



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

February 8, 2022

AP UPDATES:

- A reminder that **March 1 is the last day to cancel your registration for an AP exam and receive a partial refund (\$56)**. While we hope that you will take the exam for all AP classes you are enrolled in, we want to remind you of this deadline. **To cancel an exam, you must email Mrs. Nicholson at cnicholson@mlschools.org** and indicate which exams you would like to cancel. Your registration has not been updated until you receive a written confirmation from Mrs. Nicholson.
- **March 1 is also the last date for late AP registration.** Late registration includes a \$40 fee. If you would like to register for any additional AP exams, contact Mrs. Nicholson at cnicholson@mlschools.org for next steps.
- *Revolution Prep* is offering FREE practice AP exams in Physics 1, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, and U.S. History. These online practice exams are offered on select Saturdays from February-April. Learn more and register [HERE](#) (scroll down to AP Practice Exam).

CLASS UPDATES:

Seniors & Juniors:

We are excited to announce that Mountain Lakes High School has partnered with **College Guidance Network (CGN)** to help your family with planning for college! Your family now has access to **CGN School**, which includes live expert programming, bi-monthly admissions classes on Wednesday nights, and on-demand resources to support you through every step of the college planning experience. All of this is free.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for live events and explore the large collection of on-demand resources – which can be filtered by your college search phase: exploring, apply, deciding, or paying. We believe this tool will be helpful for Juniors as they build a list and for Seniors as they pick a college. On-demand resources cover topics like *Narrowing Down Your List*, *What to Do After You're Accepted*, and *A Step by Step Guide to Managing College Waitlist Offers*. They also offer specialized resources on athletic recruiting, performing arts admissions, and more.

Student accounts will be activated in English classes on 2/8 and 2/9. Parents should have received an email today with their activation information. Please join us on February 9 at 8 PM for a more detailed introduction to CGN.

Juniors

- Please complete the **Junior Survey** on Naviance before your College Planning Meeting with your School Counselor. This survey can be found under About Me > Surveys From Your School. Juniors can also schedule a meeting with Mrs. Nicholson, our College & Career Counselor, for additional support on the college process.
- The [2022-2023 Common App Essay Prompts](#) have been announced! Review the topics before our April 28 college essay presentation.
- Resources:
 - Missed the Junior College Kickoff? Check out the recording [HERE](#).
 - Review the College Application Timeline [HERE](#) to be sure you stay on track.

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

February 9: Mountain Lakes High School has partnered with the College Guidance Network (CGN) to help your family with planning for college! Join us at 8 PM for an introduction to CGN. Then, at 8:30 PM, CGN will be hosting a *College Planning Seminar: Your College List: Aim High With Balance*. CGN will discuss how to make sure your list is ambitious, yet balanced. They'll share resources on how to avoid common mistakes and answer your questions.

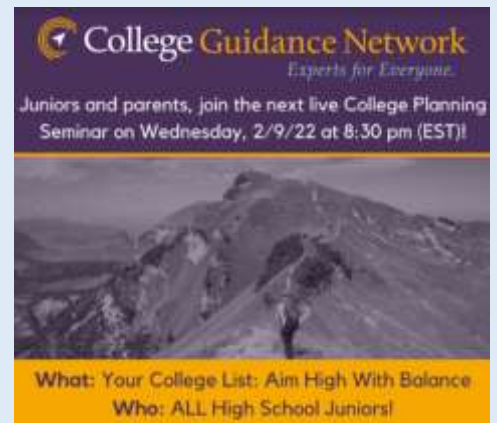
Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/CGNMountainLakes>

February 12: *Practice SAT exam* at 9 AM (VIRTUAL), hosted by the Princeton Review. Your results are available immediately upon completion of the exam. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

NOTE: you are unable to take the test on the scheduled date/time, you can take the test at ANY time that is convenient for you by logging into your Princeton Review account and clicking "Launch Practice Test."

February 23: CGN is hosting *College Planning Seminar: Maximizing College Campus Visits* at 8:30 PM. Register on your CGN Schools account.

February 24: CGN is hosting *College Kickoff Part 2: Jumpstart Your College Search* at 7:30 PM. Join CGN College Counselor Brennan Barnard and his guests: *Andy Borst - Director of Undergraduate Admissions at University of Illinois, Mary Nucciarone - Director of Financial Aid at Notre Dame, and Karen Richardson - Dean of Admission at Princeton.*



The graphic is for a "College Kickoff Part 2: Jumpstart Your College Search" event. It features a large yellow box on the left with the event title and date: "Thursday, February 24th 7:30pm ET / 4:30pm PT". Below this is the College Guidance Network logo. On the right, there are four circular headshots of speakers, each with their name and title in a purple or yellow box: Mary Nucciarone (Director of Financial Aid, University of Notre Dame), Andy Borst (Director of Undergraduate Admission, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Karen Richardson (Dean of Admission, Princeton University), and Brennan Barnard (Director of College Counseling, The Derryfield School & Khan Lab High School).

February 27: *C2 Education* (located at 276 East Main Street in Denville) is offering MLHS the opportunity to take a FREE ACT Practice test in their center on Sunday, February 27. Register by calling the center at 973-983-1481 or by scanning the QR code below. Spaces are limited.



March 9: MLHS is hosting *The Admission Game* at 6:30 PM, presented by Peter Van Buskirk – who spent more than 25 years in selective college admission. Do you ever wonder who "gets in" and "why?" "The Admission Game®" (TAG) takes you inside the admission process for the answers. TAG is an interactive case study exercise for students and parents in which the audience is transformed into an admission committee. This program reveals the "hidden agendas" of colleges and provides insight into how decisions are made. Students learn to find the colleges that fit them best and to make decisions that help them compete for admission.

Missed any events? Check out our Guidance YouTube page [HERE](#).

** The practice SAT and ACT exams are FREE events (no commitment required) hosted through the Princeton Review and C2 Education. The offering of these tests is not an endorsement or support of their services. We want to extend every opportunity for our students to explore and practice these tests, so we take advantage of these offerings.*

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

February 8-April 11: *Rochester Institute of Technology* is hosting a series of sessions over the coming months for students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Topics include admissions, athletics, audiology and speech/language services, financial aid, and more! Register [here](#).

February 10: *The Princeton Review* is hosting *Paying for College 101*. Register for the free event [here](#).

February 16: *Coalition for College* is hosting *Ask Us Anything: College Admissions*. Come with any question you have about college or the college admissions process! Panelists include representatives from *North Carolina State University at Raleigh, Penn State University, Stanford University, and Syracuse University*. Register [here](#).

OTHER RESOURCES:

[Emory Replaces Loans With Grants](#), by Inside Higher Ed

[Potentially Uncomfortable Adjustments in College](#), by Tufts University

[The NEW Digital SAT: Everything You Need to Know](#), by The Princeton Review



TESTING:

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

[SAT Registration](#)

[ACT Registration](#)

Free test prep resources:

Upcoming Princeton Review SAT Practice Test: register [HERE](#).

Upcoming C2 Education ACT Practice Test: Call (973) 983-1481

[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.

* **Newly test optional:**

- [Brown extends test-optional policy for 2022-23 undergraduate admission cycle](#)

- [Penn Extends Test-Optional Policy Through 2022-2023](#)

- [Texas Tech to Continue Test-Optional Policy for Prospective Students](#)

- [SUNY has extended the current temporary suspension of SAT/ACT testing requirements - this extension applies through the fall 2023, spring 2024, and summer 2024 cycles.](#)



FINANCIAL AID:

* Please be aware of your college's financial aid and scholarship 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. Click [HERE](#) for resources on preparing for, completing, and submitting the FAFSA.

* 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:

AG Bell College Scholarships: offers scholarships for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. [Apply by](#) March 4.

BMW/SAE Engineering Scholarship: Applicants must demonstrate active participation in extracurricular STEM activities that take place outside the classroom. Additionally, applicants must pursue an engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program with an interest in with an interest in mobility and advanced or emerging technologies. Minimum unweighted 3.75 GPA required. [Apply by](#) March 21.

Fred M. Young Sr./SAE Engineering Scholarship: applicants must be pursuing an engineering or related science degree through a U.S. ABET accredited program with an interest in mobility (Automotive, Ground or Air). Learn more and apply [here](#) (deadline March 21).

Hearing Loss Association of America, New Jersey Association: HLAA-NJ is awarding 6 scholarships to high school seniors with hearing loss who are planning to continue their education in Fall 2021. Two \$2500 scholarships are available, as well as four \$1500 awards. [Apply by](#) May 1.

Junior Laker Basketball: is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships in the amounts of both \$750 and \$300 to graduating seniors (two male, two female) of Mountain Lakes High School. Requirements for applicants are participation in JLB program as a youth in Mountain Lakes, a 1-2 page essay, and a one page letter of recommendation from someone who can attest to the student's qualities. Stop by the Guidance Office for a copy of the application or email Mrs. Nicholson.



MCCEA: Philanthropic Fund Scholarship: candidates must be a resident of Morris County and must plan a career in education or a related field. [Applications](#) are due by April 29.

MCCEA: William Santora Scholarship for Vocational, Technical and Creative Arts: candidates must be a resident of Morris County and must plan to pursue a career in vocational, technical or creative arts with the intent to teach or serve. Learn more and apply here. [Applications](#) are due by April 29. Click on “MCCEA PHILANTHROPIC FUND SCHOLARSHIP - all candidates please complete this form” for the application.

MCCEA: Visions for Success: candidates must be a resident of Morris County and be a graduating senior enrolling in a non-traditional certificated, vocational, technical trade or a CCM graduate continuing his/her training in their field of study. Candidates must also Display a commitment to community service. [Applications](#) are due by April 29. Click on “MCCEA PHILANTHROPIC FUND SCHOLARSHIP - all candidates please complete this form” for the application.

Morris County Links STEAM Scholarship: will award a \$6,000 STEAM scholarship payable over a two-year academic period to a high school senior who is of African American Decent/Ancestry. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, be accepted at a four-year college or university, and be planning to pursue a STEAM-based degree. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application (due April 1).

Morris County Professional Counselor Association Scholarship: Applicants must plan to pursue a career in a helping profession. If you wish to be considered as one of our two nominees for this scholarship, please provide a brief description of your leadership and share a paragraph on your desire to pursue a role in a helping profession. Please email this to Mrs. Nicholson by March 13.

NJACAC Scholarship: Did you attend any of the NJACAC events advertised in the Bulletin last year (i.e. Rainbow Key or Virtual College Exploration Week)? If so, we encourage you to apply for this \$1250 scholarship! Submit your [application](#) by March 18. *Note: the Camp College referenced on here is NOT the Camp College held by MLHS, it is a separate virtual event hosted by NJACAC.*

RIT Contests: The [RIT SpiRIT Writing Contest](#) is for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in 10th and 11th grade as of spring 2022. Students must submit a writing project of up to 2,000 words—a fictional story, a research paper, an autobiography—the sky is the limit! The [RIT Digital Arts, Film, and Animation Competition](#) is for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in 9-12 grades as of spring 2022. Students can submit their original artwork in one of six categories: web design, graphic media, film, 3D animation, interactive media, and photo imaging.

Previously Shared & Still Accepting Applications: (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

200 Club of Morris County: [Apply by](#) February 15.

Bill of Rights Institute's We the Students Essay Contest: [Submissions are due](#) April 15.

Foundation 649 Scholarship: [Apply](#) by March 1.

Haworth Skilled Trades Scholarship: Learn more and apply [here](#).

(ISC)² Women's Scholarship: [Apply by](#) February 28.

Jacob Pierri Memorial Scholarship: [Apply by](#) March 31.

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarships: [Apply by](#) February 7.

Men's College Scholarship: Apply [here](#) by April 1.

Morristown Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship: [Applications](#) are due by April 15.

P.L.A.Y. Scholars Helping Collars Scholarship: [Apply by](#) February 28.



SGT Ryan E. Doltz Scholarship: [Apply](#) by April 1. (open to all graduating seniors from a Morris County high school who are members of the band)

The Quell Foundation Fighter Scholarship: [Apply by](#) February 15.

The Rockaway Valley Garden Club, Arlene Persson Memorial Scholarship: Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application. Applications are due by April 1.

Tzu Chi Scholars: [Apply by](#) March 12.

SUMMER PROGRAMS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

A list of summer programs is continually updated [HERE](#).

AEOP High School Apprenticeship: spend your summer in a university research lab or in one of the U.S. Army Research Laboratories and Centers through this unique apprenticeship opportunity. High School students work one-on-one with a university researcher or DoD scientist mentor during this authentic science and engineering research apprenticeship. Learn more [here](#).



ASU Summer Journalism Institute: The Cronkite School's flagship camp, the Summer Journalism Institute guides top-performing high school students in intensive, hands-on experiences in broadcast and digital journalism. Participants will spend two weeks fully immersed in reporting and writing stories, producing newscasts and creating multimedia content. The program is free for accepted students. Learn more [here](#).

IU Meet Educate Experience Transition to Kelley: MEET Kelley is a unique pre-college summer program for high-ability students to get introduced to the Kelley School of Business, learn about the opportunities available, experience a professional business case competition, and ultimately consider transitioning to Kelley after high school. MEET Kelley is for high school students from historically underrepresented groups. The program is free for accepted students. Learn more and apply [here](#).

IU Young Women's Institute: introduces young women to the college experience and business career opportunities. Students are selected from around the country to spend a week at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The Young Women's Institute is a selective program open to women finishing their junior year of high school (rising seniors). A minimum GPA of a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale is required. The program is funded by the Kelley School of Business and corporate partner EY. Participants need to cover only transportation to and from Bloomington and personal expenses. Learn more [here](#).



National Youth Science Camp: is a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program designed to honor and challenge some of the nation's rising leaders and provide them with opportunities to engage with STEM professionals and participate in exciting outdoor activities. Two delegates are selected to attend camp from each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior. Learn more [here](#).

Penn State Business Opportunities Summer Session: is a one week virtual program for high school students (rising seniors) interested in pursuing a business education in college. Learn more [here](#).

Rider University's Westminster College of the Arts: We offer a variety of pre-college summer programs in voice, theatre, organ, piano and musical theory. The Musical Theatre Institute includes College Audition counseling and

coaching. Learn more [here](#). Use code 2022earlybird1 for \$200 off one-week programs. Use code 2022earlybird2 for \$400 off two-week programs.

Rochester Institute of Technology's Explore Your Future: EYF is a week-long, on-campus summer program for college-bound deaf and hard-of-hearing high school students who will enter their junior or senior year in fall 2022. During EYF, students learn how their interests can lead them to a career, and they explore career options in various fields, including the arts, business, computers, engineering, science, and more. Learn more [here](#).

St. Francis Spring Science Academy: This free program is designed to inspire upcoming scientists and promote energy efficiency in young minds. Sessions will run in February and March and April and will focus on topics such as; Global Climate Change, Pollution, Extinction and Biodiversity and Habitat Loss. In-person lectures, field trips and laboratory experimentation are included. [Register by](#) February 14.

University of Chicago's Summer Pre-College Programs: Through workshop discussions, research projects, and other activities, students live on campus and immerse themselves within a specific topic through three-week-long undergraduate-level courses for pre-college students designed by UChicago faculty and instructors. Course subjects include astrophysics, biotechnology, coding, literature, molecular engineering, political science, and more. Learn more [here](#). UChicago also offers a [Summer Language Institute](#). Through this online program, students can learn an entire year of a language in one summer! Talented and motivated students have the opportunity to enroll in a college-level course free of charge through our [scholarship programs](#), such as [Police & Fire Summer Scholars](#) (for students with a parent employed by a police or fire department).

UMass Amherst Juniper Institute for Young Writers: In association with the MFA Program for Poets and Writers at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, our summer programs have been changing the lives of young writers for sixteen years. We provide a pre-college experience for teens who love writing poems and stories, want to meet like-minded peers, and yearn for mentorship from professional writers and teachers.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

American Pool Lifeguards: American Pool Lifeguards are professional rescuers that receive Lifeguard, First Aid, CPR and AED certifications. Lifeguarding emphasizes responsibility, professionalism, time management, and customer relations. These are skills that our lifeguards take with them through their college application process, and into future career development and beyond. Students may apply at www.guardforlife.com or by texting "SWIM" to 25000. We will also be hosting our February Open House on 2/26 from 11am-1pm via Zoom - if you are interested, please reach out to adraughn@pools-world.com for more information!

