Financial Aid Night will be held on November 19, 2008 in the Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Our keynote speaker will be Dorothy M. Elford, Campus Director of Student Financial Aid at the Germantown Campus of Montgomery College. Ms. Elford has years of experience and will guide the audience through the financial aid process which can be applied to all colleges! Topics to be covered will include completing the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and state grants and scholarships. Check out her newsletter at www.montgomerycollege.edu/~delford/ for more information! There will also be a question and answer session. Don't miss this important evening! See you on the 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Preparing for Success Fall Forum will be held on November 22, 2008, at Montgomery College, Germantown Campus. This forum is sponsored by the Montgomery County Women's Bar Foundation, and is free of charge and open to all high school students (public, private and alternative schools, as well as girls in independent living programs). The conference will start with a keynote address and will offer workshops focusing on resume writing and interview techniques, budgets, checkbooks and credit cards, as well as the college admission process. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The day will conclude with a "Dress for Success" fashion show. Free bus transportation will be provided from Gaithersburg HS, Watkins Mill HS, Quince Orchard HS, Montgomery Blair HS, Einstein HS, Paint Branch HS and Blake HS. Please visit www.preparingforsuccess.org for more information.

DATES & DEADLINES:
11/18  Late deadline to register for 12/6 SAT
11/19  Financial Aid Night, 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
11/20  Late deadline to register for 12/13 ACT
11/27  Thanksgiving Day – Enjoy your family and your time off from school!
12/13  ACT Test
12/26  Deadline to register for 1/24 SAT

UPCOMING VISITS:
Below is a list of upcoming visits to the career center at Richard Montgomery. Please stop by the career center and sign up in the log notebook and pick up a pass for your teacher's approval. You must have a signed permission slip from your teacher in order to attend an information session in the career center. If you want to see the complete list of school visits, go to the Richard Montgomery High School website, click on Counseling, then click on the link to Family Connection under career center. Sign on as a guest using the password "rocket". Click on "school visits" to see the complete list.

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**OPEN HOUSES & INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

11/14 University of Maryland Eastern Shore will host an open house. To register please call 410-651-6178 or email recruitment@umes.edu

11/15 Wellesley College will host an open house. Register online at www.wellesley.edu/admission/fall2008/specialvisit.html

11/15 Towson University will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP at 1-888-4TOWSON or online at www.discover.towson.edu

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11/15 Lebanon Valley College will host an open house. Register at www.lvc.edu or call 1-866-582-4236.

11/15 St. Lawrence University will host an open house. For more information visit http://web.stlawu.edu/admis/contact.html

11/15 High Point University will host an open house. For more information please call 888-345-6993.

11/21 Towson University will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP at 1-888-4TOWSON or online at www.discover.towson.edu

12/8 Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis will host an information session from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cunningham/Quill Architects, 1054 31st Street, NW, #315, Washington, DC. RSVP by 11/24 at architecturevisit@samfox.wustl.edu

12/12 University of Maryland Eastern Shore will host an open house. To register please call 410-651-6178 or email recruitment@umes.edu

12/17 Holy Cross Hospital School of Radiologic Technology will host an open house at the Professional Community Education Center (located on the first floor of the hospital) from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with presentations running every 30 minutes.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) is pleased to announce its premier scholars programs. These competitive programs combine financial awards with special opportunities for advanced research, unique seminars, directed internships, study abroad and more. All scholars programs offer four-year awards at varying levels. Selected scholars will receive awards ranging from $5,000 to $22,000 per year. If you are interested in applying to UMBC and being considered for any of these scholarships, please stop by the career center no later than November 13th and give your name and address to Ms. Hull. Names will then be forwarded to UMBC and students will then be contacted by the UMBC Office of Financial Aid with additional program information and application materials.

**CWIT Scholars Program** (Center for Women in Information Technology) supports high-achieving undergraduates, both men and women, who plan to major in computer science, computer engineering, information systems, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, or another IT-related field.

**Humanities Scholars Program** seeks talented students who intend to pursue degrees in English, history, philosophy, ancient studies, classical or modern languages, linguistics, or American or Africana studies.
**Linehan Artist Scholars Program** brings together talented students from the visual and performing arts disciplines: theatre, music, dance, and visual arts.

**Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program** supports students who are interested in developing a fundamental understanding of public policy and pursuing careers in public policy, government service, or the non-profit sector.

**Sherman Teacher Education Scholars Program** seeks students interested in the teaching profession and in STEM areas of study (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

**Meyerhoff Scholars Program** (*deadline was extended*) supports students who plan to pursue doctoral study in the sciences or engineering and who are interested in the advancement of minorities in those fields. A separate letter was sent in early September directly from the Meyerhoff office with specific nomination instructions.

**Comcast Leaders and Achievers’ Scholarship Program** - The Comcast Foundation is pleased to announce the 2009-2010 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship program which recognizes high school seniors from Comcast communities for their commitment to community service, academics, and demonstrated leadership. To acknowledge these accomplishments, recipients of the award will receive a one-time grant of $1,000. Each high school is allowed to nominate one senior from the Class of 2009. Applicants must have a GPA of at least a 2.8 and have demonstrated leadership abilities in school activities or through work experience. If you are interested in being considered for this scholarship, please complete a self-nomination form along with a one page essay describing the most rewarding community service project you spearheaded. Your self-nomination form and essay must be received in the career center by November 17, 2008.

**Toyota Community Scholars** – Toyota will award 100 renewable scholarships, valued at 10,000 to $20,000 payable over four years, to seniors who enroll at a four-year college or university in the U.S. starting the fall of 2009. Each high school is allowed to nominate ONE student to compete in the 2009 Toyota Community Scholars program. Toyota is seeking students with an outstanding academic record, has outstanding leadership skills with a well-documented records of service both within and outside the school setting. While academic performance is a prime factor in the selection process, please note that the distinguishing characteristic will be the overall impact of the student’s contribution(s) in the area of community service. The nominee must have initiated or be actively involved in a service program addressing a school or community. If you want to be nominated to compete for this scholarship, please write a one page essay describing a service project you spearheaded and turn it in to the career center on Monday, November 17th.

**2009 SAE Engineering Scholarship** – Applications are now being accepted through December 1, 2009 for the 2009 SAE Engineering Scholarship. SAE is proud to be able to offer more than 60 corporate- and university-sponsored scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. Completed applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2008. For full details, applications and FAQ’s, please visit [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm).

**Boston University** has several scholarships available (Trustee Scholarship, Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship, and other merit scholarships) to students who will be attending BU in the fall. For more information about these scholarships, please visit [www.bu.edu/admissions/scholarships](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/scholarships). The deadline for applying to these scholarships is December 1, 2008.

**KFC Colonel’s Scholars** – Beginning December 1, 2008 through February 10, 2009, students will be able to complete an online application for the KFC Colonel’s Scholars Program and compete for scholarships up to $5,000 per year for tuition, fees, books, and room and board. This program was created to assist students with financial need who plan to pursue a bachelor’s degree at a public institution within their legal state of residence. To qualify, a student must be a graduating senior, have a GPA of 2.75 or higher, planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree, and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Please visit [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org) to access the application (after 12/1) and
learn more about the KFC Scholars program. The deadline to submit your online application is February 10, 2009.

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations – In order to recognize, support, and encourage the young people of The United States who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the cause of positive race relations, Princeton University annually sponsors an awards program for high school students—the Princeton prize in Race Relations. If you are a high school student (9th through 12th grade) involved in an activity that is helping to improve race relations in your school or community, you could possibly receive a $1,000 award for your efforts. Applications are available in the career center and online at www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize The deadline to submit your completed application is January 31, 2009.

Rider University’s 29th Annual High School Writing Contest – Entries are now being accepted in three categories: essay, fiction and poetry. There will be three prizes in each category with 1st place receiving a $100 award, 2nd place receiving a $50 award, and 3rd place receiving a $25 award. All finalists will receive a certificate of honorable mention, and all winners will be considered for publication in Venture, Rider’s literary magazine. Entries must be postmarked no later than 12/12/08 and winners will be announced in April 2009. More information is available in the career center!

Northeastern University – Torch Scholars Program – The Torch Scholars Program, which is a support program for first-generation college students, is now accepting nominations for its fourth class, entering in the fall of 2009. The Torch Scholars program seeks candidates who are highly ambitious and capable students of exceptional character, but who have limited options for completing college due to their educational opportunities, significant life challenges, and financial means. If you are a first generation student and are considering applying to Northeastern University, please see Ms. Hull as soon as possible. Please visit www.northeastern.edu/torch for more information. The deadline to nominate students is December 15, 2008 and your completed application to Northeastern University must be received in their admissions office by January 15, 2009.

Elks National Foundation 2009 Most Valuable Student Scholarship – The Elks National Foundation is giving 500 four-year awards to students who compete in the 2009 Most Valuable Student Scholarship program. The Total dollar amount to be award is $2.296 million! Judging is based on academics, leadership and financial need. Applications are available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars and the deadline for turning in your completed application packet to the nearest Elks Lodge (www.elks.org/enf/findalodge.cfm) is January 9, 2009.

American University Frederick Douglass Scholarship Program – Frederick Douglass Scholars are selected based on high academic achievement, leadership potential, demonstrated community service and impressive co-curricular involvement. Preference is given to first-generation students, students with high financial need and students from public high schools. This scholarship provides full or partial tuition, which is renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate study. Nominees must have at least a 3.2 GPA, rank in the top half of their class, have satisfactory SAT or ACT scores, and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Students should complete a nomination form (available in the career center) or online at admissions@america.edu and then ask a teacher, mentor or advisor to nominate them. Students should submit an application for admission to American University by 1/15/09 as well as the FAFSA and the CSS/Financial Aid Profile by 2/15/09.

McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship – This $40,000 ($10,000 per academic year for 4 years) scholarship is available to seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating their own business while in high school. For more information, visit www.mckelveyfoundation.org and click on the Entrepreneurial Scholarship section. The deadline to apply online is January 25, 2009.

National Commission for Cooperative Education – If you are planning attending one of the following colleges which offers a Co-op program, YOU should apply for the National Co-op Scholarship! Over $5,000,000 is available for merit scholarships. The schools participating in this scholarship program are Drexel University, Johnson &
Wales University, Kettering University, C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Northeastern University, Pace University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and the Wentworth Institute of Technology. Applications are available online at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) and the deadline for submitting your application is February 15, 2009.

**2009 Masonic Charities of Maryland Scholarship** - Any high school senior graduating this academic year from a public high school within the State of Maryland is eligible to apply for a grant awarded by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland. Grants of $1,000 are awarded to students pursuing a post-secondary education in any state at an accredited institution which provides (1) a two- or four-year college program, or (2) vocational training. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of the State of Maryland. Last year fifty $1,000 scholars were awarded to deserving students throughout Maryland. Applications are available in the career center, and the deadline to return your completed application to the career center is March 31, 2009.

**Legacy of Life Scholarship (endowed by the Leslie Ebert Memorial Fund)** - For the sixth year in a row, the Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) will be awarding scholarships to high school seniors. Scholarship amounts have increased from last year! This year $5,000 will be awarded to the first place winner. A second place award of $3,000 is available, and three honorable mention awards of $1,000 each are also available. This award is open to seniors only. Applicants must write a 1,000 word essay on the theme, “Organ and Tissue Donation: Persuade someone to give the gift of a lifetime.” It must be a persuasive argument about organ and tissue donation, and it may be fiction or non-fiction. A list of complete rules is available in the career center and your essay must be submitted via email by midnight on Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

**Abbott & Fenner** are committed to continuing their efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. This award is open to high juniors and seniors! The winner(s) of this scholarship will receive a $1,000 award. All applicants should include their full name and mailing address with their submissions. To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on one of the two topics listed at their website. For more information, please visit [www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm) Your essay must be submitted online by June 20, 2009.

**BigSun Scholarship** - The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. BigSun is offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of their chosen sport. The award is $500 and your application must be received by June 27, 2009. For more information and an application, please visit [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS:**

**Morehouse College Admission and Scholarship Information and Interview Program** - Morehouse College is seeking young African American men and young Latino men to attend an admission/scholarship/interview program at Gaithersburg High School on **Thursday, November 13, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served. Dr. Hudson, Morehouse College Director of Admissions, will speak on the advantages of a Morehouse education. After Dr. Hudson’s presentation, individual admission interviews will be conducted. Students should have a 2.80 or higher GPA and bring a completed Morehouse application (which can be downloaded from [www.morehouse.edu](http://www.morehouse.edu)), a transcript, test scores, and at least one counselor or teacher recommendation. If you are interested in attending this program, please see Ms. Hull as soon as possible.

**Ron Brown Scholar Program** - The Ron Brown Scholar Program awards scholarships to academically talented, highly motivated African American students who are currently seniors in high school and plan to pursue undergraduate degrees full-time. Scholars are each awarded $40,000 ($10,000 per year for 4 years) that may be used at the college or university of their choice. Applications can be downloaded at [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org) and the deadline for submitting your completed application is January 9, 2009.
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2009 Gates Millennium Scholars Program – Applications are now available for this 5-year, renewable scholarship at www.gmsp.org You must be of minority descent (African American, American Indian/Alaska native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American), have significant financial need and demonstrated leadership skills for the Gates Millennium Scholars initiative. To learn more about this wonderful financial opportunity, please visit their website. Scholarship applications must be submitted online by January 12, 2009 at 11:59 p.m. EST or the paper application postmarked on or before January 12, 2009.

Rudolph W. Snowden memorial Scholarship Fund – The Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is offering a limited number of scholarships to qualified Montgomery County high school graduates pursuing a bachelor’s degree at an accredited college or university. The two main objectives of the scholarship is to increase the number of Black males attending colleges and universities and to preserve Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Applicants must have a CGPA of 3.0 or better, have been accepted to an accredited college or university, have leadership ability and provide a one pate, type-written paragraph explaining future goals. Applications are available in the career center, and your application packet must be postmarked prior to April 1, 2009.

2009 Historically Black College Tour is sponsored by the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, 7707 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744 and will be held April 5th – April 8th, 2009. Tour stops include Clark-Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, North Carolina A&T State University, Bennett College, Johnson C. Smith University, Hampton University and Virginia State University. The trip costs $425 and includes luxury coach transportation, 3-nights hotel accommodations, and all breakfasts and lunches. Registration forms are available in the career center and must be received at the Ebenezer AME Church by February 2, 2009. For additional information, please contact 301-265-8326 or 301-248-8833.

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MC CORNER: Montgomery Scholars – Are you interested in learning more about the Montgomery Scholars program? There will be an information session on Saturday, November 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on the Rockville Campus. Current Scholars and honors faculty will share their experiences and information about the program. Also featured will be a “Cambridge Slideshow” in which scholars recount their summer adventures in Cambridge, England. Put the date on your calendar and learn more about this great opportunity. You can also visit their website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions/MCScholars to preview information and download an application.
**OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST:**

**Hugh O’Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar** - Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership, commonly known as HOBY, is one of the oldest and most prominent youth leadership organizations in the world. HOBY was founded by actor Hugh O’Brien after returning from spending nine inspirational days working and volunteering with Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. In 1958, two weeks after his visit, O’Brien sought to change the world in his own way—by engaging young leaders and teaching them to develop their skills. The HOBY conference is for interested 10th graders who are looking for opportunities to further develop their leadership skills. Each high school is allowed to nominate one student to participate in this conference. For more information on HOBY, please visit [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org). If you are interested in competing for the HOBY conference, please stop by the career center and pick up a self-nomination form. There is a $150 registration fee if you are selected; however, HOBY does offer some scholarship monies. *Your completed form must be returned to the career center as soon as possible.*

**Leadership Greater Washington** - Sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated leadership in school and/or community activities and have an interest in addressing social issues and furthering their knowledge of government processes, may want to consider completing an application for the 2009 Youth Leadership Greater Washington conference. Please visit [www.lgwdc.org](http://www.lgwdc.org) for more information and to download an application. *Applications must be received at the Leadership Greater Washington office by November 14, 2008.*

**Commercial Challenge Contest** - What’s the challenge? To create a 30 second commercial to compete for cash for your student group or organization. The winners in high school receive: 1st place-$1,000 and a trophy; and 2nd place-$500 and a trophy. Interested? Visit [www.drawingtheline.org](http://www.drawingtheline.org) or [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/safe](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/safe) for more information. Interested student groups may request an application packet from meg Baker at 240-777-1123 or meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov. *Entries must be received at the Mid County Services Center in Wheaton by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2009.*

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Believe it or nor, information on summer programs is already starting to arrive in the career center. I will list programs and their websites and will have information in the career center. Check these programs out—don’t spend your summer lying around complaining you don’t have anything to do!

- Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel - [www.bronfman.org](http://www.bronfman.org)
- Maryland Youth Leadership Forum for students with disabilities - [www.md-ylf.org](http://www.md-ylf.org) (FREE)
- AIU High School Diplomats - [www.highschooldiplomats.com](http://www.highschooldiplomats.com) (1/7/09 deadline)