



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

March 10, 2021

TESTING UPDATES:

[SAT, ACT Scores To Remain Optional For UMaryland Admissions Through 2023 Admission](#)

[Southern Methodist University to remain test-optional for Fall '22](#)

[Students applying to the University of Kentucky for the next three years will not need to submit ACT, SAT scores](#)

[UT-Austin won't require SAT or ACT scores for 2022 applications due to COVID-19](#)

* See **FairTest.Org's** full list of [Colleges & Universities with ACT/SAT-Optional Testing Policies for Fall 2022 Admissions](#).

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](#)

AP STUDENTS:

MLHS will be offering AP exams during **Administration 2**, which takes place between May 18–21 and 24–28. In this administration, some AP exams will be offered in-person at school, while others will be taken digitally from home. An email was sent by Mr. Wolfesperger on March 8 with a timetable and more details – contact him or Mrs. Nicholson with any questions.

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

April 13: In-school SAT for registered Juniors.

April 14: MLHS is excited to have Randy Levin present *The Top Ten Mistakes Students Make on Their College Application Essays*. This presentation will discuss the purpose of the essay and what admission officers are looking for. Randy Levin is a former high school English teacher and the author of *College Application Essays – Stand Out, Get In*. This event will be held virtually at 7pm. A registration link will be available in the next Bulletin. Students and parents of all grade levels are welcome to attend.

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

March 16: *National USA Gap Year Fair*. Get the most up to date information about gap year basics, how the gap year field has adapted to COVID, tips for researching & planning your gap year, navigating the college deferral process, and which programs are accepting applications. Registration is available [here](#).

March 16 & 21: The *National Association for College Admission Counseling* (NACAC) is hosting two virtual college fairs this month: the Performing & Visual Arts fair is on 3/16 and their general fair is on 3/21. To register for either of these events, visit [this link](#).

March 16: The *New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling* (NJACAC) is hosting a college fair! You can choose which colleges you want to hear from by registering for their sessions. You and your family can ask questions of the college representatives throughout the presentations. Check out the schedule, list of colleges (250+ participating), and register [here](#).

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

March 20: SCAD comes to NJ! Learn about *Savannah College of Art and Design's* innovative academic programs, art and design career options, and admission

requirements. The event will be held at the Archer Hotel in Florham Park. Registration is available [here](#).

March 24: *Study in Wales Presents: Professional Subjects in the UK (Law, Med, Vet)*. Sign up to learn about studying in the UK, going back to the US, fees, finance, and fun in Wales. Registration is available [here](#).

March 27 and April 10: *CCM Open House* - the perfect opportunity for you to take a closer look at County College of Morris! At these events, you can explore academic programs and career paths by meeting with faculty members, learn about student support services, and discuss the admissions and registration process. Sign up for the Open House [here](#).

March 30: The *College Board* is hosting a series of *BigFuture Days*, broken down by region. These virtual events are an opportunity for high school students to connect directly with college admissions representatives from different parts of the country. *BigFuture Day: West + Southwest* is their second event, hosted on 3/30. *BigFuture Days* are also scheduled for the Midwest and Southeast later this spring. Learn more and register [here](#).

March 31: *FAFSA Completion Workshop*. For more information, click [here](#).

OTHER RESOURCES:

[5 Steps to College Accommodations: A Guide for Students with Learning Differences](#), by ADDitude Magazine

[14 Tips for an Effective College Visit](#), by Yahoo News

[Building Your College List](#), by Barnard College

[Eight Emails Better Left Unsent](#), by Tulane University

[How to start thinking about the Common App's newest prompt](#), by College Admission Strategies

[N.J. makes 'free' community college program permanent as Murphy signs law](#), by NJ.com
Students from households earning \$65,000 or less qualify for the program.

[Not Submitting Scores](#), by Inside Higher Ed

Key Quote: "Only 44 percent of those who applied to college through the Common Application through Feb. 15 submitted SAT or ACT scores. That represents a substantial decline from last year...when the total through Feb. 15, 2020, was 77 percent."

[Ten Top Tips for College Scholarship Success](#), by International College Counselors

[Waiting Well in Uncertainty](#), by Georgia Tech
Key Quote: "A college admission decision does not define you—it is not a judgement of your character, abilities, or a predictor of future success."

[Why I'm Keeping My Daughter's Universe of Universities to Myself](#), by Grown & Flown

[Will COVID wipe out standardized college testing?](#), by Fortune

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:

American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Jersey, Elsie Bailey Memorial Grant & Claire Oliphant Memorial Grant: Scholarships are awarded on the basis

of character, Americanism, leadership, grades, and basis of need. Applicants for the Oliphant grant must have a grandparent or great-grandparent who served in the Armed Forces during specific eligibility dates. Learn more and apply [here](#) (Bailey Grant) and [here](#) (Oliphant Grant). Applications are due by April 15.

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. The deadline for application and transcript submission is April 1. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application.

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.

Montville UNICO Foundation Scholarships: The Montville Chapter of UNICO National, the largest Italian service organization in the U.S., is offering two scholarships that our seniors may qualify for: the Italian Studies Grant and Educational Grant. Review their eligibility requirements and learn more [here](#). Applications are due by April 16.

Morris County Association of School Business Officials is sponsoring the Jerome F. Sullivan and MCASBO Memorial Scholarship. Applicants are eligible for a \$1,000-\$2,000 scholarship. MLHS can nominate one applicant (a graduating senior). Interested students should email Mrs. Nicholson by March 15 with a brief description on why they would be a good candidate for this award. Please include your extracurricular activities, any positions of leadership/awards, and your planned college major (must be related to business).

New Jersey Hall of Fame Arete Scholarship Fund: The Arête Scholarships (\$5,000) will be awarded to a deserving male and female student graduating in 2021 from a NJ high school. Recipients of the scholarship are young people who demonstrate that sense of Jersey pride and that willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. The successful applicants must demonstrate qualities such as academic engagement, moral character, and a commitment to their community. [Apply](#) by May 1.

NJSCA High School Award: NJSCA will be awarding three \$1,000 awards and plaques to high school seniors who recognize the important role of their school counselor. Applicants must write a 300-500 word essay describing how your school counselor has influenced your life in a positive way. [Apply by](#) March 15.

Outside Scholarships:

Handeli First-Year Student Scholarship is awarded annually to two graduating high school seniors who are preparing to seek a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada. Applicants must demonstrate a record of leadership and/or volunteer service in any aspect of their local community, and must also self-identify as Jewish. [Apply](#) by March 15.

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.

Shell Scholarships provide financial and career assistance to graduating high school seniors who have expressed an interest in the energy industry and demonstrated an aptitude in mathematics and science. Shell will sponsor up to 20 one-year awards of \$2,500 for selected seniors enrolling in engineering or geosciences at universities identified by Shell. [Apply](#) by March 15.

Tzu Chi Scholars is now accepting applications for a scholarship (Mid-Atlantic applicants are eligible for a \$1,000 award). All high school graduating seniors are encouraged to apply. Scholars are selected on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement. The [application](#) is due by March 13.

Looking for more scholarship opportunities? Check out [FastWeb.com](#)

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

See previously listed opportunities [HERE](#).

Buffalo Pharmacy Summer Institute is an enrichment program providing information about the challenging career pathway opportunities in the profession of pharmacy and exposure to the fields of pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical sciences to interested and

motivated students. This program is FREE. [Apply](#) by June 1.

Fordham Summer Business Programs: Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business offers three unique summer programs (in entrepreneurship, finance, and global finance) designed specifically for high school students. Learn more and apply [here](#).

NovaEdge Diversity in Engineering – Virtual Summer Program is a five-day program that introduces a diverse population of students from different ethnic and social backgrounds to the traditional fields of engineering, including Chemical, Civil and Environmental, Computer and Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering. The program is open to rising sophomore, junior and senior high school students. The [application](#) is due March 15.

Rutgers Pre-College Summer Academies are two-week certificate programs designed for high school students ages 16-18. Students can select from the Engineering, Leadership, Physical Therapy, or Law Academy programs. More information is available [here](#). Rutgers also offers a Summer Scholars program and an SAT/ACT Prep program. Learn about these options [here](#).

Summer @ Stern offers rising high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to learn fundamental concepts of business—including accounting, finance, economics, marketing, and psychology—from NYU Stern's world-renowned faculty. [Applications](#) are due by March 19 at 9:00 am.