



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

October 14, 2021

SENIOR UPDATES:

* REQUIRED FORMS:

- [Transcript Request Forms](#) are due 3 WEEKS before your first college deadline. They are PAST DUE if you are applying to a college with a November 1 deadline.

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

* RESOURCES:

- Missed our senior college presentations? 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).

- Check out this Common App 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:

Quinnipiac University
County College of Morris
Catholic University of America
Tulane University of Louisiana
Manhattanville College
Dean College
Christopher Newport University
Elon University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Delaware College of Art and Design
Wilkes University
University of Richmond
Saint Joseph's University
Salve Regina University
Connecticut College
Ursinus College
George Washington University
Fordham University

See the full list of visiting colleges on Naviance!

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

October 15 & 27: Seniors, join Mrs. Nicholson in the Media Center during the lunch period. These “drop-in” sessions are a great opportunity to work on your college applications or ask Mrs. Nicholson a question.

October 21: *Financial Aid Night* at 7pm, hosted by Ed Zamora from Principia Prep. This event will be held virtually. The presentation will cover the financial aid

process, including new changes to the FAFSA, changes to federal loans and state financial aid, loan forgiveness, and more.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83215470596?pwd=Y0V6K2lmeXdKandhamxyTk5za3RVZz09>

Passcode: 736852

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. This event will be held via Zoom. Register [here](#).

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

October 12-November 9: Register for *College Nights: Admissions Expert Series!* Every Tuesday evening through November 9th, *Collegewise* will be partnering with deans of admission, journalists, and other experts in college admissions to bring you answers to your most pressing admissions questions. Sessions include *The Nuts and Bolts of Affording College*, *What You Don't Know About College Rankings and Admit Rates*, *Demystifying Admissions: Inside the Selection Process*, *Building a Great College List*, and more. Register [here](#).

October 17: *Behind the Curtain: American Talent Initiative*. 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, an alliance of colleges 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 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 19-21: *Destination New England Public Flagship Universities Sessions*. Join the *University of Connecticut*, *University of Massachusetts*, *University of New Hampshire*, *University of Rhode Island*, and *University of Vermont* for a special collaborative virtual session and learn what it is we have in common as well as what makes us unique. Register [here](#).

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 21: *Finding a Fit at Large Public Schools*, by *Coalition for College*. If you're curious whether a campus with more than 15,000 students is a good match for you, come learn about a few of the large, public schools that are Coalition members and how they support their students. Featuring: *Florida State University*, *Penn State University*, *University of Arizona*, *University of Georgia*. Register [here](#).

October 23: *Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) Information Session*. Join a SCAD info session in Florham Park to explore our 100+ degree programs, view global locations, discover alumni success, and more. This event will take place at the Archer Hotel. Register [here](#).

October 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 25-28: *New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling (NJACAC) Virtual College Fairs*. On Oct 25 and 26, attend presentations on topics such as *Holistic Review: What Does It Mean*, *NJ Financial Aid*, *NJ Community Colleges*, and *Learning Disability Programs*. On Oct. 27 and 28, log onto their college fair to speak with representatives from many different schools. Register [here](#).

October 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 27: *Completing the FAFSA, by Coalition for College.* Feeling overwhelmed about applying for financial aid? At this free event, admissions and financial aid officers from Coalition for College schools will walk you through how to get ready to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and answer your questions. Featuring representatives from *Rutgers University, Stony Brook University, University of Maryland.* 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 Don'ts](#), by College Admission Strategies

[SWAG \(Some Wisdom And Gear\)](#), by the College Guidance Network. *Check out SWAG videos from admission leaders at places like Ohio State, UC Berkley, and Richmond.*

[Getting "Social" with Your Top Colleges](#), by NYU

[Think Paying for College, Not FAFSA](#), by Counselors' Corner

[What is Demonstrated Interest in College Admissions and How Do I Show It?](#), by Bucknell University

[What Students Might Not Believe about College Admissions](#), by Challenge Success

*Key Quote: "Despite the prevalent messaging out there, your choice of college won't determine your life... College is an important step. But it's not going to make you, and it's not going to break you. Everything is going to be OK, no matter where you go. Wherever you go, you're going to learn, get opportunities, and meet interesting people. When you become an adult and look back, you'll see that **how** you used college was more important to your success, happiness, and life satisfaction than **where** you went to college."*

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 16 (PSAT), October 23 (ACT)

* Check out free test prep resources:

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

[SAT Practice Tests - Khan Academy](#)

[ACT Practice Test](#)

* 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.

* [Cornell Waives Standardized Testing Requirement for First-Year Applications Through Fall 2024](#)

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

* 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. 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](#)

[FAFSA FAQ: Divorced Parents, Stepparents](#)

Principia Prep: [FAFSA step by step guide to completing the 2022/2023 FAFSA for Married & Remarried Parents; Guide for Divorced, Separated & Widowed Parents](#)

* 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:

Elks Most Valuable Student: applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. High school seniors are eligible. The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2022 competition. [Apply by](#) Nov. 15.

Prudential Emerging Visionaries: is accepting applications from people ages 14 to 18 who are taking on today's toughest financial and societal challenges. Sound like you? [Apply by](#) November 4.

VWF Voice of Democracy is an audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. All student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31. Learn more and apply [here](#).

PREVIOUSLY SHARED & STILL ACCEPTING

APPLICATIONS: (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship: [Apply by](#) October 31.

Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders: [Apply by](#) November 30.

Fujifilm + Urban Outfitters: Apply by October 16, see [here](#).

Heisman High School Scholarship: [Apply by](#) October 19.

Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards: [Apply by](#) November 14.

National Space Club and Foundation The [application](#) is due Oct. 15.

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program (NSA): [Apply by](#) October 31.

Davidson Belk Scholarships: Provide the following to Mrs. Nicholson by November 5: 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).

UVA Jefferson Scholarship: Provide the following to Mrs. Nicholson by November 5: 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).

Villanova Presidential Scholarship: 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.

FEE WAIVERS:

Morehouse College: Free application week through October 15

Seton Hall University: use code XFW

Savannah College of Art and Design: use code EDU2122