



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

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CLASS UPDATES:

Seniors

- Please let your counselor know when you hear back from colleges! We want to be there to support you and celebrate with you through this process. Students should also update their decisions in Naviance.
- Check out some great advice from a Georgia Tech student on the admission process: [Applying to College Isn't Like The Movies](#): "As colleges prepare to release decisions in the coming weeks and months, I hope you take away at least this message: it works out. Everything will be okay. Your admission decisions might not be the fairytale ending you first imagined, but that's because they were never really an ending at all...just the opportunity to embrace a new storyline, whatever it may be."

Juniors

- Please complete the **Junior Survey** on Naviance before your College Planning Meeting with your School Counselor. This survey can be found under About Me > Surveys From Your School.
- Missed the Junior College Kickoff? Check out the recording [HERE](#).
- Review the College Application Timeline [HERE](#) to be sure you stay on track.
- Check out these articles for tips:

[Parents, teens need to explore options together](#), by College Admission Strategies

[College Prep Resolutions for High School Juniors](#), by US News

[Holistic Academic Review: More Than a GPA](#), by Georgia Tech Admissions

- Applications are now open for the *Yale Bassett Award for Community Engagement*. Applicants should demonstrate a record of creative leadership and public service, academic distinction, interdisciplinary problem solving, and experience addressing societal issues that might include, but need not be limited to, race and racism. Learn more and apply [here](#). Applications are due by February 1.

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

January 10: Counselors began holding *Junior College Planning Meetings* this week. Email your School Counselor to schedule your meeting, if you haven't already! As an additional resource, you can schedule an appointment with our College & Career Counselor, Mrs. Nicholson, after your initial college-planning meeting.

January 26: *Instant Decision Day with County College of Morris*. Students will meet with an Admissions Counselor to discuss the admissions process, your program of study, and placement testing. **For instructions and registration, email Mrs. Nicholson by January 14.** This event will be hosted at MLHS; registered students will be excused from class during their time slot.



February 2: *Parent Panel* at 9am. This event is for Junior parents whose first child is going through the college process. Panelists (parents who have gone through this before!) will offer advice, insight, and reassurance on the process. A Zoom link will be shared in the next Bulletin.

February 5: *Practice ACT exam* at 9am (VIRTUAL), hosted by the Princeton Review. Your results are available immediately upon completion of the exam. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

February 12: *Practice SAT exam* at 9am (VIRTUAL), hosted by the Princeton Review. Your results are available immediately upon completion of the exam. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

NOTE: you are unable to take the test on the scheduled date/time, you can take the test at ANY time that is convenient for you by logging into your Princeton Review account and clicking "Launch Practice Test."

** Please note that the practice SAT and ACT exams are FREE events (no commitment required) hosted through the Princeton Review. The offering of these tests is not an endorsement or support of their services. We want to extend every opportunity for our students to explore and practice these tests, so we take advantage of these offerings.*

Missed any events? Check out our Guidance YouTube page [HERE](#).

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

January 14: *Financial Aid 101:* Join members of *John Hopkins' Student Financial Services* team to hear how aid eligibility is determined, types of aid available, and strategies for covering college expenses. Register [here](#).

January 26: *Revolution Prep* is hosting *Getting From Where You Are to Where You Want to Be*, presented by Peter Van Buskirk. In the webinar, you'll learn how to set and achieve educational goals. It's an engaging and motivational keynote program for students and parents with special emphasis placed on self-awareness, finding a good college fit, and the consequences of decision-making throughout high school. Register [here](#). Mr. Van Buskirk is coming to present *The Admission Game* to MLHS in March!

February 3: *TeenLife LIVE Gap Year Virtual Fair.* During this event, you will have the opportunity to hear directly from a number of gap year presenters in a short period of time! Presenters include The School of the New York Times, Sotheby's Institute of Art, EF International Language Campuses, and more. Register [here](#).

OTHER RESOURCES:

[10 Financial Aid Tips for College Students](#), by US News

[A first for New Jersey: Rowan University to establish School of Veterinary Medicine](#), by Rowan University

[Admissions Visits During Omicron](#), by Inside Higher Ed

[Balancing High School GPA, Academic Rigor](#), by US News

[Harvard won't require SAT or ACT through 2026 as test-optional push grows](#), by the Washington Post

[Holistic Academic Review: More Than a GPA](#), by Georgia Tech Admissions

[How To Pay Less For College](#), by Forbes

[Tips for Balancing Academic Standards and Mental Health](#), by Psychology Today



TESTING:

SAT/ACT Registration: We encourage families to sign up well in advance of the registration deadlines, as seats fill quickly.

[SAT Registration](#)

[ACT Registration](#)

Free test prep resources:

Upcoming Princeton Review Practice Tests: register [HERE](#).

[Official SAT Practice Tests - College Board](#)

[SAT Practice Tests - Khan Academy](#)

[ACT Practice Test](#)

[Online Tools That Can Support ACT, SAT Prep](#)

* Three quarters of U.S. colleges and universities have now announced ACT/SAT-optional or test-blind/score-free admissions policies for [current high school seniors](#). Already more than half of all four-year schools have stated that they will not require ACT/SAT scores for fall [2023 \(current juniors\)](#). See [FairTest.org](#) for more information.



*** Newly test optional:**

[Boston University](#) will be test optional for first-year applicants applying for fall 2023 and spring 2024.

FINANCIAL AID:

* Please be aware of your college's financial aid and scholarship deadlines. These deadlines are typically not flexible - you may miss out on potential aid if you do not submit these documents in time.

* The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) opened on October 1. This form must be completed if you are applying for need-based financial aid. Click [HERE](#) for resources on preparing for, completing, and submitting the FAFSA.

* Check to see if your colleges also require the [CSS Profile](#) (review their financial aid website). Use this [guide](#) for help on completing the CSS Profile.



SCHOLARSHIPS:

Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship assists high school seniors who have completed a computer science course and plan to continue their education by attaining a bachelor's degree in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering or other computer science related field of study. Recipients of the award receive \$10,000 at an accredited four-year college or university as well as a paid summer internship at Amazon after their freshman year of college. [Apply by](#) January 25.



APIA Scholarship Program: Scholarship awards range from one-time \$2,500 awards to multi-year \$20,000 awards. Applicants must be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity and be the first in their family to attend college or meet financial criteria. See eligibility here. [Apply by](#) January 26.

Association of Women in Mathematics Essay Contest: Contest is open to students in grades 6-12 and undergraduate students. Student must submit an essay based on an interview with a woman currently working in a mathematical career. [Apply by](#) February 1.

Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship: The Sunflower Initiative will award another Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to a woman who in the Fall 2022 term will begin attending an undergraduate women's college in the U.S. or Canada. [Apply by](#) February 1.



(ISC)² Women's Scholarship offers scholarships from \$1,000-\$5,000 per recipient. Applicants must be pursuing or planning to pursue a degree with a focus on cybersecurity or information assurance. [Apply by](#) February 28.

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarships: Students will be selected based on academic excellence, community involvement, leadership skills, awards and honors, and financial need. Winners will receive up to \$5,000. [Apply by](#) February 7.

MathWorks Challenge: is a contest for high school juniors and seniors. Through participation, students experience what it's like to work as a team to tackle a real-world problem under time and resource constraints, akin to those faced by professional mathematicians working in industry. The Challenge awards \$100,000. Learn more [here](#).

SGT Ryan E. Doltz Scholarship: is open to all graduating seniors from a Morris County high school who are members of the band. [Apply](#) by April 1.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship: High school seniors looking for scholarships for college can apply for over 30 scholarships from the SME Education Foundation. Applicants must be planning a career in manufacturing (manufacturing engineering, technology, or closely related field). [Applications are due](#) by February 1.

Garden Club of New Jersey Scholarship: awards provide financial aid to students and promote the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, Environmental Science, City Planning, Land Management and related subjects. [Apply by](#) February 1.

McDonald's HACER National Scholarship: High school seniors with at least one parent of Hispanic heritage are eligible. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, and personal qualities and strengths. [Apply](#) by February 7.

The Quell Foundation Fighter Scholarship: is awarded to a select high school senior or a current undergraduate/graduate student being treated for a diagnosed mental health condition. [Apply by](#) February 15.

The Rockaway Valley Garden Club, Arlene Persson Memorial Scholarship: awards up to \$1,500 to a graduating senior from Boonton, Mountain Lakes, Morris Hills High School, Morris Knolls High School, Morris Catholic, Morris County School of Technology, and the Craig School. This scholarship rewards demonstrated effort and interest in horticulture and/or environmental initiatives within school or the community by the applicant. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application. Applications must be mailed and postmarked by April 1.

Previously Shared & Still Accepting Applications: (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

200 Club of Morris County: [Apply by](#) February 15.

C-SPAN StudentCam: Apply by January 20. Learn more [here](#).

DAR National Scholarships: [Applications](#) are due by January 31.

Foundation 649 Scholarship: [Apply](#) by March 1.

Jacob Pierri Memorial Scholarship: [Apply by](#) March 31.

MENSA Scholarship: Learn more [here](#); apply by January 15.

P.L.A.Y. Scholars Helping Collars Scholarship: [Apply by](#) February 28.

Profile in Courage Essay Contest: Apply [HERE](#). Deadline: January 14.

Tzu Chi Scholars: [Apply by](#) March 12.

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship: [Apply by](#) January 15.



SUMMER PROGRAMS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

A list of summer programs is continually updated [HERE](#).

Upcoming summer program information sessions:

- January 20th 8pm: *An Evening with Tufts University Pre-College Programs*. Register [here](#).
- January 26th 8pm: *An Evening with NYU Pre-College Programs*. Register [here](#).
- February 10th 8pm: *An Evening with University of Wisconsin - Madison Precollege Programs*. Register [here](#).

Babson Summer Study is a 4-week experiential online program for rising high school juniors and seniors to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and become innovators and changemakers. By strengthening your understanding of the United Nation's Global Goals, you will develop the competencies and confidence to address problems, seize opportunities, and create change that leads to your desired future. Apply [here](#).

Barnard's Office of Pre-College Programs invites young women from across the globe to join us in one of our academic enrichment programs in the humanities, STEM, leadership, writing, coding and more. Students who apply by January 17th have no application fee. Learn more [here](#).

Carnegie Mellon: is offering 3 summer programs at no cost for rising juniors and seniors who demonstrate financial need: [AI4All @ Carnegie Mellon](#) (provides opportunities for students who have been historically excluded in STEM to study artificial intelligence), [Computer Science Scholars](#) (provides students who have historically been excluded in the field of computer science an opportunity to explore the field of computer science), and [Summer Academy for Math and Science](#) (allows students from underrepresented communities to develop a deeper understanding of STEM).

Kenyon Young Writers Summer Online Workshops: offer an intimate setting for exploring ideas, producing fresh work, discussing the craft of writing (and rewriting) with instructors and other students, and finding one's voice in a variety of genres, including short stories, poems, and essays. Students ages 16-18 are welcome to [apply](#).



Stevens Pre-College Programs: Stevens offers 13 different programs, ranging from business to music production and engineering. Learn more [here](#).

The Summer Science Program offers teens an exhilarating and inspiring immersion into hands-on experimental science. Each team completes a real research project, taking and analyzing original data. In 2022 we will operate six programs:

three in Astrophysics: research in near-earth asteroid orbit determination at New Mexico Tech, Univ. of Colorado Boulder, and Univ. of North Carolina Chapel Hill; two in Biochemistry: research in fungal crop pathogens at Purdue Univ. and Indiana University; one in Genomics: research in evolution of antibiotic resistance, also at Purdue. SSP is open to current high school juniors (and a few truly exceptional sophomores) who have completed the pre-requisites by summer, and will be at least 15 years old. Learn more [here](#).

The School of Business at Stevens Institute of Technology invites all high school students that are 16 years or older to participate in **Stevens Trading Day 2022** - a virtual and live trading competition event. In the first phase of this trading competition which will launch on February 1, students will create a portfolio using Dow Jones MarketWatch Virtual Stock Exchange, an easy-to-use trading simulator. In the second phase of this competition, the 25 students with the top performing portfolios as of February 28, will be invited to our campus for an exciting live trading competition event. Click [here](#) to register for the event.

The Wharton Global Youth Program mobilizes the extensive opportunities of the Wharton academic community to educate and inspire pre-collegiate students to explore business practices, analyze the world's complex challenges, and take the first steps in becoming leaders who will transform the global economy. Learn more [here](#).

University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy: Attend the month-long Academy at one of the top medical centers in the United States. Applications are now open for current high school sophomores and juniors. Learn more [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

American Pool Lifeguards: American Pool Lifeguards are professional rescuers that receive Lifeguard, First Aid, CPR and AED certifications. Lifeguarding emphasizes responsibility, professionalism, time management, and customer relations. These are skills that our lifeguards take with them through their college application process, and into future career development and beyond. Students may apply at www.guardforlife.com or by Texting SWIM to 25000. Learn more at their January 22 Open House: 11am-1pm via [ZOOM](#). If you have any questions, contact Ms. Draughn at 845-653-1464 or adraughn@pools-world.com.

