



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

October 1, 2021

CLASS UPDATES:

Seniors

* [Transcript Request Forms](#) are due 3 WEEKS before your first college deadline. If you are applying to a college with a November 1 deadline, it is due October 11.

* PAST DUE: if you have not already, please return a signed copy of the [Release of Records Form](#) this week.

Missed our presentations last week? Review the recordings here:

[Senior College Night](#)

[Mini Camp College](#)

* Review the [College Search & Application Timeline and Senior Checklist](#) to be sure you stay on top of the college process. Make sure that your Brag Sheets are complete and that your teacher recommendation requests are entered in Naviance (Colleges tab > Letters of Recommendation > Add Request).

* Have questions about the Common App? Check out this guide (available for download [here](#)) that provides a detailed breakdown of each section and great tips on filling out the application.

* Need help filling out the SRAR? Check out this video [guide](#) from the University of Delaware.

* Need help? Here are some of the things that Mrs. Nicholson can assist you with:

- Finalizing an appropriate list of colleges
- Reviewing applications & college essays
- Preparing for interviews

MLHS COLLEGE VISITS:

* Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend visits for any college/university they are interested in.

Registration is available on **Naviance, under the Colleges tab > College Visits**. You must register 24 hours in advance. All visits will be held in the **Media Center**.

* Some college representatives will be visiting MLHS in-person; others will be conducting a virtual presentation – therefore, **we ask that all students bring a laptop**.

* Students are responsible for requesting permission to miss class for a college visit. You should contact your teacher a few days in advance.

Check out the following schools visiting next week:

Bucknell University
The University of Alabama
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Roanoke College
Moravian University
Gettysburg College
Centenary University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Stevenson University
Georgian Court University
Providence College
Washington University in St Louis
Haverford College
Western Connecticut State University
Michigan State University
University of Connecticut
Miami University-Oxford
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Princeton University
Boston University

See the full list of visiting colleges on Naviance!

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

October 15: Seniors, join Mrs. Nicholson in the Media Center during the lunch period. This “drop-in” session is a great opportunity to work on your college applications or ask Mrs. Nicholson a question.

October 28: *Finding Your Best Fit College*, hosted by Princeton Review's Editor-in-Chief, Rob Franek. Both students and parents are invited to join Mr. Franek for a lively discussion on how to find your best fit college. Register [here](#).

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

October 3: *National Portfolio Day* at the Javits Center in NYC. Meet one on one with college representatives and receive valuable feedback and guidance on your portfolio prior to submitting your application. This is a great opportunity for students applying to arts programs with a portfolio requirement. Can't make it to the in-person event? Virtual events are taking place later in October. Register [here](#).

October 3 & 24: The *National Association of College Admission Counseling* (NACAC) is hosting a series of virtual college fairs this fall. 350+ colleges will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity for juniors to begin exploring colleges, and for seniors to ask quick questions before they apply. Register [here](#).

October 3 & 17: *Behind the Curtain: American Talent Initiative* (ATI). The directors of admission of four colleges and universities, *Bates College, Claremont McKenna College, Lehigh University, and University of Chicago*, invite you and your parents to attend a virtual presentation. This group of institutions are part of the American Talent Initiative (ATI), a growing alliance of top colleges and universities committed to increasing access and opportunity for students of all economic backgrounds. The programs aim to demystify the college admission and financial aid process. Register [here](#).

October 5: *West Point Admissions Briefing*. West Point Admissions and the New Jersey West Point Field Force are hosting a *United States Military Academy* virtual meeting for rising freshman, sophomores, and juniors. Register [here](#) to learn more about the benefits of attending a military academy.

October 6: *Liberal Arts College Virtual Fair*. Meet with representatives from 14 Liberal Arts Colleges for live Q&A. Colleges attending include *Colorado College, Pitzer*



College, Union College, the University of Richmond and more! Register [here](#).

October 7: *FAFSA 101 with Lasell University*. Jennifer Muldowney, Director of Student Financial Planning at Lasell, will walk you through the FAFSA process, step by step. This is a great resource for all families – even if you're not applying to Lasell. Register [here](#).

October 10: Deadline to apply to *Oberlin's Multicultural Visit Program*. This all-expenses-paid trip to campus allows students to experience the vibrancy and diversity of Oberlin. Learn more and apply [here](#).

October 12: *Issues Impacting the Retention & Persistence of College Students with Learning Disabilities & Other Challenges*. Join *Beacon College* for a session discussing the experience of students with learning differences in colleges. This session will focus on leading theories behind issues related to retention, with suggestions about how to combat many of these challenges to ensure post-secondary success rates for students who learn differently. Register [here](#).

October 13 & 26: *Student Program - Bates, Davidson, Oberlin, Occidental*. Please join representatives of these top liberal arts colleges to learn more about academic opportunities at our institutions, financial aid, and the residential college experience. Register [here](#).

October 18: Join *Amherst, Bowdoin, Carleton, Pomona, Swarthmore, and Williams* for *Beyond the Classroom: Real Talk with Students and Campus Advisors*. Registration is available [here](#).

October 18: *Tulane Comes to You* event at The Hanover Manor in East Hanover, NJ. At this in-person event, students will learn insider advice on how to kill a college app. Plus — hear some fun Tulane facts. Due to social distancing measures, event capacity is extremely limited — so [register](#) soon!

October 19: *Virtual Performing Arts College Fair*. The event will begin with a panel discussion. Participants can learn first-hand about various institutions, programs, admission processes, and more. Following the panel, the college fair booths will open for you to meet individually with admissions representatives from performing arts programs (Dance, Music, Musical Theater, and Theater) all across North America. Learn more [here](#).

October 19: *NYU Inside Look Session: Business and Entrepreneurship* for students from the NJ area.

Register [here](#).

October 29: Attend a *Virtual Instant Decision Day with Stockton University!* Students with a 3.0+ are eligible to register. Students who are admitted will receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship for attending the Instant Decision program! Multiple dates are offered this fall. Register [here](#).

OTHER RESOURCES:

[Application Tips from the Directors](#), by Tulane University

[Changes to Our Recommendation Requirements, Explained!](#), by the University of Pennsylvania

[College Application Mistakes – What Could Doom Your Child’s Candidacy?](#), by Parentology

[College Board announces easier CSS Profile, plus a 'lighter, shorter' version](#), by Higher Ed Dive

[Count Me In — Extracurriculars](#), by Tufts University. *Great advice for all seniors on filling out the Activities section.*

[Dos and Don’ts: Tips for Applying to NYU](#), by NYU Admissions. *These tips are great for all students – regardless of whether you’re applying to NYU!*

[Guide: How to Make Your Common App A Lot Less Common](#), by CollegeWise

[How Does the Admission Review Timeline Work?](#), by Georgia Tech

[How to write your best college application essay](#), by the University of Rochester

[Self Reported Academic Record](#), by the University of Delaware. *A video guide on filling out the SRAR.*

[Should you bother to fill out the FAFSA?](#), by College Admission Strategies

[The Benefits of Taking a Gap Year](#), by Pacific Discovery

[The College Application Survival Guide](#), by UC Davis

[The College Guy: What testing changes should students know?](#), by the Concord Monitor

[The Media is Not a College Applicant’s Best Friend](#), by Counselors’ Corner

[Tips for Completing Your 2021-2022 Financial Aid Application](#), by Bryn Mawr College

[What’s changing in the new FAFSA and what’s not](#), by the Seattle Times

TESTING UPDATES:

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

[SAT Registration](#), [ACT Registration](#)

Upcoming MLHS test dates: October 2 (SAT) and October 23 (ACT). In-school SAT: October 13.

* Check out free test prep resources:

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

[SAT Practice Tests - Khan Academy](#)

[ACT Practice Test](#)

* Nearly three-quarters of all four-year institutions are test-optional or test-blind for Fall 2022 applicants. See **FairTest.Org’s** full list of [Colleges & Universities with ACT/SAT-Optional Testing Policies for Fall 2022 Admissions](#).

JOBS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Fantastic Sams Cut & Color, in Boonton, is a locally owned and operated salon that has an immediate need for a part-time receptionist. Duties include greeting guests, answering calls, setting and confirming appointments. After school and Saturdays. Contact FSKinnelonBoonton@gmail.com or call Denise at 973-331-1080 for more information.

Volunteer Match Night at Lakeland Hills YMCA: Have you ever wanted to volunteer your time for a worthwhile organization but weren’t sure which one? Does your child or teen need to earn community service hours? Does your family want to participate in a community project? Then this event is meant for you! Join us on November 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Register [here](#).

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

* The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) opens on October 1. This form must be completed if you are applying for financial aid. Review these resources for help on preparing for, completing, and submitting the FAFSA:

[How to Create an FSA ID](#)

[What You Need to Complete the FAFSA](#)

[Filling Out the FAFSA Form](#)

[How to Fill Out the FAFSA® Form When You Have Multiple Children](#)

* 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 & FEE WAIVERS:

Bennett Singh Brand Award (\$2,500) will be presented to one or more seniors enrolled in Entrepreneurship 3 or 4 who have demonstrated growth and leadership. It is intended to be used to further the education of a promising student or students. Applications should be emailed by October 1 to Ms. Zorica Alcott in Guidance via email at zalcott@mlschools.org. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. [Apply by](#) October 31.

Davidson Belk Scholarships: Nominations are now being accepted for the Belk Scholarship at Davidson College. If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit the website [HERE](#) and review the requirements. If you find that it is a good fit, please provide the following: a brief summary of yourself, a paragraph on your interest in Davidson, and a resume (or a copy of your Common App Activities & Awards section). Please submit this to Mrs. Nicholson by November 5 for the Belk Scholarship.

Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders: seeks to recognize Hispanic students who share Dr. Andrade's lifelong commitment to servant leadership. [Apply by](#) November 30.

Fujifilm + Urban Outfitters are giving away \$20,000 in college scholarships to students who want to give back and make an impact in their communities. Entrants must be 16 or older at the time of application. Two essays are required. Learn more and apply (deadline October 16th) [here](#).

Heisman High School Scholarship: Winners are eligible for awards ranging from \$1,000-\$10,000. Eligibility begins with maintaining a weighted GPA of 3.0 or better. Applicants also need to be proven leaders and role models within their school and community. Additionally, applicants must participate or have participated in grades 9, 10, or 11 in at least one of the [qualifying sports](#) (see website). [Apply by](#) October 19.

Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards: honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Finances, Community Service, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Public Service, Social Justice, and Technology. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be of Hispanic heritage (includes Spain, Brazil, Philippines). [Apply by](#) November 14.

Levine Scholars Program at UNC Charlotte: nominations are now being accepted for the Levine Scholars Program. The four-year scholarship includes full tuition, room, board, a grant to implement a service project of the Scholar's own design, and four summers of experiences that will develop leadership skills, social awareness and an international perspective. They are looking for students with an A average; testing, if submitted, ranges from 1350-1500 SAT or 29-33 ACT. Review the requirements [here](#). If you find that this is a good fit, please provide the following: a brief summary of yourself, a paragraph on your interest in UNC, and a resume (or a copy of your Common App Activities & Awards section). Please submit this to Mrs. Nicholson by October 5.

Pretty Actions Scholarship: Carefully research and compose an essay style Adobe Photoshop tutorial of 800 to 1,000 words, with screenshots and photos included to illustrate your points on [one of the](#)

[following topics](#). Seniors are eligible to apply for this \$500 award, deadline October 15.

National Space Club and Foundation offers a scholarship each year in memory of the Honorable Olin E. Teague, a Representative in Congress who aggressively supported our national space program, to encourage talented young people to pursue careers in aerospace fields. The scholarship, in the amount of \$4,000, is awarded to a graduating high school senior. The [application](#) (due Oct. 15) requires a research paper focusing on applications to aerospace, 5 page minimum.

Rider Trustee Scholarship: apply for this full-tuition scholarship at Rider! Eligibility & requirements: Applicants submitting test scores: minimum 3.6 GPA and 1310 SAT or 28 ACT (minimum 3.75 GPA for test-optional applicants), submit a 400-word Trustee Scholarship essay, and a 3-to 5-minute video (optional). To be considered, you must apply for admission through Early Action and submit the scholarship materials by November 15. Learn more [here](#).

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program (NSA) is open to high school seniors, particularly minority students, planning to major in computer science, computer/electrical engineering, or Chinese or Russian languages. With the Stokes Program, you will attend college full-time, then work during the summer at the National Security Agency's HQ in Fort Meade, Maryland for a minimum of 12 weeks in areas related to your course of study. [Apply by](#) October 31.

UVA Jefferson Scholarship: If you are applying to the University of Virginia, nominations are now being accepted for the Jefferson Scholarship. This award covers the entire cost of attendance for four years at UVA, plus supplemental enrichment experiences. If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit the website [HERE](#) and review the requirements. If you find that this is a good fit, please provide the following: a brief summary of yourself, a paragraph on your interest in UVA, and a resume (or a copy of your Common App Activities & Awards section). Please submit this to Mrs. Nicholson by November 5.

Villanova Presidential Scholarship: If you are applying to Villanova, nominations are now being accepted for the Presidential Scholarship - which covers full tuition, room, board, fees, and the cost of textbooks. If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit the website

[HERE](#) and review the requirements. If you find that this is a good fit, please provide a brief summary of yourself, a resume (or a copy of your Common App Activities & Awards section), and your "Why Nova" essay to Mrs. Nicholson by November 5.

Young Arts: Every year thousands of performing, visual and literary artists age 15-18 apply to YoungArts through our national competition. Finalists travel from around the country to National YoungArts Week, all expenses paid, to collaborate with peers and develop their crafts with internationally recognized leaders in their fields. All award winners receive mentorship and financial awards. Learn more [here](#). Deadline: Oct. 15.

[Fee waivers for MLHS applicants:](#)

Seton Hall University: use code XFW

Savannah College of Art and Design: use code EDU2122

[SUMMER PROGRAMS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:](#)

Yale Young Global Scholars is one of the most globally diverse, two-week academic summer programs in the world. Our curriculum is highly collaborative, exposing participants to innovative topics while facilitating student discussions shaped by international perspectives. Students have the opportunity to participate in a STEM, social sciences, humanities, or cross-disciplinary track. Current high school sophomores and juniors are [eligible](#) to apply. The Early Action application deadline is November 3. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Junior Achievement of NJ: Women's Future Leadership Academy. This is a free, virtual series for all NJ high school students. The program includes interactive, engaging sessions designed to build confidence and career ready skills. Women leaders representing NJ businesses and industries serve as featured speakers and mentors. Learn more and register [here](#).