. This "must" be completed one day in advance of the scheduled visit. Note, attendance at any college visit is always at the discretion of your teacher and all class work missed is expected to be made up. Attendance will be taken for every visit.

JAG Scholarships! (CURRENTLY PUBLICATION & THE SCHOLARSHIP FORECAST)

Available on the web!

From our school web site select the "College & Career Info" link on the navigation bar. Select the "Scholarships & Financial Aid" link on the left side of the screen. Scholarship applications are emailed electronically with a limited number of copies available in the College/Career Information Center.

The **JAG Scholarship Forecast Bulletin** can be used as an additional scholarship resource. Preview some of the many opportunities that come to Northwest. View the scholarship criteria and application deadline info! Check your email regularly for scholarship updates.

Jag Scholarship Forecast Bulletin

The JAG Scholarship Forecast lists some of the many scholarship opportunities available to students throughout the year in the Northwest College/Career Information Center. Students are encouraged to research websites and use scholarship search engines to increase their chances for scholarship awards.

Browse this list and make a note to follow-up in the College/Career Information Center during the spring months.

Look for these opportunities & ...

AIMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION (AFCEA) – open to SENIORS; applicant must be a US citizen or permanent resident planning to pursue a field of study in electrical, computer, chemical, aerospace or systems engineering, electronics, mathematics, computer science, physics, science or mathematics education, technology management or management information systems. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN FEBRUARY**

AFFIRM (Access for Federal Information Resources Management Technology) SCHOLARSHIP – open to seniors with an interest in some aspect of Information Resource Management (IRM) or Information Technology (IT); applicant must have financial need; minimum 3.0 GPA, \$4,000 award; visit www.aaffirm.org. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN APRIL**

The **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY** offers several scholarships to students ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. **LOOK FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES IN JANUARY**

ALPHA PHI ALPHA PAUL ROBESON SCHOLARSHIP – open to well-rounded students who use innovative financial need; 500-word essay; official transcript and letters of recommendation required; interview. **LOOK FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES IN MARCH**

ATN RAMP EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS open to all grades; essay contest for Army Ramp readers; www.atnramp.com. **LOOK FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES ON THE WEB IN FEBRUARY**

The **ARMY OFFICERS' WIVES' CLUB** offers scholarship opportunities to graduating high school seniors who are dependents of active duty, retired, or deceased Army personnel. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN JANUARY**

BEAT THE ODDS SCHOLARSHIP offered to high school juniors who have overcome significant obstacles such as, but not limited to, poverty, disability, homelessness or abuse; applicants have demonstrated a commitment to helping others and have a minimum 3.0 GPA, showing marked improvement; visit www.beattheodds.org for more information. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN FEBRUARY**

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STUDENT OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP offered to NORTHWEST students; \$1,000 award; minimum 3.0 GPA with financial need considered. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN APRIL**

BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT CHAPTERS offer several scholarships open to ALL seniors; must have a minimum GPA requirement of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. **LOOK FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY**

BURGER KING offered to seniors; applicant must be able to demonstrate participation in community service and/or extracurricular activities; requires 2.5 or higher GPA; financial need considered; visit www.burgerking.com. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN NOVEMBER**

CARSON SCHOLARS available to students in grades 9-11 with a GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.0 scale); one student selected from each high school for scholarship consideration. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN NOVEMBER**

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG 'CHARACTER COUNTS' SCHOLARSHIP offered to SENIORS' residents of Gaithersburg; residential requirement and financial need considered; visit www.gaithersburg.gov and search for scholarship link under "About the City". **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN LATE JANUARY**

COCA-COLA SCHOLARS – open to SENIORS; applicants are evaluated on their demonstrated leadership in school, commitment to community, academic achievement and part-time employment; students MUST apply online; visit <http://www.coca-colascholars.org>. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN OCTOBER**

COMCAST LEADERS & ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP – open to seniors with a minimum 2.8 GPA; applicant must be able to demonstrate leadership abilities in school activities or through work experience; must have a strong commitment to community service involvement; one nomination per high school; **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN JANUARY**

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter offer a scholarship to seniors of Montgomery County with a minimum 2.8 GPA; planning to enter a 4-year college or university. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN FEBRUARY**

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS offered to seniors who are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; permanent residents or US citizens with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.3; highly competitive opportunity with status available online at www.gatesmillennium.org. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN OCTOBER**

GRAM'S PROMISE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. offers a \$1,000 scholarship to seniors who live a tobacco free lifestyle; more information is available at www.gramspromise.org. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN MARCH**

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for Hispanic seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA; details available online at www.hispanic.org. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN NOVEMBER/ONLINE**

HOBBS (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership) PROGRAM offered to SOPHOMORES ONLY; one-week leadership seminar held in each spring at a local college or university campus; one student selected at no cost to student; opportunity for students to join student leaders from all over the state of Maryland to plan leadership events such as fundraisers, ethics, volunteerism, education and the media. **LOOK FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IN LATE OCTOBER**

Jag Scholarship Bulletin ... Current Publication

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The listing below provides scholarship opportunities available throughout the year for students. Information and applications for the scholarships may be available in the College-Career Information Center or in some cases on the internet (websites provided). The list below reflects only some of the many scholarship opportunities available to students. Students should research websites and scholarship search engines.

New scholarships may be available every month. Students should apply to every scholarship for which they qualify, following instructions carefully and submitting very strong and absolutely correct essays.

Visit the JAG SCHOLARSHIPS area in the college/career information center for scholarship opportunities, unless otherwise noted. Scholarships are divided by three categories: minority, private organizations or corporations. The scholarship application location is noted in (parentheses) with the scholarship description.

Indicates first time in bulletin publication

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AES ENGINEERS – open to SENIORS; \$500 award; based on essay content; no GRE/ACT or SAT scores required; essays submitted to: scholarships@aesengineers.com; details on this scholarship and others can be found at <http://www.aesengineers.com>

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS (ASCB) offers a \$1,000 scholarship to students in need. From the Hispanic Scholarship Fund website: "Scholarships" from the navigation bar. Select the link for "High School Students"

SIGMA PHI EPSILON VIRGINIA KAPPA CHAPTER DALANEC MAN SCHOLARSHIP – open to SENIORS attending Virginia Tech; Fall 2011; \$1,000 award; applicants are not obligated to join Sigma Phi Epsilon for scholarship consideration; applicants should apply online at www.sigmaphi.org; DEADLINE TO APPLY – SEPTEMBER 1 (ONLINE APPLICATION)

WASHINGTON REGIONAL TRANSPLANT COMMUNITY (WRTC) DORA VIDA SCHOLARSHIP – open to Latino students; create a video entry on donor myths; DEADLINE FOR ENTRY – SEPTEMBER 30; for contest rules and more information regarding the visit: www.donors.org; www.donors.org; (ONLINE ENTRY) (PHOTO AND VIDEO)

INTERNET RESOURCES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHING:

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND (UNCF) SCHOLARSHIPS – offering several scholarship opportunities with varying criteria; administered by the Program Services Department of UNCF; each program has its own eligibility criteria, application dates and required documents. In order to apply for a UNCF Program Services Scholarship, you must apply through the online application process. Scholarship searches available by deadline date. Visit <http://www.uncf.org/ps/ps-scholarships.asp> for the complete list. (ONLINE ONLY)

WALMART FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS – <http://www.walmart.com/Community/Grants>

At the Wal-Mart Foundation, we believe that a good education creates opportunities that lead to a better life. To help offset rising college tuition costs, we recently awarded more than 50 million in academic scholarships to help students afford higher education in the 2010-2011 school year.

The Wal-Mart Foundation offers three scholarship programs and also administers the Walton Family Foundation Scholarship on behalf of the Walton Family Foundation. To learn more about these programs or to apply, click on the links below.

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND – www.hsf.net
The Hispanic Scholarship Fund's (HSF) mission is to strengthen America by advancing the college education of Hispanic Americans. We deliver a range of programs to Hispanic families and students through community outreach and education, affordability via scholarship, college retention and career opportunities.

Celebrating its 35th year, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$300M, resulting in close to 100,000 scholarships to students in need.

JAGS on the Web:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwesths

- **Family Connection:** <https://connection.naviance.com/northwest> ALWAYS CONNECTED!
- **MCPS College & Career Information:** <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/>
- **Financial Aid** – U.S. Dept. of Ed **FAFSA4caster:** <http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>. Using FAFSA4caster you and your parent(s) can sign up for a pin number now and complete an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid.
- **MDgo4it:** <http://www.mhec.state.md.us/> for Maryland scholarship and financial aid information.

Work and Learn through an Apprenticeship

If you like to work with your hands and your mind, you might want to consider an apprenticeship after high school. More than 850 occupations can be learned on the job through an apprenticeship.

APPRENTICESHIPS FOR CAREERS IN HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING, REFRIGERATION, PROCESS PIPING & CONSTRUCTION!

Applications accepted IN PERSON at the U. A. MECHANICAL TRADES SCHOOL, 8509 ARDWICK-ARDMORE ROAD, LANDOVER, MARYLAND 20785 (301) 341-1555.

REQUIREMENTS: MINIMUM AGE OF 18 BY AUGUST 1 & HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA EARNED BY JUNE 30 OR GED CERTIFICATE BY JANUARY 31.

APPLICATION MUST BE MADE IN PERSON. MATH AND DRUG TEST REQUIRED.