

# Guidance Newsletter

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Congratulations! As a senior you have begun an important year of high school. Planning and decision-making have become key issues for you. To help you and your parents or guardians plan the year, the Guidance Department will be providing a series of newsletters summarizing important dates, activities, and scholarships. We encourage you to be aware of important deadlines and to take advantage of the visits by representatives from colleges, career schools, the armed services, and major employers.

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 September & October

<b>September</b>	20	Carnegie Mellon – 1:45pm
	21	St. Vincent College – 12noon
	26	Syracuse U. – 8:15am
	28	UMCP – 9am
<b>October</b>	3	Mary Washington – 9am
	4	Coastal Carolina – 1pm
	12	Capital College – 9am
	19	UMBC – 10:30
	23	Villa Julie College – 9:30am

### 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.

**All Students: The John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay contest** is open to all students. Award amounts are \$3000, \$1000, and \$500. Students must write an essay of no more than 1000 words on a specific topic. Students must visit [www.jfkcontest.org](http://www.jfkcontest.org) to apply. Essays must be submitted by **January 7, 2007**.

**Juniors & Seniors: The Ackinson Consulting Services** is offering an award of \$1750 to students who submit an essay of 1000 words or less on “where do you see yourself five years after attaining your desired post-secondary education?” Essays must be submitted by **September 25, 2006**. For more information go to <http://www.ackinson.com/scholarships.htm>.

**Davidson College** invites LHS to nominate our top senior scholars athletes for consideration for the **Davidson College Bryan Scholarship** valued at \$30,000 annually, and the **Davidson Scholars Program** with awards ranging from \$2000 to \$25,000 annually. LHS can nominate three students for the Bryan Scholarship. If interested please see Mrs. Collins-Swain by **September 11, 2006**.

**New York University** invites nominations for the **Steinhardt School of Education Future Educators Scholarship**. The program is for students who excel academically and who demonstrate a dedication to servicing others. Scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$15,000 annually will be awarded to students who major in education. To be considered for nomination, please see Mrs. Collins-Swain by **September 15, 2006**.

**SunTrust Bank** is offering the \$1000 **SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes** to seniors. Eligibility is not based on GPA or financial need. There are fifteen chances to win with one winner every two weeks from **October – May**. The first drawing is October 31, 2006. Apply online at [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info) by **September 15, 2006**.

**Wendy's Restaurants** has created the **Wendy's High School Heisman Award** which honors both male and female high school students who excel in academics, athletics, and student leadership. LHS can nominate one male and one female student. If interested in begin nominated please see Mrs. Collins-Swain by **September 19, 2006**.

**The National Foundation for Advancement of the Arts (NFAA) Recognition and Talent Search** is awarding \$3000 to a student who is pursuing a career in the area of dance, music, visual arts, theater, writing, and film. The deadline is **October 1, 2006**. For more information go to [www.nfaa.org](http://www.nfaa.org).

**Washington University in St. Louis** is accepting nominations for the **Danforth Scholars Program**. To be considered for nomination students must have outstanding academic performance, exceptional commitment to community service, and high moral character. If interested please see Mrs. Collins-Swain by **October 2, 2006**.

**The U.S. Service Academy** is accepting applications/nominations for students interested in the service academies. Applications must be submitted by **October 13, 2006**. For more information please see Mrs. Collins-Swain.

**The Daughter of the American Revolution** is sponsoring the **DAR essay contest** with the following topic: "At Sea or at Home: Different Perspectives on the Voyage to the New World." The first prize winner will receive \$1200. For specific contest rules, go to [www.dar.org/darnet/forms/HG-AHC-1002.pdf](http://www.dar.org/darnet/forms/HG-AHC-1002.pdf). Essays must be submitted by **October 16, 2006**.

**The Horatio Alger State Scholarship Program** is accepting applications from seniors who have at least a 2.0, have critical financial need, and have involvement in co-curricular and community activities. To apply students must go to [www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/requiredforms.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/requiredforms.cfm) and submit their application by **October 30, 2006**.

The **Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** will award \$1.8 million to 250 students who demonstrate leadership, commitment to community, and academic achievement. To apply online go to [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). Applications must be submitted by **October 31, 2006**.

**Southern Management Corporation** is sponsoring "The Rising Star Scholarship, valued at up to \$1500 for students who are SMC residents and children of SMC team members ages 17-24. Applications are available in the career center and must be submitted by **October 31, 2006**.

The **University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center** awards scholarships ranging from \$8000 to \$64,000 over four years for out-of-state freshman. Students must have at least a 3.5 GPA and an 1160-1190 on the SAT. To apply for the scholarship go to [www.abovetheordinary.cudenver.edu](http://www.abovetheordinary.cudenver.edu).

The **Fall 2006 BlackNews.com Scholarship** will award \$500 to an African-American student. Students must register with [www.blacknews.com](http://www.blacknews.com) and submit a 500-word essay on "why do you think (or not) that African American are still living in oppression" by **November 1, 2006**. Your essay must be emailed to [scholarship@blacknews.com](mailto:scholarship@blacknews.com).

The **Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)** is offering tuition assistance of up to \$17,000 through the Undergraduate Training Assistance Program. Females, minority and disabled students are encouraged to apply. Visit <http://www.diajobs.us/careers/programs/utap.html>. The deadline is **November 30, 2006**.

## Open Houses/College Tours

Oberlin College is hosting their Multicultural Visit Program for students of color who are interested in a liberal arts education. There are three visit opportunities: October 5-7 (Sept. 11 deadline), November 9-11 (October 16), and November 30-December 2 (November 6). For more information visit [www.oberlin.edu/flyin](http://www.oberlin.edu/flyin).

The University of Pennsylvania Office of Undergraduate Admissions is hosting an Introduction to Penn on September 13, 2006 at 7:30pm at the Bethesda Marriott.

Denison University announces its Diversity Pre-Session of their Fall Overnight taking place November 4-6. Transportation costs will be covered for those students who are from underrepresented populations and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Any student seriously interested in Denison should see Mrs. Collins-Swain by September 13, 2006.

Cornell University College of Engineering is hosting a fall program for students of color in October. Students must register online at [www.engineering.cornell.edu/fallhosting](http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/fallhosting) by September 15, 2006.

Washington University in St. Louis invites students to information sessions in the DC Metro area this fall on September 17, October 3, October 25, and November 2. For additional information please call 800-638-0700 or 314-935-6000.

Morgan State University Office of Undergraduate Admission and Recruitment has designated Wednesdays, September 20 & 27, October 4 & 11 from 3-7pm as Prince George's County Application Fee Waiver and on the spot Decision Days. Students who bring an official transcript, SAT/ACT scores, and completed application will receive a fee waiver and an on the spot decision.

St. Mary's College of Maryland is hosting an Open House on weekends, September 24, October 28, November 11, December 9, February 3, and April 21. To register for an open house, visit [www.smcm.edu/admissions](http://www.smcm.edu/admissions).

Savannah College of Art and Design is hosting an information session on September 24, 2006 at 12:30pm at the Hilton Garden Inn White Marsh. To register or make a portfolio counseling appointment, go to [www.scad.edu/admission](http://www.scad.edu/admission) and click on SCAD in Your Area.

A DC to BC (Boston College) Bus Trip for African-American and Hispanic Students is being hosted by Boston College. If interested students must attend an informational session on September 24 from 3-4:30 or September 26 from 7-8:30pm at the MLK Library, Corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and G. Streets, NW D.C. Room a 10. To RSVP, email Ivone Foisy at [foisyi@bc.edu](mailto:foisyi@bc.edu).

Mount Holyoke is hosting Shadow Days September 25, October 16, and December 4. Please register at [www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents).

The Grinnell Diversity Leaders Program is seeking senior students of color interested in a liberal arts education. If interested please see Mrs. Collins-Swain by September 26, 2006. Applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2006.

The National Scholarship Service invites students and parents to attend the annual Student-College Interview Session in Washington, D.C. from September 26-27 from 9-1pm at The Trinity Center @ Trinity University. An evening session for parents and students will be held on Thursday September 26 from 6-8pm.

The ACSA/AIAS Architecture College and Career Expo will be held on September 30, 2006 at UMCP School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation from 10:30-3:30pm.

Arrow Collegiate Tours is hosting a Historically Black College and Universities Tour on November 15-19, 2006. The cost is \$395 which covers the cost of transportation, meals, and accommodations. A \$75 deposit is due ASAP. For further information contact Sabrina Crowder 301-505-2589 or Catrice Humphries at 202-577-3983.

The Shenandoah Conservatory is sponsoring their shadow day on October 2, 2006. Any junior or senior interested in music, dance, and theater should plan on attending. Contact Margie by September 22 at [msobczyn@su.edu](mailto:msobczyn@su.edu).

Randolph Macon Woman's College is hosting their Fall Open House on October 7. To register go to [www.rmwc.edu/admissions](http://www.rmwc.edu/admissions).

The University of Tampa is hosting an open house on October 8, November 12, February 18, and April 1, from 1-5pm. For more information contact the office of admissions at 888-646-2738 or email admissions at [admissions@ut.edu](mailto:admissions@ut.edu).

The College of Notre Dame of Maryland is hosting its Fall Open House October 8 from 12-4pm. To RSVP go to [www.ndm.edu/visit](http://www.ndm.edu/visit).

Lebanon Valley College is hosting an Open House on October 21 and November 18. To visit this fall, call 866-LVC-4ADM.

Manhattan College is hosting an Open House on October 29, 2006 from 12-3pm. For more information contact the Admissions Office at 718-862-7200.

## **Announcements/Job Opportunities**

The Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services is seeking individuals to join their agency. Students graduating from high school who are 18 years of age have the opportunity to qualify for a position as a Correctional Officer I with a starting salary of \$34,313/year. You can apply online at [www.dbm.maryland.gov](http://www.dbm.maryland.gov).

Providence College has announced that the submission of standardized test scores will be optional for students applying for admission beginning with the Class of 2011.

The Washington D.C. Joint Plumbing Apprentice Committee is accepting applications for the Apprentice Program the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 1:30. Applications must be made in person at 8509 Armore-Ardwick Rod, Landover, MD 20785.

The School of Radiologic Technology at Holy Cross Hospital is a twenty-two month program that devotes full time to the study of Radiological Science. Applications are currently being accepted for the class to start in August 2007. For an application please see Mrs. Collins-Swain.

***Have a wonderful school year!***