



## COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

December 3, 2020

### SENIOR CLASS:

\* 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.



\* If you are admitted Early Decision (binding), you must withdraw your applications from all other colleges. This can be done by emailing the Admission Office. Do not forget to complete this step!

\* Check to make sure that your applications are complete. Most colleges will send you an email with instructions to set up an applicant portal, where you can see what documents they have received.

\* *Reminder:* You must submit the [Transcript Request Form](#) to your counselor at least 3 weeks before your first college deadline.

\* *Reminder:* 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.

\* 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
- Assistance with schools that are self-report and require you to complete the SRAR

### UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

**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. This session will be recorded for parents who are unable to attend.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89020365973>

**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. This session will be recorded for parents who are unable to attend.

**December 21:** *Alumni Panel* (virtual). Juniors and Seniors will attend the annual Alumni Panel during 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> periods. We are lucky to have recent graduates join us to speak about the college process and college life!

### VIRTUAL COLLEGE VISITS:

\* Fall college visits have ended. You can find notes on each college page in Naviance. Look for the "Counselor Comments" section.

### HIGHLIGHTED VIRTUAL EVENTS:

**December 6:** *Exploring College Options* is a special information session sponsored by five undergraduate admissions offices: *Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University*. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

**December 8:** Attend *Financing a College Education*, hosted by *Drexel University*. This session will guide you

through information about types of aid, how to apply for grants and scholarships and resources to find outside scholarships through various organizations. Register [here](#).

**December 9:** See what it is like to major in Engineering! Attend a mock class with *Syracuse University* professors. Opportunities are offered on multiple dates in December. Learn more [here](#).

**December 9:** Attend the *Supplemental Essay Workshop*, hosted by *Johns Hopkins*. This is your chance to get an inside view on the role of the supplemental essay within the college application. Learn how to strengthen your own writing in the college process. This event is also offered on December 15. Registration is available [here](#).

**December 9 and 10:** Learn more about the following summer programs: *University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy* and the *Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive at Lehigh University*. Sign up for the Zoom open house by emailing [gesummer@lehigh.edu](mailto:gesummer@lehigh.edu).

**December 17:** Attend an *Essay Writing Workshop* with *Tufts University*. Registration is available [here](#).

#### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

[It's Going to be Okay](#), by Tulane University. Helpful advice for any students who receive a deferral or denial decision.

[Now We Wait](#), by Bryn Mawr College. Good advice for parents after students submit their applications.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

*College Board Opportunity Scholarships:* Learn about their scholarship opportunities [here](#). Our College Board Ambassadors will share more details at the start of the Alumni Panel!

*C-SPAN StudentCam:* An annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation. Students in grades 6-12 are asked to create a short video documentary on a topic related to the competition theme, "Explore the issue you most

want the president and new Congress to address in 2021." C-SPAN awards prizes to the top 150 student documentaries. [Apply by](#) January 20.

*Equitable Excellence Scholarship:* For high school seniors who demonstrate courage, strength and wisdom as shown by community impact through volunteer service. [Apply by](#) December 15.

*Foot Locker Scholar Athletes:* Honors student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, in their schools, and within their communities. Twenty students will be selected to receive \$20,000 in scholarship. Applicants must be seniors (enrolling in college in Fall 2021), have a 3.0 GPA, and currently participate in sports. [Apply by](#) January 8.

*Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards:* Honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Finance, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Social Justice and Technology. [Apply by](#) December 6.

*Morris Arts:* Apply for the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (\$5,000) or Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (\$1,500). These awards recognize a graduating high school senior who has exhibited artistic excellence in dance, drama, visual arts, or music. Applicants must be Morris County residents who plan to pursue post-secondary studies at an accredited institution or acknowledged arts school or fine arts program. Applications (due January 22) are available [here](#).

*Profile in Courage Essay Contest:* Challenges students to write an original and creative essay that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in *Profiles in Courage*. Multiple awards are offered; the first-place winner will receive a \$10,000 award. [Apply by](#) January 15.

*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 14<sup>th</sup>.

### *Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship:*

Competition open to all high school seniors who are planning careers of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000. [Apply by](#) January 15.

**Fee Waivers:** See previous Bulletins for fee waivers from *Bloomfield College, Dominican College, Drew University, NJIT, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Stockton University.*

### **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:**

\* The [FAFSA](#) 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: [FAFSA Help](#), [FAFSA Process](#), [12 Common FAFSA Mistakes](#).

\* Remember the first word of FAFSA: FREE. If you are asked for payment at any point while filling out the FAFSA, you are not on the correct website.

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

\* [Financial Aid in Seven Easy Steps](#)

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

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

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

### **TESTING INFORMATION:**

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

[SAT Registration](#)

[ACT Registration](#)

### **WINTER/SPRING PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS:**

*Cornell University:* As a high school student, you may request approval to take online Cornell courses during their Winter Session. Current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible. Learn more about their Winter Pre-College Programs [here](#).

*MIT THINK Scholars:* A science, research, and innovation program for high school students. Students apply by submitting a research proposal for any novel science, technology, or engineering idea. THINK provides mentorship and funding to high school finalists to pursue their project idea. Apply by January 1. Learn more [here](#).

*UMass Amherst* is offering online pre-college programs in several popular topics. Programs run from 1-4 weeks in length. High school students in grades 9 - 12 are welcome to apply. Admissions are rolling now through December. Learn more [here](#).

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS:**

It is not too early to be thinking about summer! Many programs have January or February deadlines. More opportunities will be shared in each Bulletin.

*Bank of America Student Leaders:* As a Student Leader, you will participate in an 8 week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization. You will also attend the Student Leaders Summit held in Washington, D.C. where you will learn how government, business and the nonprofit sector work together to address critical community needs. Applicants must be a current junior or senior. Apply by January 29. Learn more [here](#).

*Carnegie Mellon University* offers pre-college programs in a range of subjects, from Drama to Computer Science. Deadlines vary by program. Learn more [here](#).

*Columbia University* offers a variety of summer programs for high school students. Options are available for students of all HS grade levels. Learn about their programs [here](#).

*Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive at Lehigh University:* Brings high school sophomores and juniors together from all regions of the world for 4 weeks to live and learn together at Lehigh. Students learn about entrepreneurship, design thinking, project collaboration and teamwork, global leadership and working within a culturally diverse environment. The deadline to apply is February 22. Learn more [here](#). See pg. 2 for info on their Open House.

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

*Notre Dame Summer Scholars:* Summer Scholars participants spend two intensive weeks in one of 25 exciting programs of study. The coursework is a true preview of college academics—it is both rigorous and rewarding, and students earn one college credit upon the completion of a program track. Applicants must be current sophomores or juniors. Apply by February 16. Learn more [here](#).

*Rockefeller University Summer Science Research Program:* a mentored biomedical research experience that takes place at home. Apply by January 4. Learn more [here](#).

*University of Miami* offers multiple opportunities – their 3-week *Summer Scholars* program (where you can earn college credit), and the 2-week *UM Academies* (select from the Shark Research Academy, the Business & Entrepreneurship Academy, or the Health Care Academy). 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. The application deadline is February 22. Learn more [here](#). See pg. 2 for info on their Open House.

*Yale Young Global Scholars:* YYGS is an academic enrichment program for outstanding high school students from around the world. The program empowers the next generation of leaders by building a global community and designing interdisciplinary programs that foster intellectual curiosity, deepen understanding and inspire creative action across all borders. Apply by January 12. Learn more [here](#).