



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

October 28, 2021

AP REGISTRATION:

- AP Registration closes on November 9. In order to register, visit [THIS LINK](#).
- If you are enrolled in an AP class but do NOT wish to take the exam, you must complete [THIS FORM](#).
- For more information on registration, please review the [letter](#) sent to families on 10/25. Contact Mrs. Nicholson if you have any questions cnicholson@mlschools.org.

SENIOR UPDATES:

* REMINDERS:

- [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 15 deadline.
- After you've applied, check to make sure that your applications are complete. Most colleges will send you an email with instructions to set up an applicant portal. Be sure to open the email and set it up. (If you have to create a username/password, jot these down in safe place). Here, you'll be able to see what documents they have received.
- You must submit the FAFSA if you are applying for need-based financial aid. Some colleges also require applicants to complete the CSS Profile. See the Financial Aid section on page 3 for more information.

* RESOURCES:

- Missed our college presentations? Review the recordings here:

[Senior College Night](#)

[Mini Camp College](#)

[Financial Aid Night](#) Presentation, by Principia Prep

- Review the [College Search & Application Timeline and Senior Checklist](#) to be sure you stay on top of the college process.
- 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:

High Point University
University of Rhode Island
SUNY College at Oswego
Saint Elizabeth University
Wake Forest University
University of the Sciences
Landmark College
NJ Army National Guard
Florida Polytechnic University
Vassar College
College of William and Mary
Hofstra University

See the full list of visiting colleges on Naviance!

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

October 28: *Finding Your Best Fit College*, hosted by Princeton Review's Editor-in-Chief, Rob Franek. Mr. Franek is a nationally sourced expert on colleges and higher education. Over his 28-year career, he has been a college admissions administrator, publisher, editor, author, and lecturer. He has written several books, including: *The Best 387 Colleges*, *College Admissions During COVID*, and *College Admission 101*. 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:

November 2-9: 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 Future of Higher Education*, *Building a Great College List*, *Is College Worth It?* and more. Register [here](#).

November 3-19: Johns Hopkins University is hosting a series of essay workshops and financial aid events throughout November. Register [here](#).

November 9: *Beacon College* is hosting: *What Does It Mean To Be Covered Under ADA? Accommodations, Parent Communication, and Other Policies for College Students*. As students – and their parents - enter college, they enter a new legal system that shifts methods of accessing support, communication with

families, and responsibilities of professionals. These policy changes can be difficult to understand and daunting to initiate. By focusing on issues related to accessing accommodations, understanding how to utilize those accommodations, dissecting policies including FERPA and HIPAA, and other unspoken policies in college, attendees will gain a better understanding of how the educational environment changes from high school to university. Register [here](#).

November 10: *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](#).

November 14: The *National Association of College Admission Counseling* (NACAC) is hosting a series of virtual college fairs this fall. 370+ 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](#).

November 15: *Student Panel: Finding the Right Fit*. As you build your college list, join a panel of current college students to hear tips about the college search process and finding the right fit! [Register](#) for this event via Schoolhouse.world, a non-profit from Sal Khan of Khan Academy.

November 16: The *Coalition for College* is hosting: *Completing the CSS Profile*. As part of the financial aid process, some schools require students to complete the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA in order to better understand your family's finances. At this panel discussion, admissions and financial aid officers from Coalition schools will share tips to help you complete the form, share common mistakes to avoid, and answer your questions. This event is being held in both English and Spanish. Register [here](#).

OTHER RESOURCES:

[Amherst College to End Legacy Preference and Expand Financial Aid Investment to \\$71 Million](#)

[Application Don'ts](#), by College Admission Strategies

[College rankings don't tell the whole story behind a university](#), by The GW Hatchet

Key Quote: "...rankings don't tell the whole story about a university... U.S. News and World Report ranks institutions based on factors including graduation and retention rates, social mobility and student selectivity. What's missing from this list is other aspects of college life like students' sense of community on campus, the institution's location and the professional networks available to students. Even smaller things like nightlife and campus culture are not covered by a simple one-through-100 rank on a website."

[How to Help Your Undecided Student Find Direction](#), by College Parent Central

[Is That a Good School?](#), by Georgia Tech Admissions

Rick Clark, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, encourages students to reframe the question from "Is that a good school?" to "Is that a good school for ME?"

[Launching Your College Application](#), by Georgia Tech

[Teen Talk: College prep is a part of growing up](#), by The Daily Star

Key Quote: "Instead of asking a junior or senior 'Where are you going to college?' try asking 'What are your plans after high school?' It will help the person to not feel so pressured that college is the only acceptable answer, and one might learn a thing or two about the student."

[The Two Crucial Aspects of College Admissions that Parents Must Be Part Of](#), by Grown & Flown

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](#)

* Check out free test prep resources:

[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.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

* Please be aware of your college's financial aid and scholarship deadlines (which are often on or around admission 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. Review these resources for help on preparing for, completing, and submitting the FAFSA:

[Financial Aid Night Presentation](#), by Principia Prep

[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](#)

[10 FAFSA Mistakes that Affect Financial Aid](#)

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.

[Everything to Know About Filling Out the CSS Profile](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS & FEE WAIVERS:

DAR Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship: is awarded to a high school senior who is planning on majoring in Political Science, History, Government or Economics at a college in the United States. Applicants must be in need of financial assistance and include recommendations from (A) Minister, Priest or Rabbi; (B) Instructor or counselor, (C) Neighbor or Employer. A transcript must also be included. The original application and 3 copies must be mailed by December 20. Please contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application.

Equitable Excellence Scholarship: Graduating high school seniors can apply by submitting an essay describing how they exhibit courage in pursuing what's possible, display strength in managing challenges and share wisdom with others. In addition to providing monetary scholarships, Equitable plans to offer award recipients with development opportunities and engagement programs to support their onboarding into their first year of college. This will include mentoring, networking and professional skill-building programs with Equitable's own workforce and executive leadership teams. [Apply](#) by December 17.

NJCPA Scholarship Fund awards one-year \$1,500 scholarships to college-bound New Jersey high school seniors intending to major in accounting or obtain a concentration in accounting. [Apply by](#) December 10.

Roanoke College High School Fiction & Poetry Contest: Submit one story up to 5,000 words and/or up to 3 poems. Include your name, address, number, high school, and grade level in the email and in the upper left corner of the Word document. Email your entry to roanokecreativewriting@gmail.com by January 31. Winners and honorable mentions will be published in the Roanoke Review. Winners are eligible for prizes between \$25-\$100 and will be eligible for scholarships if they apply to Roanoke. Contact Dr. Milbrodt at milbrodt@roanoke.edu with questions.

Science Ambassador Scholarship: A full-tuition scholarship for a woman in science, technology, engineering, or math. You must be a high school senior or an undergraduate college student to apply. Film a 3 minute educational video of yourself explaining a STEM topic you're passionate about. [Apply](#) by December 13.

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.

Elks Most Valuable Student: [Apply by](#) Nov. 15.

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

Prudential Emerging Visionaries: [Apply by](#) November 4.

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

VWF Voice of Democracy: Learn more and apply [here](#) by Oct. 31.

Nomination Scholarships:

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:

NJIT: use code NJ22

Seton Hall University: use code XFW

Savannah College of Art and Design: use code EDU2122

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Morris County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 140: Want to see if law enforcement is right for you? Interested students, ages 14-20, are invited to see what police exploring is all about! Law Enforcement Exploring offers members access to varying dimensions of the criminal justice and corrections vocations, through experiential learning. Exploring also allows students to interact with the public while serving at community events. Police explorers train and learn in a paramilitary setting, under a post and rank structure, similar to those employed in law enforcement. For more information, please contact (973) 590-0300 or sheriffexplorers@co.morris.nj.us.

Mountain Lakes Country Day School: is looking to fill a part-time position, 3-6 PM, in their Toddler classroom (ages 18 months-3 years). If you are interested in the role, please contact the school at 973-983-9831.