



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

November 3, 2020

ATTENTION: ALL AP STUDENTS

If you have not accessed your join code and class through the College Board, please email Mrs. Nicholson so that you can register. Join codes are required in order to register for AP exams.

AP registration closes on November 10. **You will not be able to take AP exams if you do not sign up by this date. ** Click [HERE](#) to register.

Note: AP Physics C and AP Econ have two exams (Physics C Mech & Physics C E&M; AP Macro & AP Micro). You have the option to test in either or both.

SENIOR CLASS:

Reminders:

* 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. **Please note that it takes a few business days for colleges to download all documents submitted by your School Counselor.**

* Make sure that your recommendation requests are in Naviance. Students are responsible for following up with their teachers to ensure that their recommendations have been submitted.

* Students must submit the [Transcript Request Form](#) to your counselor **at least 3 weeks before** your first college deadline. If you have a December 1 deadline, this form is due by November 10.

* Q1 ends tomorrow. If you'd like your first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, fill out [this form](#) and send it back to your counselor. The form is due by November 30.

* The [FAFSA](#) must be completed if you are applying for need-based financial aid. Some colleges also require applicants to complete the [CSS Profile](#). Check with your specific schools for their requirements. **Please be aware of financial aid deadlines, which are often different than admission deadlines.**

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

November 16: By November 16th, many seniors have submitted an Early Action or Early Decision application. To celebrate, wear a college t-shirt! We encourage staff and students of all grade levels to participate on Monday, November 16.



December 7: *Senior Parent Coffee (Virtual)* at 9:30am. The Counseling Department will discuss how parents can help support their children as Early Decision and Early Action decisions begin to roll in. A Zoom link will be provided in the next Bulletin. This session will be recorded for parents who are unable to attend.

December 15: *Navigating Naviance for Sophomore & Junior Parents* at 7pm. This training will address navigating Naviance Student and go over frequently used tabs and sections. A Zoom link will be provided in the next Bulletin. This session will be recorded for parents who are unable to attend.

Missed the *Application Basics* event? The PowerPoint is available [HERE](#).

Missed the Financial Aid event? A link to the presentation can be found [HERE](#).

VIRTUAL COLLEGE VISITS:

* Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend visits for any college/university that they are interested in. Registration is available on **Naviance, under the Colleges tab > Research Colleges > College Visits**. The virtual meeting link and room location (for students in school that day) are also posted here. If you will be missing class, be sure to request teacher permission *at least* one day in advance.

Check out the schools visiting in November:

Rochester Institute of Technology
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Elizabethtown College
Washington College
Lincoln Technical Institute - Paramus
Maine Maritime Academy
Sacred Heart University
Salve Regina University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Goldey-Beacom College
New Jersey City University

* Missed a college visit? You can find notes from the session on each college page in Naviance. Look for the "Counselor Comments" section.

HIGHLIGHTED VIRTUAL EVENTS:

November 5: Attend *Thursday Night Live*, a discussion with the Director of Admission at *Caltech*, Vice Provost for Enrollment at the *University of New Hampshire*, and Dean of Admission at *Princeton*. Register [here](#).

November 5: The *University of Rochester* is offering virtual events throughout November on topics such as the First Generation Student Experience at Rochester, Religious Diversity on Campus, Supporting Different Abilities on Campus, and Commitment to Equity and Anti-Racism. Registration is available [here](#).

November 7: The *NCAA Eligibility Center* is hosting a webinar for high school student-athletes and their families, focusing on navigating initial eligibility during COVID-19. This webinar is informative for all grades 9-12, but particularly of importance to the senior class with initial enrollment in an NCAA DI or DII school in Fall 2021 or later. Register [here](#) or view a recording of the webinar [here](#) (from the October event).

November 8: The *National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)* is hosting their last virtual college fair. Over 600 colleges will be in attendance. To register, visit <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/>. Check out [this guide](#) to prepare for the fair.

November 8: Attend a virtual information session with Admission Officers from *Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University*. Multiple dates are offered; register at <https://exploringcollegeoptions.org/>

November 9: *DeSales University* is hosting a virtual college night for students from Morris County. Registration is available [here](#).

November 11: Attend the webinar *Selective College Admissions: Case Studies* to learn the ins and outs of the admissions review process. This session is hosted by Admission Officers from *Franklin & Marshall* and the *University of Pittsburgh*. Registration is available [here](#).

November 22-24: Explore Jewish life on more than 150 campuses in the U.S. and Canada at Hillel's first-ever virtual college fair! Meet with current students and Hillel staff from schools that you're considering. Register [here](#).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

Dominican College is offering an *Immediate Decision Day* on November 14 and December 12. If you attend and apply for admission, you are eligible for an academic scholarship of up to \$18,000. More information is available [here](#). *Reminder: if you are participating in an Immediate Decision Day, you must alert your counselor in advance as they will need to submit your transcript and recommendations prior to the event.*

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & FEE WAIVERS:

Elks Most Valuable Student Competition: Available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applications are judged on academics, leadership, service and financial need. [Apply](#) by November 15.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program: Rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. The program selects recipients to receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years. [Apply](#) by January 5.

National Space Club Scholarship: Provided to a high school senior, undergraduate or graduate student with definite plans to pursue a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields – with a preference for those with space related interests. The applicant can use the \$10,000 scholarship towards tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year. [Applications](#) are due by December 2.

Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship: A program that recognizes students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models that provide solutions to eliminate hunger in the U.S. Scholarship winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for their hunger-related charity. [Apply by](#) December 5.

The New Jersey Society of CPAs: Awards \$1,500 scholarships to college-bound seniors from New Jersey who intend to major in accounting or obtain a concentration in accounting. Applications (available [HERE](#)) are due by December 11.

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 a summary of yourself and a resume (or a copy of your Common App

Activities & Awards section) to Mrs. Nicholson by November 11.

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 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 15.

Fee waivers for MLHS applicants:

Bloomfield College: use code **BCVIP**

Dominican College: use code **waive2021**

Drew University: use code **DREW25**

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT): use code **NJ21**

Savannah College of Art and Design: use code **EDU2021**

Stockton University: use code **STOCKTONU2021** when applying through their web application. If applying via the Common App, indicate that you are requesting a fee waiver and they will approve it.

OTHER RESOURCES:

[Ask the College Guy: Will students deferring their college this fall make it more difficult for the next class of 2021 to get in?](#), Concord Monitor

Key Quote: “Don’t spend time and energy worrying about what you can’t control.... Spend your energy on the things you can control like thriving in your classes and creating a compelling narrative for your college application.”

[Beat The College Admission Buzzer](#), by Forbes

Key Quote: “The take-home message here is to follow directions from each school to which you are applying and DO NOT wait until the last minute.”

[Beyond the Numbers: Digging Deeper in Your College Search](#), by Georgia Tech

[Five Practical Tips for Writing for Colleges](#), by Georgia Tech

[From Parent to College Counselor: Helping Your Child Apply to College](#), by NYU

[How to Narrow Down Your College List](#), by NYU

[How to Use the 2020 Disruption Question](#), by Tufts University

If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment, please contact Mrs. Nicholson at cnicholson@mlschools.org or (973) 334-8580 ext. 5243.

TESTING INFORMATION:

Below, you'll find the links to register for SAT and ACT exams:

[SAT Registration](#)

[ACT Registration](#)

Testing Updates:

[Colgate University Announces Three-Year Test Optional Pilot Program for All Applicants](#)

[Beyond 'test-optional': Some 'test-free' colleges drop the SAT and ACT entirely](#), by The Washington Post

COMMON APP QUESTIONS:

Have questions about the Courses & Grades section? Review [this video](#) for instructions on how to complete the section. *Our grading scale is A-F and our schedule is Yearly.*

Our GPA is on a *4.0 weighted* scale. For class rank, enter "none."

* Seniors, here are some of the things that Mrs. Nicholson can assist you with:

- Finalizing an appropriate list of colleges
- Preparing for interviews
- Brainstorming, reviewing, and revising college essays
- Reviewing and editing applications