

Richard Montgomery High School
THE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER #1
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From the College/Career Center
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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

DATES & DEADLINES:

9/9 SAT registration deadline for October 1 SAT
9/10 ACT exam
9/16 ACT registration deadline for October 22 ACT
9/21 SAT LATE registration deadline for October 1 SAT
9/22 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, events start at 6:00 p.m.
9/30 ACT LATE registration deadline for October 22 ACT
10/12 PSAT
10/12 College Information Night at Richard Montgomery, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

UPCOMING VISITS:

*Below is a partial list 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 and students are responsible for making up any missed work!*

College	Date	Time
Elon University	Mon September 12, 2011	11:40 AM
Towson University	Tue September 13, 2011	10:50 AM
Oberlin College	Tue September 13, 2011	1:25 PM
Binghamton University	Wed September 14, 2011	8:25 AM
Boston University	Wed September 14, 2011	10:50 AM
Washington College	Thu September 15, 2011	11:15 AM
Washington University in St. Louis	Thu September 15, 2011	1:25 PM
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Fri September 16, 2011	11:00 AM
Reed College	Mon September 19, 2011	8:15 AM
McDaniel College	Mon September 19, 2011	10:05 AM
Cornell University	Mon September 19, 2011	11:40 AM
Carnegie Mellon University	Mon September 19, 2011	1:25 PM
Goucher College	Tue September 20, 2011	9:15 AM
Paul Mitchell Beauty School	Tue September 20, 2011	10:50 AM
Duke University	Tue September 20, 2011	11:40 AM

The George Washington University
University of Florida
Randolph-Macon College
Beloit College
George Mason University
Princeton University
James Madison University
University of Sunderland

Tue September 20, 2011	1: 25 PM
Wed September 21, 2011	10: 05 AM
Wed September 21, 2011	10: 50 AM
Wed September 21, 2011	11: 40 AM
Thu September 22, 2011	8: 25 AM
Thu September 22, 2011	12: 30 PM
Thu September 22, 2011	1: 25 PM
Fri September 23, 2011	1: 25 PM

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.*

- 9/10 **Grove City College** will host Senior Crimson Days. Please register online at www.gcc.edu/important_dates.php
- 9/17 **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** will host an open house from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For additional open house dates and to register, please visit www.pcad.edu/openhouse
- 9/14 **Washington University in St. Louis** will host an Admissions Information Session from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bethesda Marriott. No reservation is needed. For additional information, please call 800-638-0700 or 314-935-600.
- 9/18 **University of Virginia** will host an information session at 6:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn. Please RSVP at www.virginia.edu/undergradadmission/uvavisit.html
- 9/23 **The University of Akron** will host Hispanic Heritage Day. Please visit www.uakron.edu/visitUA to learn more about the program and to register online. Please RSVP by 9/14/11.
- 10/2 **Coast to Coast College Tour** - This is an evening information program with admission representatives of Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, University of California-Berkeley, and Vanderbilt University from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hilton Springfield, VA. Please register at www.coasttocoasttour.org.
- 10/2 **Western New England University** will host an open house. To see all Open House dates and to RSVP please visit www.wne.edu/admissions or call 1-800-325-1122, ext. 1312.
- 10/10 Bryn Mawr by Day is a program for seniors and parents. Please visit admissions@brynmawr.edu for more information.
- 10/23 **University of New England** will host an open house. Please register by phone at 800-477-4863 or via email at admissions@une.edu
- 10/28 **College of Charleston/The Jewish Student Union/Hillel** will host a prospective student weekend. To rsvp please visit www.blogs.cofc.edu/jsuhillel and click on the Prospective Students tab.
- 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

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. More information on the fairs listed below can be found at www.nacacnet.org.

- 9/9 **Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Showcase and College Recruitment Fair**, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Register online at www.empowermetour.org.
- 10/18 **Greater Washington DC National College Fair**, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall C. Students should register prior to attending the fair at www.gotomyncf.com.
- 11/6 **Performing & Visual Arts College Fair**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. For more information and to see a list of colleges/universities who will be attending please visit www.colledgefairs@nacacnet.org

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Wells Scholars Program at Indiana University @ Bloomington – If you are planning on applying to Indiana University, you should check out the Wells Scholars Program. A Wells Scholarship provides full tuition, academic fees, and a living-expenses stipend for four years of study at IU Bloomington. The Wells Scholars Program is looking for outstanding students who have shown exceptional academic accomplishment and promise, fine character and leadership, significant involvement in extracurricular activities, a concern for their communities, and interest in the larger world. Each high school is allowed to nominate two students for consideration. If you are interested in being a nominee for this outstanding merit scholarship, please complete a self-nomination form (located in the career center), and write a **one-page essay** on the topic: "Please tell us about one of your extracurricular activities that you found particularly fulfilling and what made it so." *Your self-nomination form and essay should be turned in to the career center no later than September 14, 2011.*

QuestBridge – The QuestBridge National College match helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges. Some of the partner colleges include Princeton University, Stanford University, Yale University, and MIT. Interested in learning more? Visit www.questbridge.org for more information. The National College match application is available on their website and is due on **September 30, 2011.**

Wendy's High School Heisman Award Program – (For Seniors) Do you participate in at least one sport? Are you a leader in your school and your community? Then don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for everything you do! Apply for the 2010 Wendy's High School Heisman! Visit www.wendysheisman.com for more information and to apply. The first 30,000 applicants will receive a free Wendy's gift card! **Completed applications are due by October 4, 2011.**

Washington University in St. Louis Danforth Scholars Program – If you are planning on applying to "Wash U", you might want to apply for the William H. and Elizabeth Gray Danforth Scholars Program, Danforth Scholars. The Danforth Scholars Program honors the student who embraces high ideals, whose life choices are guided by personal integrity, selflessness, a commitment to community, and a

dedication to leadership and academic excellence. Danforth Scholars may receive full- or partial-tuition scholarships, renewed each year for the duration of the degree program, provided the student progresses academically and upholds the high standards of character required of scholars. To be considered for this select award, a student must be nominated by an individual who has substantive knowledge of the student's accomplishments and goals. ***Nominations must be received at Wash U by October 15, 2011.*** If you are going to ask your counselor to nominate you for this award, please ask them ***as soon as possible.*** Upon the committee's receipt of the nomination, the student will be invited to apply to the Danforth Scholars Program. Additional information and the nomination form are available in the career center.

2011 Junior Achievement Essay Competition - This competition is open to any student in the 9th - 12th grades in the Greater Washington Region from *August 24 - October 31, 2011*, and asks students to write a 1,000-1,500 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?" Students are able to submit their essays to Junior Achievement online at www.myJA.org/students/essay. We have had \$10,000 winners from Richard Montgomery for the past two years! ***The deadline to submit your essay is October 31, 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.***

OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS:

Discover Wellesley Weekend will be held October 16-17, 2011. Discover Wellesley Weekend is for engaging, bright, and fun young women like you who are interested in discovering Wellesley's diverse and inclusive community. Wellesley encourages applicants who are from underrepresented cultural backgrounds such as African American, Latina American, Native American, and Asian American, who are low-income students, and/or who identify with other underrepresented communities. Please visit <http://www.wellesley.edu/admission/discover/> for more information. ***If you are interested in participating, please complete the online application ASAP.***

Bates Prologue is an Open House Program for First Generation-to-College or Multicultural Students. Prologue I is being held on October 9-11, 2011 (apply by 9/8/11) and Prologue II is being held on November 13-15, 2011 (apply by 10/13/11). Prologue to Bates is an overnight program for first-generation-to-college or multicultural high school seniors to explore the opportunities that Bates College has to offer. Travel scholarships are determined on an individual basis. For more information, visit home.bates.edu/admission/prologue.

Columbia Engineering Experience (CE²) was created to encourage high-achieving high school seniors from historically underrepresented backgrounds to explore an engineering education at Columbia, and is their only selective three-day overnight, fully funded program. This year's CE² will take place on

October 16-18, 2011. All meals, housing and transportation will be funded by Columbia. CE² is designed for high-achieving seniors who have exemplary academic records, including coursework in calculus, physics, and chemistry by the end of their senior year; scores of 1900 on SAT or 28+ on ACT; sincere interest in pursuing an engineering education, and backgrounds historically underrepresented in the engineering and applied science fields. <http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/events/CE2>
If you are interested in applying to this program, please see Ms. Hull ASAP. ***Application deadline is Friday, September 9, 2011.***

Experience Colby is a campus visit program scheduled for October 13-15, 2011, for academically talented students of color. This program is for students graduating from high school who might not otherwise have an opportunity to visit Colby College. To be considered, you must complete the online application and submit a copy of your most recent transcript along with SAT or SAT Subject Test, or ACT results. In lieu of those exams, PSAT or PLAN results are acceptable. A brief statement about why you would like to participate in Experience Colby is also required. The complete online application and all supporting documents are due September 16, 2011. Apply now at www.colby.edu/ec.

Done Vida Scholarship - The Washington Regional Transplant Community is offering Latino students the chance to compete for a scholarship with awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$500! Applicants are requested to submit a 2 to 3 minute video on the following topic, fiction or nonfiction, in English, Spanish or Spanglish: Explore and debunk one or more myths and misconceptions that surround organ, eye and tissue donation. ***Your video must be submitted by midnight on Friday, September 30, 2011.*** Information is available in the career center and online at www.BeADonor.org.

Multicultural Experience Weekend at Sewanee: The University of the South - Are you interested in learning more about Sewanee: The University of the South? The Multicultural Experience Weekend at Sewanee will be held the weekend of November 10th. During this 3-day program, students will attend classes, interview with admission counselors, learn valuable lessons from current students and faculty members, and gain a feel for staying on a college campus. This is an invitation-only event so interested students must complete the Multicultural Experience Weekend application online, as well as submit a ***high school transcript by October 4th***. Applicants must also submit the Common Application by November 7th. This is a free program, as students will be staying with hosts in the residence halls, and Sewanee will either arrange or reimburse travel. Please visit Sewanee's website for more details and to complete the application online at <http://admission.sewanee.edu>.

Voices of Tufts: The Diversity Experience is for high school seniors from various racial, ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds as well as first-generation college students, LGBT students and students from rural areas. Voices will take place October 27-28, 2011. While on campus, students will be housed with a current undergraduate and receive all of their meals at no cost. Students for whom travel to campus would present a financial difficulty can request one of their travel grants. Information about the items students must submit to be considered is available on the Tufts webpage at <http://admissions.tufts.edu/voices>. ***The deadline for submitting all materials is at 5:00 p.m. on 10/14/2011.***

Focus on Diversity at Mount Holyoke College - Mount Holyoke College is one of the finest liberal arts colleges for women. Focus on Diversity is an overnight program where students can stay in a residence hall with a current student and get a feel for what life at Mount Holyoke is like. Students will visit

classes, meet students and faculty, take a campus tour, and attend events at the cultural houses. Check-in takes place on Sunday, November 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Some travel scholarships are available. Reserve your place by 10/31/2011 by calling 413-538-2346 or visiting www.mtholyoke.edu/go/focusdiversity.

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://gmsh.org/> for more information. *The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, January 11, 2012.*

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST:

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