

Guidance Newsletter

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Representatives from colleges and universities have scheduled visits at Laurel High School. If you would like to meet with a representative, a pass from Ms. Richardson or Ms. Graves in guidance is necessary. Visits are usually held in the career center, unless noted otherwise.

College Visits for Months of October & November

November	17	Savannah State U. – 9am
	20	Howard U. – 9am
	21	Goucher – 10am
December	1	Montserrat College of Art – 1pm
	18	St. Mary's College – 12noon

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship applications are available in the scholarship file cabinet in the career center unless otherwise indicated. Please make sure you are eligible to apply for the scholarship before taking an application. Only take **one** application. **Do not take the last application.** See Mrs. Collins-Swain for additional copies.

Juniors/Seniors: Drexel University is sponsoring the 2007 High School Ten-Page Playwriting Contest valued at \$5000. For more information go to the website at www.drexel.edu/comad/screenwriting. Entries must be postmarked by **December 1, 2006**.

The Thomas Stone Chapter, NS-DAR is pleased to sponsor the DAR Good Citizen program. Laurel High School can nominate one student for the essay contest. Students must display qualities of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism. If interested please see Mrs. Collins-Swain by **November 17, 2006**.

The American Legion Post 60 is sponsoring the **69th Annual Oratorical Contest** to be held Monday, February 6, 2006 at 6:30pm. Each contestant is invited to provide an eight-minute oration on some part of the U.S. Constitution, then a spontaneous three to five minute talk on an assigned portion of the Constitution. For more information contact Charles B. Lavin, Jr. at www.lavdad@comcast.net or 301-725-2836 and at www.legion.org.

The Institute of Technology of West Virginia University announces a new financial aid grant called the **Academic Competitiveness Grant** available to seniors valued up to \$750. The grant is in combination with a student's Pell Grant. Students must submit their FAFSA in order to be eligible. For more information contact the WVU Tech Office at 888-554-TECH or log on to <http://ifap.ed.gov>.

Kent State U. is offering **The University Award Program** for out-of-state students who have at least a 2.5 GPA. The program will grant each student \$3700 toward the out-of-state tuition. For more information contact the admissions office at 800-988-KENT or www.admissions.kent.edu.

Youth Foundation is awarding the **Hadden Scholarships** to exceptionally worthy, financially needy seniors who have at least a 3.5GPA. Scholarships range from \$2500 to \$4000 per year. Students must send a brief request for application letter with an enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to Youth Foundation, 36 West 44th St. New York, New York 10036 by **December 1, 2006**. Applications must be submitted by **January 15, 2007**.

College Prowler is giving away a \$500 monthly scholarship to students with the best college application essay. For more details go to http://collegeprowler.com/the_scholarship.asp.

The Society of Automotive Engineers is offering scholarships to students interested in engineering or a related science. Undesignated scholarships range in value from \$1000-\$10,000. Applications are available online at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm and must be postmarked by **December 1, 2006**.

The Hear Me Project is sponsoring a writing contest on student's personal vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. Students will have the chance to win \$2500. Students can enter online at www.hearmeproject.org. Entries must be submitted by **December 1, 2006**.

Maryland Media, Inc. Scholarship Program: The goal of this scholarship program is to recruit and retain talented student journalists for Maryland Media, Inc.'s publications. Two awards are available; each in the amount equal to the full cost of in-state tuition at the University of Maryland. The completed application must be completed and returned no later than **December 1, 2006**. Applications are available at www.diamondbackonline.com. If you are a journalism student, this scholarship is for you!!

The **Elder and Leemaar Publishers University Writing Scholarship** worth up to \$10,000 is available to students. Students must submit a 500 word essay on one of three essays on the sponsor's website www.elpublishers.com. Essays must be submitted by **December 1, 2006**.

The National Gay Pilots Association is offering the **NGPA Pilot Scholarship** worth \$2000 to students interested in an aviation-related field (aerospace, aerodynamics, engineering, airport mgmt., etc...) with the pursuit of becoming a professional pilot. Awards are not restricted to gay and lesbians. Applications must be submitted by **December 1, 2006** and are available at www.ngpa.org.

Boston University is accepting applications for the **Trustee Scholarship** which recognizes outstanding academic performance and leadership ability. Each scholar will receive full tuition and fees. Eligible students must have at least a 3.5 GPA, rank in the top 5% of their class, and have at least a 1400 SAT on the Critical Reading and Math sections and a 700 on the Writing section, or a 32 on the ACT, and have a record of distinctive and significant contributions to the high school. Applications are available online at www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee and must be submitted by **December 1, 2006**.

The Army ROTC Four-year Scholarship is available to all high school seniors. Students receive full tuition and fees *or* room and board, a monthly stipend, and \$900 toward books. Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA, a minimum score of 920 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT, meet physical standards, and agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on active duty or in a reserve component. For more information go to www.goarmy.com/rotc/high_school_students.jsp or contact CPT Heather Fauvell at 301-314-9238 or fauvell@umd.edu (UMCP rep).

The **AIA/AAF Minority/Disadvantage Scholarship** is available to students interested in architecture. Students must submit the nomination form by **December 7, 2006**. The second part of the application process will be due by January 15, 2007.

Commerce Bank is sponsoring the **American Dream Scholarship** for seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA. Over 225 scholarships valued at \$1000 each will be awarded. Students must demonstrate involvement in community service activities, volunteerism, school activities, and/or employment responsibilities. Students should apply online at www.commerceonline.com/americandream by **December 15, 2006**.

The **Burger King Scholars Program** is seeking any student with a 2.5 GPA, who works an average of 15 hours per week and demonstrates participation in extra-curricular activities and financial need are encouraged to submit a nomination form. Applications are available online at www.bkmfoundation.com and must be submitted by **December 15, 2006**. *You do not have to work at Burger King to be eligible for this scholarship.*

The **AXA Foundation and U.S. News and World Report** presents the **AXA Achievement Scholarship** valued at \$10,000 to one student from each state and \$15,000 to ten national recipients. To qualify, students should be well-rounded, determined to succeed, and have demonstrated achievement at a job, sport, or extracurricular activity. To download an application go to www.axa-achievement.com and submit the application by **December 15, 2006**.

Ithaca College is accepting applications for the **Park Scholar Award**, which covers the full cost of attendance to the Park School of Communications. Students interested in journalism, integrated marketing communications, television-radio, cinema and photography, or organization communication, learning, and design are encouraged to apply. The application for admission to Ithaca College and the Park School of Communications must be submitted by **December 15, 2006**. Applications are available online at www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars.

Rider U. English Dept. is sponsoring their **27th Annual H.S. Writing Contest**. First place is a \$100 prize and all winners will be considered for publication in Venture, Rider's literary magazine. Students must choose from one of three categories to write in. Entries must be postmarked by **December 15, 2006**. For more information on the scholarship see Mrs. Collins-Swain.

The **Hispanic College Fund** offers students of Hispanic heritage who have at least a 3.0 GPA scholarships. Selection is based on academic record, financial need, community service, and personal qualities. Applications are available online at www.hsf.net and must be submitted by **December 15, 2006**.

The **University of Alberta** is offering the **Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition** for seniors who plan to attend the U. of Alberta in the fall of 2007. Students can apply online at www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards by **December 15, 2006**.

The **College-Computers.net Scholarship** in the amount of \$1000 is available to students who plan to attend a university, college, trade school, technical school, or other post-secondary school. Students must submit an essay on what you think will happen with technology within the next 50 years. Entries must be submitted online at www.college-computers.net/scholarship by **December 31, 2006**.

Any student that registers with **Peterson's Undergraduate Student Network Service** will be automatically entered into their 2005 scholarship giveaway. The winner will receive a \$5000 scholarship. To register, go to www.petersons.com/studentnetworks. Select the option: *I have received an ID code and password...* The high school code is **210690** and the Regional Colleges password is **HGC-RG** and the Competitive Colleges password is **HGC-CC**. Register online by **December 31, 2006**.

The **All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program** is available to students with at least a 2.5 GPA. Students must submit a 50-200 word essay on who has had the greatest impact on your life, and a 50-200 word essay on what you hope to achieve in your personal and professional life after college. Applications are available online at www.all-ink.com/scholarship.html and must be submitted by **December 31, 2006**.

The Prince George's County Delta Alumnae Foundation, Inc. is offering several scholarships to male and female residents of the county. Students must have at least a 2.5 to 3.0 or higher GPA to apply. Applications are available online at www.pgcacdst.org and must be submitted by **January 3, 2007**.

Are you a black male interested in going to college out of state for free? HBCU's are looking for future black male teachers and will send students to a university/college for four years free. The **"Call Me Mister"** program is a collaboration between Clemson U., private historically black colleges and two year technical colleges to recruit, train, certify, and secure employment for minority males as elementary teachers in the public schools of South Carolina. To find out more about the program and to apply go online at www.callmemister.clemson.edu/index.htm.

Open Houses/College Tours

Colorado State will be hosting a special “application day” for students wishing to apply for admission for Fall 2007 on November 18, 2006 from 8-5pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel Tysons Corner in Vienna, VA. The typical freshman entering had a GPA of 3.2-3.8 and ACT score of 22-26, and an SAT critical reading/math score of 1020-1220. To schedule an appointment contact Heather Bean at 970-491-1423.

Lafayette College in Easton, PA welcomes students and parents to their first annual Multicultural Visitation Day on November 17, 2006. Registration begins at 8:30. To register, please call 610-330-5100.

The Sheffield Institute for the Recording Arts is hosting an open house on December 2, 2006 at 11am. Any student interested in a career in TV/Radio broadcasting, Audio engineering, video production, and electronics should plan on attending this open house. To RSVP, call Mike Van Horn, Admissions rep at 410-628-7260.

Announcements/Job Opportunities

The Disney CareerStart Program is an internship program for students. The program provides a diverse learning and earning opportunity. Students will work at the Disney World Resort making \$6.67 per hour. Students live in apartments with other participants. For more information visit www.disnycareerstart.com.

College Hound assists students in making smart decisions about life after high school. Students can search a database of over 6400 post-secondary schools. Please visit www.thecollegehound.com and put in the student pin for Laurel High School: ST3247TLA8930.

The Largo and Crossland Scholarship Financial Aid Centers are now open. Largo is open Wednesdays from 5-8pm and Saturday from 9-12pm. Crossland is open on Saturdays from 9-12pm. On November 18, 2006 a workshop on “The Advantages of Attending College in Maryland” will be held. On December 16, 2006, a FAFSA Prep Course will be offered.

Do you like helping people? Want to make a difference in your community? Enjoy working with others and solving problems? Want a career that won't be boring. Find out more at www.healthmanagementcareers.org.

Champion Windows in College Park is hiring students for part-time work with full-time pay. Hours are M-W 5:30-8:30pm and Saturday, 10-2pm. No experience is necessary. For more information call Dave at 240-473-1201.

Students interested in applying to Historically Black College and Universities may do so by using the Black College Common Application which allows students to pay \$35 and apply to 34 colleges. Some of the colleges that will accept the application are Fisk U., Morgan State U., Norfolk State U, Virginia State, and Virginia Union U. to name a few. Applications are available in the career center or online at www.eduinonline.com.

The Laurel High School Counseling Dept. is hosting a Financial Aid Night on December 6, 2006 at 7pm in the media center. A representative from Making it Count will be in attendance to discuss financial aid. Your attendance is appreciated.

Community Pool Service, Inc. is now training lifeguards for the 2007 summer season. For more information contact Amy Ray, Staffing Coordinator at 301-948-2400.

