On April 15th, I will be taking members of the Junior class to the NACAC/MCPS College Fair. The College Fair is held at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds and runs for two days. The day sessions are intended for schools only. If you find you cannot attend the day session, parents and students are invited to attend the evening session from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In addition to meeting admissions representatives from hundreds of colleges and universities, there will be a seminar for parents and students on financial aid during the evening session. This is a great opportunity for juniors to make contact with schools they are interested in applying to in the fall.

How do you prepare to get the most out of a college fair? The goal is that Juniors will use their Family Connection account and develop their lists of colleges. Compare your list of colleges to the list of schools who will be present at the college fair! You will have the opportunity to meet representatives from those schools, get on their mailing lists, and ask any questions you may have at this point.

Plan ahead. If you have access to a printer at home, print out labels with the following information: Name, address, phone number, email address, high school you attend, GPA, SAT or ACT scores, and intended major (if you already have an idea). By having labels ready, when you approach a representative’s table, you will be able to apply your pre-printed label to the card you are given to complete and then you will be able to have a conversation with the admission representative. Think of some questions prior to the fair—such as, “What types of study abroad options are available at your school?” or “Is there a separate application for scholarships at your school?” and finally, “Does your school offer overnight visits for interested students?”

Permission slips and a list of college/universities who will be present at the fair are in the Career Center. Your completed and signed permission slip, along with $5 for the bus, must be returned to me no later than Thursday, April 2nd. The college fair will be held the Wednesday after we return from Spring Break so everything must be in order before we leave for the break.

DATES & DEADLINES:
3/13 Late deadline to register for 4/4 ACT
3/14 SAT Test
3/21 ASVAB given at RM – Permission slips are in the Career Center
3/31 Deadline to register for 5/2 SAT
3/31 College Access program (CAP) at MC www.montgomerycollege.edu/dss
4/1 College Planning Clinic, 7:00 p.m. @ Richard Montgomery’s auditorium
4/2 Deadline to turn in your permission slip and money for the College Fair!
4/4 ACT Test
4/9 Late deadline to register for 5/2 SAT
4/11 Latino Youth Conference at American University
4/15 Junior Class to the College Fair, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
4/25 Maryland Day at UMCP www.marylandday.umd.edu
4/25 Discover Engineering at UMCP www.eng.umd.edu/SWE/ProgramsRD.htm
5/2 SAT Test
5/5 Deadline to register for 6/6 SAT
5/8 Deadline to register for 6/13 ACT
5/15 Late deadline to register for 6/6 SAT
5/22 Late deadline to register for 6/13 ACT
COLLEGE FAIRS, OPEN HOUSES & INFORMATION SESSIONS:

3/21 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design will host an open house. Register online at www.pcad.edu

3/27 University of Maryland Eastern Shore will host an open house. To register please call 410-651-6178 or email recruitment@umes.edu

3/28 Grove City College will host junior Crimson Day from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 724-458-2100 to RSVP

4/18 Randolph College will host Spring Visit Day. Register online at www.randolphcollege.edu/visit

4/18 Indiana University of Pennsylvania will host an open house. To learn more about the open house and to register, please visit www.iup.edu/admissions/undergraduate

4/24 Coppin State University will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call 1-800-635-3674 or visit www.coppin.edu/admissions to make a reservation.

4/24 University of Maryland Eastern Shore will host an open house. To register please call 410-651-6178 or email recruitment@umes.edu

4/25 University of Maryland-College Park will host MARYLAND DAY from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Make your reservation online at www.admissions.umd.edu/visit

4/25 Millersville University will host an open house for juniors only. Register online at www.millersville.edu

4/26 Long Island University-C.W. Post Campus will host an open house.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Leadership Montgomery Youth Community Leadership Awards – Five (5) $1,000 scholarships are available to students attending a public or independent school located in Montgomery County, MD, who are currently enrolled in the 12th grade and have completed a minimum of 260 community service learning hours certified by your high school. Applications are available online at http://leadershipmontgomerymd.org/awards/vcsla.asp and in the career center. Your completed application must be received at the Leadership Montgomery office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2009.

2009 Women of Tomorrow Award (9th – 12th grade) – The Maryland Commission for Women, the Maryland State Department of Education and the Friends of the Maryland Commission for Women are seeking recommendations of outstanding young women from Maryland in grades 7-12 for the 2009 Women of Tomorrow Awards. Nominees must have made significant and lasting contributions to their community while achieving academic excellence. You may ask someone who knows of your project to nominate you! Applications are available in the career center, and your completed packet must be postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2009.

The Bernie Scholarship – The Bernie Scholarship is a scholarship fund for students who receive housing assistance from The Housing Opportunities Commission, Edgewood Management Corporation, Scotland Community and/or the Rockville Housing Enterprises. This scholarship program is for the above residents who are high school seniors. Applications will be considered on the basis of need and on the general quality and completeness of the application. Preference is given to applicants who have performed community service and plan to enter a field of work related to public service. For more details and to download an application, please visit www.berniescholarships.org Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 20, 2009. Applications are also available in the career center.

Blacks In Government (BIG) 2009 Scholarship – The Coast Guard’s Chapter of Blacks in Government is sponsoring a scholarship for high school students who will be graduating from high school this spring. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and complete the scholarship application. Applications are available in the career center, and your completed application must be submitted prior to March 31, 2009.

McDonald’s Educates – McDonald’s is offering a minimum of 45 scholarships of $1,500 each to students in the greater Washington, DC area. Qualified applicants are high school seniors who have participated in a variety of extracurricular community activities, demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and achieved academic excellence. McDonald’s crew members and their families ARE eligible to apply! Applications are available in the career center and online at www.McDonaldsEducates.com. The application deadline is March 27, 2009.
Attrus C. Fleming Music Scholarship Fund (Classical Piano Only) – The Attrus C. Fleming Music Scholarship Fund recognizes, nurtures and supports high school junior or senior students who plan to study music or have been accepted in a music program as a major or minor at a recognized or accredited institution of higher learning. Recipients of the Attrus C. Fleming Music Scholarship are chosen without regard to race, disability, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, personal appearance, sexual orientation, or political affiliation. Applicants must submit all required materials by Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Applications are available online at www.flemingmusicscholarship.org or in the career center.

Tzu Chi Scholars 2009 - Tzu Chi Scholars is a scholarship program funded by Tzu Chi Foundation to recognize and to assist outstanding college-bound high school graduates financially. Tzu Chi Scholars are selected on the basis of their financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement. Each scholar will be awarded a total of $1,000. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have a demonstrated financial need. Applications are available in the career center and online at http://www.us.tzuchi.org Completed applications must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2009.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Educational Foundation Scholarships – The MCPS Educational Foundation offers scholarships each spring to MCPS graduating seniors based on financial need. This scholarship program encourages students to achieve their goals and requires that they attend Montgomery College to further their educational goals. Applicants should have at least a 2.0 GPA. Applications are available online at www.mcpsfoundation.org or in the career center. The deadline for submitting your completed application is April 1, 2009.

The Maryland Emergency Management Association Scholarship – The Maryland Emergency Management Association is offering five (5) $1,000 scholarships. Applicants must be a senior attending a Maryland High School and planning to pursue a career in Emergency Management or related field (public safety, disaster relief, public services, weather service, corporate risk management or meteorology). Applications are available in the career center. Your completed application must be postmarked by April 1, 2009.

The Army Officers’ Wives’ Club of the Greater Washington Area (AOWCGWA) will be awarding scholarships to qualified high seniors for the 2009-2010 academic year. Eligible applicants are the children of U.S. Army personnel who plan on attending college in the fall. Scholarship awards are based on scholastic merit and community involvement. Applications can be downloaded at www.aowcgwa.org Your completed application must be postmarked by April 3, 2009.

Paul Robeson Scholarship – The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (Montgomery County Chapter) are accepting applications for the 2009 Paul Robeson Scholarship. Awards range from $800 to $1,500. Applications are available in the career center. Your completed application must be postmarked by April 3, 2009.

Bill Teel Memorial Scholarship – Applications are now available for Montgomery County Teacher’s Federal (MCT) Credit Union’s 2009 Bill Teel Memorial Scholarship Award. Four $1,500 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must be a member of MCT in good standing—this means the student must have an account in his/her name with no outstanding obligations. Applications are available in the career center, and your completed application must be submitted by April 3, 2009.

Washington Metropolitan Area Fortieth Annual AHEPA AWARDS – If you and your family are members of the Greek Orthodox Church and you have achieved excellence in academic, athletic, civic and cultural endeavors, you may be eligible to apply for this award. Applications are available in the career center. Your completed application must be postmarked by April 3, 2009.

6th Annual Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Competition – Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area and Ernst & Young are sponsoring the 6th Annual Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Competition. This competition recognizes young people in the Greater Washington Region who have best embraced the entrepreneurial spirit. The competition is open to any student in the 9th – 12th grade who has started and is currently running his or her own business. Applications are available online at www.myJA.org or in the career center. Your completed application must be postmarked by April 6, 2009.
Ira Rosenzwog Scholarship – The Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region is accepting applications for the Ira Rosenzwog Scholarship which awards grants ranging from $500 to $2,000. This scholarship fund was created to assist students with epilepsy to further their education. Applications are available in the career center and online at [www.abilitiesnetwork.org](http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org) Your completed application must be received by April 10, 2009.

Dr. Kenneth E. Mann Scholarship – The Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) offers a $1,000 scholarship to prospective elementary school teachers. The recipient must attend a college, trade school, or university in Maryland to be considered for the award. Applications are available online at [www.wcboe.k12.md.us](http://www.wcboe.k12.md.us) then click on schools, click on Maugansville Elementary, look for downloadable resources and click on Ken Mann Scholarship Information and Application. Applications are also available in the career center. Your completed application packet must be postmarked by April 14, 2009.

Joseph Fox, Jr., Memorial Scholarship – The State of Maryland International Reading Association Council will award the Joseph Fox, Jr., Memorial Scholarship to a student who plans on majoring in reading or a reading-related field. The award amount is $1,000. Applications are available in the career center, and your completed application packet must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2009.

Women’s Board of Montgomery General Hospital Scholarship Program – The primary concern of the Women’s Board Scholarship Committee is to encourage commitment to the nursing and allied health care fields. Awards range from $500 to $1,500 per scholarship recipient. Applicants must be actively pursuing an education in an allied health field. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, and a goal of pursuing a health career. Applications are available in the career center. Your completed application packet must be postmarked prior to April 15, 2009.

Thomas W. Fisher Conservation & Environmental Studies Scholarship – The Rockville Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) is offering three $1,500 scholarships to qualified students who plan to actively pursue advanced learning in the areas of conservation or environmental sciences. Applications are available in the career center. Your completed application packet must be postmarked by April 15, 2009.

RMHS Booster Club Scholarship – This year the RMHS Booster Club is offering four $750 awards to scholar-athletes. Applicants should be involved in athletics at RM, have community service, and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Financial need is not a consideration in selection of winners. Applications are available in the career center. The deadline to turn in your completed application packet to the career center is April 15, 2009.

Dr. Wayne R. Fleeger Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship was established by family and friends in honor and memory of Dr. Wayne R. Fleeger, former principal of Richard Montgomery high School. Financial assistance in the form of a $1,000 award will be made to a college-bound Richard Montgomery senior in recognition of his/her potential for success and the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Applicants must have earned at least a 1400 (CR and M) on the SAT; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5; have excelled in English all four years; AND must be involved in a musical activity either in school or in the community. Applications are available in the career center. Your completed application packet must be turned in to the career center no later than Monday, April 20, 2009.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS:

Asian American Education Association of MCPS Scholarship Award – Scholarships of $1,000 will be awarded to outstanding Asian Pacific American students entering college in the fall and planning to major in education. Graduating high school seniors of Asian or Pacific Island descent from MCPS are eligible. Applications are available in the career center, and your completed application packet must be postmarked by April 17, 2009.

Mitchellville Drifters Book Award – The Mitchellville Drifters is going to award $500 to an African American senior who is planning to attend a 4-year college or university in the fall. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applications are available in the career center and your completed application must be postmarked by April 20, 2009.
Carver High School Class of 1956 Scholarship - Carver High Class of 1956 is offering a $750 scholarship to a qualified high school graduate who will enroll in an accredited college or university in the fall. Qualifying applicants must be related by blood, not by affinity (marriage), to a former student of Lincoln or Carver High School. Applicants must also have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applications are available in the career center, and your completed application packet must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2009.

National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. Southern Maryland Chapter Scholarship – Applications are available in the career center for this $500 scholarship award. Applicants must be accepted at an accredited college or university, have a minimum GPA of 2.0, and show involvement in community service and extra-curricular activities. Your completed application packet must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2009.

MC CORNER:
Disability Support Services Information Night – Learn about disability support services available at Montgomery College at a special information session on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Technical Center Building, Room 136. During this session you will learn what documentation is required for services, how course placement is determined, what college expects of students, and what accommodations are available at MC. For more information, please call the Disability Support Services office at 240-567-5058 or 301-294-9672 TTY. Information is also available at www.montgomerycollege.edu/dss

College Access Program (CAP) Information Night – Do you have the potential to succeed in college, but your writing, reading, and/or study skills need improvement? Do you plan to attend MC to earn a certificate or degree or transfer to a four-year university? If so, come to the CAP Information Night to meet our faculty and staff. Hear about CAP from students with learning disabilities who have completed the program and are currently enrolled in freshman and sophomore college classes. Founded in 1987, CAP is an intensive program that helps developmental students build the skills they need to succeed in college and in life. You can learn more about CAP at an information session on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, Technical Center Building, Room 136. If more information is needed, please call the Disability Support Services office 240-567-5058 or 301-294-9672 TTY.

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST:
4th Annual Encuentro de Chicas Latinas de las Girl Scouts: A Convening of Latina Youth Leaders. This three-day program, which is sponsored by the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital, is being provided at no cost to the participants and will include interesting activities, exciting workshops, and influential guest speakers from the community. Bus transportation will be provided to participants on a limited basis. The event will be held at Catholic University of America, April 6-8, 2009. The theme of this year’s conference is “Discover, Connect and Take Action. Attendees will have an amazing opportunity to explore educational and career choices, to meet other Latina leaders, and to recognize and develop the remarkable leader within themselves. Applications are available in the career center, or you can register online at http://www.gscnc.org/encuentro.html The deadline for registration is March 20, 2009. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible.