

Richard Montgomery High School
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From the College/Career Center
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Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) and MCPS have formed a partnership to provide interested students with On-the-Spot admissions events. There are several events being hosted at local MCPS high schools where students can bring their completed application, including their essay, transcript and test scores, and have an interview and receive an immediate admissions decision from the following schools:

Hampton University @ Richard Montgomery HS on 11/15 @ 6:00 p.m. in the career center
Morehouse College @ Gaithersburg HS on 11/17 @ 6:00 p.m.
Morgan State University @ Walter Johnson HS @ 6:00 p.m.
University of Maryland Eastern Shore @ Springbrook HS on 12/7 @ 6:00 p.m.
UNCP/NAACP/MCPS HBCU College Fair @ Blair HS on 2/15/2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Students who are interested in attending any of these events should see Ms. Hull in the career center as soon as possible.

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS is a program for high school girls which is sponsored by the Montgomery County Women's Bar Foundation. This event is free of charge and starts with a keynote speaker and will offer four workshops: How to get a job and keep it; Write your way into college; Friend request...or not!...and other safety issues; and Fun and amazing jobs. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. The day will conclude with a "Right Look" fashion show. It's fun, informative and there are many prizes to be raffled and it's all FREE. Preparing for Success will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Montgomery College, Theatre Arts Building, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD, and runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please register in advance at www.preparingforsuccess.org.

The college visits to Richard Montgomery are starting to taper off as the admissions counselors head back to their schools to start reading all the incoming applications! As you start receiving your decisions (accepted, waitlisted, denied), please be sure to let me know and I will update your Family Connection account. By sharing this information with me it helps ensure our scattergrams are so much more accurate and helpful.

DATES & DEADLINES:

11/15 Hampton University on-the-spot Admissions Event @ RM at 6:00 p.m.
11/18 Late registration deadline for the 12/10 ACT
11/19 Preparing for Success seminar for high school girls @ MC www.preparingforsuccess.org
11/20 Late registration deadline for the 12/3/2011 SAT
11/24 *Happy Thanksgiving - Enjoy your family and your time off from school!*
12/3 SAT
12/10 ACT
12/30 Registration deadline for the 1/28/2012 SAT
1/13 Registration deadline for the 2/11/2012 ACT
1/13 Late registration deadline for the 1/28/2012 SAT
1/20 Late registration deadline for the 2/11/2012 ACT
1/28 SAT

UPCOMING VISITS:

If you are interested in attending any of these information sessions, please stop by the career center and register to attend the session and pick up a pass for your teacher's approval. If it is a lunch time visit, you don't need a pass but please still register. During the lunch visits you can bring your lunch to the career center and listen to the presentation!

College	Date	Time
The University of Scranton	Mon November 14, 2011	9:15 AM
Davidson College	Wed November 16, 2011	10:05 AM
Bridgewater College	Wed November 16, 2011	11:45 AM
Morehouse College	Wed November 16, 2011	12:30 PM
United States Naval Academy	Tue November 22, 2011	1:25 PM

OPEN HOUSES & INFORMATION SESSIONS:

- 11/12 **Roanoke College** will host an open house. Register at www.roanoke.edu/visit or call 540-375-2270
- 11/12 **Quinnipiac University** will host an open house. To register visit www.quinnipiac.ued/visit
- 11/13 **University of New England** will host an open house. Please register by phone at 800-477-4863 or via email at admissions@une.edu
- 11/19 **Hofstra University** will host an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 3:p.m. For more information and to register visit www.Hofstra.edu/admissionevent or call 1-800-HOFSTRA.
- 11/19 **Longwood University** will host an open house starting at 9:00 a.m. Register at www.whylongwood.com or call 1-800-281-4677.
- 12/3 **Virginia Wesleyan College** will host an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP online at www.vwc.edu/visit or by calling 1-800-737-8684.
- 12/3 **Shippensburg University** will host an open house. For more information please visit www.shipl.edu/Admissions.
- 2/18 **Bennett College** will host an open house. For more information please visit www.bennett.edu.
- 3/3 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm
- 3/31 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm
- 4/14 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm
- 4/21 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm

COLLEGE FAIRS:

- 11/12 **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity** will host their 6th Annual College Fair at Stephen Decatur Community Center, 8200 Pinewood Drive, Clinton, MD 20735. The program starts at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free and there will be workshops available to attend as well as information on internship opportunities. For more information, visit www.aphiakel.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

AXA Achievement Scholarship - The AXA Achievement Scholarship offers college scholarships of \$10,000 and \$25,000 to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. The scholarships are sponsored by the AXA Foundation in association with U.S. News & World Report. The 2012 program will be accepting applications until December 1, 2011. Your application must be submitted electronically at www.axa-achievement.com by 11:59 p.m. CST on December 1, 2011 to be considered.

Alex Popeck Never Back Down Scholarship - This scholarship seeks to recognize seniors graduating this spring who notice and act upon a challenge, injustice or need for change in their community, school or family. Applicants must have a GPA of at least 3.25, submit three letters of recommendation have participated in extra-curricular activities and submit a written personal statement on how you have made a difference as outlined in the application. Applications are available in the career center and online at www.alexpoppeckneverbackdown.org. **Your completed application must be postmarked prior to December 1, 2011.**

Fleet Reserve Association Americanism Essay Contest - The FRA has established an essay contest for students in 7th through 12 grades which has three competitive levels: Branch, Regional and National. Prize amounts vary at the Branch and Regional levels, but the National Level awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in addition to an overall winner. Regional award amounts range from \$10,000 savings bond for the overall winner; \$5,000 savings bond for 1st place winner; \$3,000 savings bond for 2nd place winner; and \$2,000 savings bond for the 3rd place winner. Your entry should be an essay of 350 words or less on "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me." Information is available in the career center and online at www.fra.org/essay. **The deadline to submit an essay to the FRA is December 1, 2011.**

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship - Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university. Applications are available in the career center and online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. **Your completed application and essay must be submitted by December 2, 2012.**

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation - Do you own and operate your own small business? You may be eligible to win a scholarship valued up to \$10,000. Competition rules are available in the career center and online at <http://www.NFIB.com/YEA>. **Your application must be submitted online by December 15, 2011.**

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship (APIASF) Fund - Applications are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 scholarship cycle. Scholarships will provide the critical scholarship support that many AAPI students need to pursue higher education and access to APIASF's programs and services. For details about APIASF's scholarship programs or to apply, visit APIASF's website at www.apiasf.org. **Applications are due on January 13, 2012.**

Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Scholar Awards - If you are going to apply to Fairleigh Dickinson University, you should apply for the Metropolitan Scholar Award which is a full-tuition scholarship at the Teaneck, NJ campus. Students who meet the following criteria will automatically be considered for this award: SAT score of 1300 (CR & M) or an ACT score of 29 or higher; GPA of 3.5 or higher; enroll as a first-time, full-time residential freshman at the Teaneck campus. The scholarship

value equals \$126,000! For consideration, students must be nominated by their counselor by January 15th. **See Ms. Hull in the career center ASAP if you want to be nominated.**

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations recognizes students who are helping improve race relations in their schools or communities. Winners of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations are awarded up to \$1,000 and invited to Princeton University for an expense-paid weekend symposium on race. Applications are available in the career center or online at www.princeton.edu/pprize and ***the application deadline is January 31, 2012.***

National Co-op Scholarship – Are you planning on applying to and attending any of the following schools: Drexel, Johnson & Wales, Kettering University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, The University of Toledo or Wentworth Institute of Technology. Each of these schools participates in the National Co-op Scholarship program which awards winners \$6,000 per year for four years at one of the above mentioned schools. Applications are available in the career center and online at www.co-op.edu. ***Your completed application must be postmarked prior to February 15, 2012.***

Sherry Hintz Scholarship Fund – The Sherry S. Hintz Scholarship Fund was created by an anonymous Montgomery County resident in memory of several women in her family who lost their lives to breast cancer. The Fund provides college scholarship awards to students who have lost a parent/guardian to breast or ovarian cancer. Awardees of the Sherry S. Hintz Scholarship Fund may receive up to \$20,000 for as many as four years of undergraduate education. Applicants must be a high school junior or senior, have a GPA of at least a 3.0 and are involved in a school, community or athletic activity. Applications are available in the career center. ***Your completed application must be postmarked prior to March 5, 2012.***

Annual American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) DNA Day Essay Contest – This contest, which is open to students in 9th – 12th grades, aims to challenge students to examine, question, and reflect on the important concepts of genetics. Essays are expected to contain substantive, well-reasoned arguments indicative of a depth of understanding of the concepts related to the essay questions. Information is available in the career center and online at www.ashg.org/education/dnaday.shtml. ***Your completed essay must be submitted by March 12, 2012.***

Legacy of Life Scholarship – The Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) is pleased to once again announce the Legacy of Life Scholarship to be awarded to high school seniors. The first place award of \$5,000 and second place award of \$3,000 remain the same from last year. There will be six honorable mention awards of \$1,000 each. Applicants must write a 1,000 word persuasive argument on the theme "Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade someone to give the gift of a lifetime." Information is available in the career center and online at www.beadonor.org and ***your essay must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012.***

OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament and Battle of the Badges Scholarship – This scholarship is just for Richard Montgomery Seniors! Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.0 and submit a 100 word essay on the topic "What does law enforcement mean to you and why should you receive the scholarship?" Applicants must also submit a resume of all your high school

accomplishments. *Your completed application and supporting documentation must be postmarked prior to December 31, 2011.*

Gates Millennium Scholars – This scholarship is for students who will be entering college for the first time in the fall 2012. Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S.; have a CGPA of 3.3 or have earned a GED; have demonstrated leadership abilities, meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria, and have successfully completed all sections of the GMS application. If you think you could be eligible for a Gates Millennium Scholarship, please visit <http://gmssp.org/> for more information. Applications are also available in the career center. *The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, January 11, 2012.*

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST:

"Amtrak has partnered with Collegia to make the process of selecting a college more affordable. Our buy one, get one 50% off Campus Visit Discount helps get your college tours off to a good start, for you and the environment. High school juniors, seniors and their parents can go green by leaving the car at home when checking out top college choices – and have time to compare notes on the way back. History shows that college graduates are twice as likely to regret their college choice if they didn't visit that school before enrolling. Register for this exclusive offer at <http://www.campusvisit.com/amtrak/> and book today to save on your next college visit."

Teen Dating Public Service Announcement Contest - The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Montgomery County in collaboration with many other county agencies and organizations is inviting students in grades 7 - 12 to write, film and submit an original video addressing the topic of teen dating violence. For more information about registration and contest rules, visit <http://bit.ly/o8j01>. **The deadline for submissions is February 14, 2012.**

Engineering Your Future Preview Program at the A. James Clark School of Engineering will hold a program on Saturday, November 19, 2011 starting at 9:00 a.m. at University of Maryland College Park. This program is open to high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are interested in learning more about becoming an engineer. The program fee is \$15 which includes lunch. Space is limited to 50 students so register soon! Interested students can register by going to: <https://futureumdengr.wufoo.com/forms/x7p4w7>

The American Society for Engineering Education is accepting applications for **2012 Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP)** which is an eight week summer research opportunity at a participating ONR laboratory. Students will be paid \$3,150 for their participation in this program. To be eligible to apply students must be a U.S. citizen, have completed 9th grade, and must be at least 16 years old (15 year olds may be able to apply to some labs—please check website for details. Graduating seniors are also eligible to apply. For more information and to apply please visit www.asee.org/seap or call 888-715-ASEE.