



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

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TESTING UPDATES:

Test-optional updates:

[Barnard College Temporary Test-Optional Policy \(extension for 2022 and 2023\)](#)

[Boston College will remain test-optional during the 2021-22 admission cycle](#)

[College of Charleston extends test-optional admission policy for 2022 and 2023](#)

[Emory University to remain test optional for 2022](#)

[Hamilton College Testing Policy \(optional for 2021, 2022, and 2023\)](#)

[Harvard College is extending our standardized testing policy through the 2021-2022 application cycle](#)

[Notre Dame will continue test-optional policy for 2022 and 2023](#)

[NYU Will Be Test Optional for the 2021-2022 Application Cycle](#)

[Rice University: Extending our test optional status through the 2021-2022 application](#)

[Syracuse University Will Waive SAT, ACT Scores for 2021-22 Admission Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Tulane to Go Test Optional for Another Year \(2021-22\)](#)

[University of Pennsylvania's Revised Testing Policy for the 2021-2022 Admissions Cycle](#)

[UVA Extends Test-Optional Admissions for Two Years](#)

SAT/ACT Registration: Below, you'll find the links to register for SAT and ACT exams. We encourage students to sign up well in advance of the registration deadline, as many testing sites are filling up early.

[SAT Registration](#)

[ACT Registration](#)

CLASS UPDATES:

ATTENTION ALL AP STUDENTS

A reminder that March 1 is the last day to cancel your registration for an AP exam and receive a refund (minus a \$4.00 registration fee). 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.

SENIORS

* As you hear back from colleges, please update your decisions in Naviance and let your counselor know – we want to be there to support you and celebrate with you!

JUNIORS

* We will be hosting an in-school SAT on April 13. This test administration is for JUNIORS ONLY. [Registration](#) must be completed by 11:59 PM on February 10.

* If you have not already, email your School Counselor to schedule a Junior College Planning Meeting – which should take place during a free period. As an additional resource, you can schedule an appointment with our College and Career Counselor, Mrs. Nicholson.

If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment, please contact Mrs. Nicholson at cnicholson@mlschools.org.

* Parents, check out Bucknell Admission's most recent [podcast episode](#), for insight on the role of parents in the college process.

SOPHOMORES

The Morris County Vocational School District offers Career and Technical Education programs for Morris County high school students. The Share Time Programs provide half-day specialized career and technical education training as part of a student's junior and/or senior year high school program. The programs are designed to prepare students for career-related employment and post-secondary placement. **Students in 10th grade who are interested in applying should contact their School Counselor this month.** To learn more about the program, register for an [Information Session](#) and check out their website [HERE](#).

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

February 10 & 11: Mrs. Nicholson will be completing *Freshman Focus* sessions during all ninth grade World Cultures classes. We will go over how to use Naviance and conduct the "Do What You Are" career assessment.

February 23 & 24: Mrs. Nicholson will be completing *Sophomore Focus* sessions during all tenth grade History classes. We will complete the Learning Styles Inventory and discuss finding the right college "fit."

* *Missed any Guidance Presentations? Check out our [YouTube channel](#) for recordings.*

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

February 11: *Columbia University Financial Aid Information Session* – members of their Financial Aid staff will help guide students and families through the process of applying for financial aid. Register [here](#).

February 16 & 18: The *New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling* (NJACAC) is hosting two virtual college fairs this month. During the fairs, you will have the chance to hear from many different colleges and universities, specific to majors in STEM (on 2/16) and Performing & Visual Arts (on 2/18). To register for either fair, visit [this link](#).

February 20: Students are invited to register for the *Summer Pre-College Virtual Program Fair*. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with representatives from 30+ U.S. colleges and universities to learn more about Summer 2021 academic programs for high school students. Registration is available [here](#).

February 28: The *National Association for College Admission Counseling* (NACAC) is hosting four virtual college fairs over the next few months, with the second on 2/28. Nearly 600 colleges will be in attendance. To register, visit [this link](#).

Not sure what to ask at a college fair? See a list of sample questions in the [previous Bulletin](#).

OTHER RESOURCES:

[Advantages of Taking a Gap Year](#), by College Admissions Strategies

[Both Sons Transferred Colleges After Freshman Year: Here's What I Learned](#), by Grown & Flown

[Changes in FAFSA May Reduce College Aid for Some Families](#), by the New York Times

[College Admissions Insider: The Role of Parents When Applying to College](#), by Bucknell University

[Four Ways to Tour Colleges at Home](#), by the Philadelphia Tribune

[From 1 Year to 2](#), by Inside Higher Ed

[New FAFSA Changes – Winners and Losers](#), by The College Solution

[ROTC Scholarships vs Military Service Academies](#), by Educated Quest

[Starting a College Search: Tip #1](#), by Tufts University

[We have to talk about GPAs again](#), by UVA

Key Quote: "We need to see the full transcript to understand your academic preparation. A GPA just can't convey that information."

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

MLHS Awards:

Friends of the Arts Scholarship: acknowledges graduating Mountain Lakes High School seniors who

have actively participated in the visual and/or performing arts both in and out of the school setting, and who plan to continue participating in the arts in the future. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. To access the application and learn more, visit [this link](#). The application is due by May 7.

The Home & School Association is proud to offer Financial Aid Scholarships to Mountain Lakes High School seniors to assist with college expenses. The application is available [HERE](#). Apply by April 26.

Junior Laker Basketball is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships in the amounts of both \$750 and \$300 to two graduating female seniors and two graduating male seniors of MLHS. Requirements for applicants are participation in JLB program as a youth in Mountain Lakes, a 1-2 page essay, and a letter of recommendation. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application, which is due by April 1.

Morris County / NJ Scholarships:

Arlene Persson Memorial Scholarship: The Rockaway Valley Garden Club is awarding a scholarship of up to \$1,000 to a graduating senior. This scholarship rewards demonstrated effort and interest in horticulture or and/or environmental initiatives within school or community by the applicant. Please note that the deadline for application and transcript submission is April 1. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application.

NJACAC High School Scholarship Award: NJACAC will award four \$1250 scholarships for 2021 high school graduates who will be attending a 2- or 4-year post-secondary institution. [Apply by](#) March 1.

Outside Scholarships:

Coolidge Scholarship: a full-ride scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. Students apply for the Coolidge Scholarship during their junior year of high school. The main criterion that distinguishes Coolidge Scholars is academic excellence. Secondary criteria include: demonstrated interest in public policy; an appreciation for the values Coolidge championed; as well as humility and service. [Apply by](#) February 24.

Doodle for Google: Use your imagination to create a Google Doodle based on what inner strength means to you. One National Winner's artwork will be displayed on Google.com for one day. He or she will also receive a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 technology package for their school! [Apply](#) by February 26.

Porch Scholarship: Porch will award a \$2,000 scholarship to eligible students. You must have a 3.4+ GPA and must be pursuing a degree that enables you or others in your community to learn a new trade, develop skills and technology, or start a small business related to home services offered by Porch. [Apply by](#) April 16.

Sertoma Scholarship for Students Who Are Hard of Hearing or Deaf: This is a \$1,000 scholarship to cover tuition, books and supplies. For more details, visit [this link](#). Apply by March 30.

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

See previously listed opportunities [HERE](#).

Pace University Precollege Immersion Program is an intensive two-week program designed for rising high school juniors and seniors. Students can choose from five academic tracks: Business, Digital Film Production, Environmental Studies, Psychology or Theater Arts. Students who complete this program and are subsequently admitted to Pace as an undergraduate will receive three general credits toward their degree, as well as a yearly \$3,000 scholarship. [Apply by](#) April 19.

Penn Summer Academies: Academies are subject-intensive three-week programs. Programs include the American Sign Language and Deaf Culture Academy, the Social Justice Research Academy, the Biomedical Research Academy, and more. The application deadline is May 1, but they recommend applying earlier as programs will fill up. Learn more [here](#).

Tufts Summer Research Experience: Welcomes high school juniors and seniors with prior research experience to join us for a virtual summer research experience at Tufts under active mentorship by Tufts' world-class researchers and their teams. [Apply by](#) May 1.

Want to learn more about summer program opportunities? Attend the *Summer Pre-College Virtual Program Fair*. Register [here](#).