

Richard Montgomery High School
THE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER #1
From the College/Career Center
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Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer and you had some time to relax and enjoy your family. This will be the first in a series of newsletters I will publish containing time-sensitive information. At the beginning of the year, the newsletter will be published on a bi-weekly basis, as there is so much information that comes in to the career center at the beginning of the year! Towards the end of year, the newsletter will be published on a monthly basis due to the fact that not as much information will need to be communicated. The newsletter will be available online under the Career Center and available on paper in the career center. I am available to meet with students and parents, so please feel free to call me at 301-610-8064 or email me at Mary_F_Hull@mcpsmd.org

Best wishes for a very successful school year!

DATES & DEADLINES:

- 9/7 Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 9/9 SAT regular registration deadline for the October exam
- 9/12 ACT exam administration
- 9/18 ACT regular registration deadline for the October exam
- 9/23 SAT late registration deadline for the October exam
- 9/28 Yom Kippur - NO SCHOOL
- 10/1 SAT regular registration deadline for the November exam

UPCOMING VISITS:

*Below is the schedule of college visits to Richard Montgomery. This is a great opportunity for our students to meet and talk with admission representatives from around the country. Colleges and universities are very interested in Richard Montgomery students! (To view a complete list of upcoming visits, log on to <http://connection.naviance.com/rmhs> and sign in as a guest using the password **rocket**. Click on "Visit schedule" in the left hand menu.) Students should come to the career center to register to attend an information session at least two days prior to the visit. They will be given a pass for their teacher's approval. Teachers have the final say on whether or not a student can attend a session!*

College	Representative	Date	Time
University of Maryland, College Park	Molly Lennon	Tue September 8, 2009	8:30 AM
Elon University	Dennard Jones	Tue September 8, 2009	10:15 AM
Kent State University	Laura Wilhelm	Mon September 14, 2009	7:30 AM
Carnegie Mellon University	Leigh Edleman	Mon September 14, 2009	10:00 AM
Davidson College	Andrew Wilson	Mon September 14, 2009	11:45 AM
Vanderbilt University	Jason McGrath	Tue September 15, 2009	10:00 AM
The George Washington University	Touran Waters	Tue September 15, 2009	11:45 AM
Bowie State University	Victoria Little	Wed September 16, 2009	7:30 AM
Washington and Lee University	Robert Koch	Wed September 16, 2009	10:00 AM
Amherst College	Michael Hawkins	Wed September 16, 2009	11:45 AM
McDaniel College	Heidi Reigel	Wed September 16, 2009	1:30 PM
Radford University	Crystal Cobb	Thu September 17, 2009	9:15 AM
Randolph-Macon College	Charter Lindley	Thu September 17, 2009	11:45 AM

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Matt McGann	Thu September 17, 2009	1:30 PM
University of Notre Dame	Stephanie Nguyen	Fri September 18, 2009	10:15 AM
Columbia University	Rebecca Bromberg	Mon September 21, 2009	10:00 AM
Wells College	Alexandra Duffney	Mon September 21, 2009	11:45 AM
Winthrop University	Michael Able	Tue September 22, 2009	9:30 AM
Duke University	Nikki Baskin	Tue September 22, 2009	10:15 AM
College of Charleston	Owen Compher	Wed September 23, 2009	8:15 AM
Towson University	Brian Myers	Wed September 23, 2009	9:15 AM
Ryerson University	Michelle Beaton	Wed September 23, 2009	10:15 AM
Lesley University	Ryan MacLean	Wed September 23, 2009	1:30 PM
Ohio University	Lindsay Lake	Thu September 24, 2009	8:30 AM
Western New England College	Danielle Smith	Fri September 25, 2009	10:30 AM
Tufts University	Daniel Grayson	Tue September 29, 2009	8:30 AM
Eckerd College	Brian Zhan	Tue September 29, 2009	9:30 AM
Oberlin College	Jill Medina	Tue September 29, 2009	10:30 AM
Fairleigh Dickinson University	John Wexler	Tue September 29, 2009	1:30 PM
Boston University	Jeff Williams	Wed September 30, 2009	8:00 AM
Bryn Mawr College	Peaches Valdez	Wed September 30, 2009	10:30 AM

OPEN HOUSES & INFORMATION SESSIONS:

*This section includes dates and times of open houses and local information sessions. For **open houses**, you usually have to RSVP your plans to attend. In most cases you are responsible for the transportation costs, any hotel accommodations, and food expenses. Visiting college campuses is a crucial part of the decision process so take advantage of special programs that may be offered! Not every college and university visits every high school! There just aren't enough admissions representatives to accomplish such a task! As an alternative to visiting every high school, some colleges and universities hold **information sessions** where a meeting room is rented and an invitation is sent out via local high schools for all interested students and parents to come together for an information meeting or session! This is another great way to meet staff and learn about schools and their programs.*

- 9/12 **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** will host an open house. Visit www.pcad.edu for more information.
- 9/13 **Carnegie Mellon University** will host an information session at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel at 2:00 p.m. RSVP at 412-268-2082.
- 9/13 **University of Connecticut** will host an open house from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit www.openhouse.uconn.edu for more information.
- 9/13 **MIT** will host an information session at BCC High School starting at 2:00 p.m.
- 9/14 **Boston University** will host an information session. Visit www.bu.edu/receptions to check times and to sign up.
- 9/19 **Millersville University** will host an open house. Register online at www.millersville.edu or call 1-877-XPLOR-MU.
- 9/20 **Georgia Tech and The University of Georgia** will host an information session from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the National Cathedral School. Please visit www.admissions.uga.edu/infosessions to register.
- 9/21 **Tufts University** will host an information session at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. RSVP by email TuftsonTourRSVP@ase.tufts.edu and using the subject line: Washington, DC. In the body of the email please include your name and number attending.

- 9/22 **Discover Duke University** - Rockville High School will host an information session for Duke University starting at 7:00 p.m. Please visit www.admissions.duke.edu to register.
- 9/26 **Quinnipiac University** will host an open house. Visit www.quinnipiac.edu/visit to RSVP.
- 9/26 **Grove City College** will host Senior Crimson Days. Please call 1-724-458-2100 to RSVP.
- 9/30 **Ecole Hoteliere Lausanne** will host an information session at The Jefferson in Washington, DC starting at 6:00 p.m. Please visit www.ehl.edu for more information and to register.
- 10/3 **University of Maryland-Eastern Shore** will host a Recruitment Visitation. For additional information or register please call 410-651-6178.
- 10/4 **Villanova University-School of Nursing** will host an open house from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Register online through the "Upcoming Events" area of their website at www.villanova.edu/nursing. Space is limited.
- 10/17 **New York University** will host an information session at 10:00 a.m. at the Tysons Corner Marriott. Please RSVP at www.admissions.nyu.edu/visit or call 1-212-998-4524.
- 10/17 **Lebanon Valley College** will host an open house. Please call 1-866-582-4236 to RSVP. Visit www.lvc.edu for more information.
- 10/21 **Tulane University** will host an information session at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD at 7:00 p.m. Call 1-800-873-WAVE to RSVP by 10/14.
- 10/24 **Quinnipiac University** will host an open house. Visit www.quinnipiac.edu/visit to RSVP.
- 10/25 **The University of Scranton** will host an open house. Visit www.scranton.edu/admissions or call 1-888-SCRANTON for more information.
- 11/08 **The University of Scranton** will host an open house. Visit www.scranton.edu/admissions or call 1-888-SCRANTON for more information.
- 11/10 **University of Maryland-Eastern Shore** will host a Recruitment Visitation. For additional information or register please call 410-651-6178.
- 11/14 **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** will host an open. Visit www.pcad.edu for more information.
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- 12/11 **University of Maryland-Eastern Shore** will host a Recruitment Visitation. For additional information or register please call 410-651-6178.
- 1/16 **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** will host an open. Visit www.pcad.edu for more information.
- 2/6 **Millersville University** will host an open house. Register online at www.millersville.edu or call 1-877-XPLOR-MU.
- 2/15 **University of Maryland-Eastern Shore** will host a Recruitment Visitation. For additional information or register please call 410-651-6178.
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- 3/27 **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** will host an open. Visit www.pcad.edu for more information.
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6/25 **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** will host an open. Visit www.pcad.edu for more information.

COLLEGE FAIRS

This section will contain information regarding local college fairs to which MCPS is not sponsoring school trips. However, feel free to attend any of these fairs in the evening! In the spring, MCPS does co-sponsor the NACAC/MCPS College Fair which our juniors will attend.

9/21 Baltimore National College Fair
Baltimore Convention Center
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
www.nationalcollegefairs.org

9/29 Greater Washington National College Fair
Washington Convention Center, Hall C
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
www.nationalcollegefairs.org

10/25 Washington DC Performing & Visual Arts College Fair
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
www.nationalcollegefairs.org

SCHOLARSHIPS:

New York University - Abu Dhabi - Richard Montgomery High School is among a select group of schools that have been invited to nominate two outstanding seniors to apply to join the inaugural class of students from around the globe who will enter NYU Abu Dhabi in the Fall of 2010. NYU is looking for students who consider themselves pioneers, students who strive to make their own mark on a more knowledgeable, productive, responsible, just and peaceful globe. There will be several opportunities for nominees and selected early and regular decision applicants to travel to visit NYU Abu Dhabi. Student economy class airfare, accommodation, meals, and a \$200 allowance to assist with other travel expenses will be provided by NYU Abu Dhabi.

Students who apply to NYU Abu Dhabi by September 25, 2009, will be considered for a Candidates Weekend to be held in Abu Dhabi on October 21-25. This might be especially helpful for students who are interested in learning more about NYU Abu Dhabi before making their final decision to apply. Only nominations received prior to September 25 will be considered for this trip. Please note that parents are welcome to participate in the Candidate Weekend, though they will be responsible for their own expenses.

During the trip, applicants will learn more about academic and extracurricular options available at NYU ABU Dhabi, meet faculty members and advisors, and begin to explore the local culture of the region. The trip will include an evaluative dimension. Schedules, program details, and travel information for the weekends will be posted on the NYU Abu Dhabi website <http://nyuad.nyu.edu> beginning 9/1/2009.

NYU realizes that it may be difficult for some nominees to get passports and visas squared away in time for the October visit. If a qualified nominee cannot come in October for this reason, they will receive a guaranteed spot for the November visit if they submit the full NYU Abu Dhabi application by the November 1 early decision deadline. Please note that the early decision at NYU Abu Dhabi will be considered non-binding.

If you are the caliber of student NYU Abu Dhabi is looking for and you are interested in studying abroad, please stop by the career center and pick up a self-nomination form. Please return the completed form along with a one-page essay stating why you should be one of our nominees to Ms. Hull in the career center by Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

For more information on NYU Abu Dhabi, please visit <http://nyuad.nyu.edu> and to view the Abu Dhabi video, please visit <http://nyuad.nyu.edu/admissions/admission.video.html> and for more information on the UAE please visit <http://www.uaeinteract.com>

Iowa State University offers special awards for Maryland residents! The **Academic Recognition Award** is automatically awarded to all residents of Maryland who have been offered admission to Iowa State as entering freshmen for summer or fall semester and who rank in the top 25% of their graduating class. This is a \$4,500 award that is renewable for three additional years (\$18,000 total), provided the student maintains continuous, full-time, nonresident enrollment at Iowa State with a minimum 2.00 cumulative gpa. The **Award for Competitive Excellence** is automatically awarded to Maryland residents who have been offered admission to Iowa State as entering freshmen for summer or fall semester and who have successfully completed a college preparatory curriculum. Awards range from \$5,500/year (\$22,000 total) to \$7,000/year (\$28,000). Check out Iowa State and additional scholarships from Iowa State at www.financialaid.iastate.edu.

Ohio Wesleyan University is seeking nominations for the Leland F. and Helen Schubert Honors Program. Along with rigorous academic programs for students in the Honors Program, competitive scholarships are also offered. For fall 2010, at least 140 scholarships ranging from \$15,000 to full tuition will be awarded. If you are planning to apply to Ohio Wesleyan and would like your name submitted for the Honors Program, please see Ms. Hull as soon as possible.

Emory Scholars Program is "one of the most prestigious merit-based scholarship programs in American higher education." Each high school is allowed to nominate up to four students to compete for this scholarship. If you are thinking of applying to Emory and want to be considered for the Emory Scholars Program, please stop by the career center and pick up a self-nomination form and write a one page essay on why you believe you should be nominated as one of our four candidates. *Your essay is due to Ms. Hull in the career center by Monday, September 14, 2009.*

Emory Goizueta Scholars - If you are planning on studying business at Emory University, you may want to consider applying for the Goizueta Scholars program. Each high school is allowed to nominate one student to compete for this program. Students interested in being considered for this program should stop by the career center and pick up a self-nomination form and write a one page essay on why you want to study business at Emory University. *Your essay is due to Ms. Hull in the career center by Monday, September 14, 2009.*

QuestBridge - QuestBridge's national College match program pairs outstanding low-income high school seniors with admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's leading colleges. QuestBridge scholarships cover the full cost of tuition, room and board, worth up to \$200,000. The nation's leading colleges are actively seeking to enroll high-achieving low-income students. If you are an outstanding student who has overcome economic challenges, you have a real chance to attend a top-tier college on a full scholarship. The QuestBridge national College Match can help you make it happen! The

QuestBridge application is free of charge, *due on September 30, 2009*, and available at www.questbridge.org

2009 Junior Achievement Essay Competition - Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area invite students in 9th - 12th grades to submit a 1,000- to 1,500-word essay on the topic "How can Greater Washington companies responsibly and effectively deal with the economic challenges facing the United States?" The winning student will receive a \$20,000 award and will have their essay published in the January 2010 issue of *Washingtonian*. In addition, nine runner-up winners will each receive a \$10,000 award. Visit www.myJA.org/student/essay/ to apply online. The competition begins on 8/17/09 and all entries must be received by *10/1/09*.

Coca-Cola Scholars - If you are a truly motivated, dedicated, involved high school senior, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding \$3,000,000 a year in scholarships to 250 deserving students just like you! Apply online today. A few minutes of your time could help get you through college and beyond. *Application deadline is October 31, 2009*. Visit www.coca-colascholars.org for additional and to view the application.

Fleet Reserve Association Annual Essay Contest - The Fleet Reserve Association (an organization of Active Duty, Drilling Reservists, Retired and Sea Service Veteran personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard) sponsor an annual essay contest on Patriotic themes. The theme for the 2009-2010 school year is "What Memorial Day means to Me". There are local, regional and national prizes. The National Level prizes range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. An overall winner will be selected and will receive an additional \$15,000 Savings Bond. This essay contest is open to ALL students in 9th - 12th grades! Applications and instructions are available in the career center. *Your essay and cover sheet must be postmarked prior to December 1, 2009*.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS:

Cornell Engineering's Fall Diversity Hosting Weekend (FDHW) will be held from October 16 to 18, 2009 for students of color (particularly African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American students). The FDHW is specifically for high school **seniors** who enjoy using math and science as tools to creatively tackle hands-on problems. Participants should be pursuing a rigorous, college preparatory high school curriculum that includes the completion of calculus, chemistry, and physics prior to graduation. Students selected to take part in the program will learn more about Cornell University's College of Engineering through presentations, tours of the campus and facilities, and discussions with faculty, staff, and current students. Current Cornell engineering students will host visiting students during their stay and Cornell covers travel and meal expenses. It's a great way to learn more about what Cornell has to offer the aspiring engineer! If you are interested in applying to attend this program, please visit <http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/fallhosting> to complete an online application. Space is limited, and it is important that all applications are completed and returned (along with the short essay and transcript) by *September 16, 2009*.

Prologue to Bates: Fall Open House Programs for Multicultural Students - If you are interested in participating in this program and learning more about Bates College which is located in Lewiston, Maine, please let me know and I will give you an application. There are two sessions: October 11-13 (deadline 9/11) and November 8-10 (deadline 10/9). Prologue to Bates is a program designed to allow multicultural students and their parents/guardians to explore the opportunities that Bates College has

to offer. Travel scholarships are available. If you have questions or need more information, please visit www.bates.edu/perspectives.xml or call 207-786-6000

Kenyon College is located in Gambier, Ohio, is a small liberal arts school which offers majors in visual/performing arts, psychology, social sciences, physical sciences, math, history and many others is offering travel grants to first-generation and other underrepresented students to make it easier to visit Kenyon. Travel Grant applications are available in the career center. For more information on Kenyon please visit www.kenyon.edu and see if this might be a good match for you!

MC CORNER:

School of Art & Design at Montgomery College is offering several classes for students who want to study art. Some of the classes offered will be Pre-College Portfolio Development, Skill Building for Greater Visual Impact, and many Fine Arts & Design Classes. For more information including schedules and tuition, please visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/schoolofartanddesign or you can call 240-567-5821.