



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

March 23, 2021

CLASS UPDATES:

Seniors

* Please update your Naviance account as you receive decisions. And, please keep Mrs. Nicholson & your School Counselor updated, so they can support you and celebrate with you through this process!

* A reminder for anyone who receives disappointing news from a college:

"A college admission decision does not define you—it is not a judgement of your character, abilities, or a predictor of future success. Let's add on to that: a college in and of itself will not define you either. So, if you feel stuck, fixated on daydreaming about how great life will be at this one college if you could just get admitted... rethink that perspective. Don't give any one school that kind of weight—put that power back in yourself. You'll explore new opportunities, invest in your own personal development, challenge yourself, and create new relationships in the coming years. That's not dependent on one college—that's all you." – Georgia Tech Admissions

* If you receive a waitlist decision, check out this guide from the College Essay Guy on [How to Write a Great Letter of Continued Interest](#).

* A number of colleges have contacted our Counseling Office and indicated that they are still accepting applications. They recognize that COVID has delayed the application process for many students. Please contact Mrs. Nicholson if you would like more information.

Juniors

* Check out this blog post from Georgia Tech Admissions: [NEED-New College Admissions Map](#). This article challenges you to look beyond the colleges that you're already familiar with. Follow their suggestions and survey your surroundings!

* This article by Inside Higher Ed is another great resource on the application process: [7 Things High School Juniors Can Do Now](#)

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 Zoom link will be shared in the next Bulletin.

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

March 23-24: *Colleges That Change Lives Virtual College Exploration Fair*. [Colleges That Change Lives \(CTCL\)](#) is a collaboration among the 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's classic book, *Colleges That Change Lives*. This fair will provide a wealth of college search information and opportunities to learn about the CTCL schools. Learn more and register [here](#).

March 25: *The Princeton Review* will host a panel of admissions experts from across the country for a conversation on *Inclusion and Equity in College Admissions*. The presentation will discuss Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI), as well as LGBTQ and other aspects of belonging in the college process. Register [here](#).

March 25 & April 11: *National Catholic College Admission Association (CCAA) Virtual College Fairs*. Virtually connect with admission representatives from 59 National CCAA member colleges and universities at these events. You can choose which colleges you want to explore by registering for their sessions – and you

can ask questions throughout the presentations. The program will also include a presentation entitled, "Why Catholic Colleges?" 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 29: The *New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling* (NJACAC) is hosting a *LGBTQ+ Virtual College Fair!* You will have the chance to hear from many different schools and ask questions. Each college registered has taken active steps in building their LGBTQ+ communities. Registration is available [here](#).

March 29-April 1: Join *CACHET (College Admissions Collaborative Highlighting Engineering & Technology)* for a week of programming! The week kicks off with a college fair and includes presentations on navigating STEM throughout your college search process. Registration is available [here](#).

March 30: The *College Board* is hosting a series of *BigFuture Days*, broken down by region. These virtual events are an opportunity for students to connect directly with admission 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:

[Admissions in 60 - Test Optional](#), by Rutgers University

[College Guy: How your name is sold to colleges for marketing](#), by Concord Monitor. *Brennan Barnard answers the question, "I have been getting emails and snail mail from NYU, The University of Chicago and other selective colleges. Is this a good sign?"*

[Expect College Wait Lists to Be Obnoxiously Long This Year](#), by the Wall Street Journal

Key Quote: "With students applying to more schools, admissions officers struggle to predict who will actually accept their offers."

[Is It Harder to Get Into College in 2021?](#), by the Wall Street Journal

[N.J. college radio station named best in the country](#), by NJ.com. *Future communications/broadcasting majors should check this out!*

[The Academic Progress Tournament Returns](#), by Inside Higher Ed. *Check out their annual bracket, which shows who would win the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship based on academic performance!*

[TheCollegeT.com](#) *When COVID hit, this counselor created a list of local college students and recent grads who were willing to speak with high school students about their colleges. It blew up and turned The College T! The College T now has 400 student ambassadors representing over 150 colleges that are willing to speak to high schoolers.*

[Waiting for April 1st](#), by the University of Southern California

[Which Colleges Offer the Best Virtual Campus Visits?](#), by College Confidential

TESTING UPDATES:

- [ACT, SAT Optional for Admission to the University of Kentucky for Next 3 Years](#)

- [Washington State University no longer using SAT and ACT in admissions](#)

- [Worcester Polytechnic Institute Moves from Test Optional to Test Blind Admissions Policy](#)

* 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](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Intertech STEM Scholarships: a scholarship of \$2500, awarded to a senior who intends to study computer science. Applicants must have a 3.3+ GPA. [Apply by April 15.](#)

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship awards \$10,000 to 200 recipients studying engineering or computer science at a 4-year college or university. Recipients may renew the scholarship up to three times for a total potential value of \$40,000 per student. The deadline to [apply](#) is April 1.

Morris County College Fair Scholarships: Two scholarships are available - one for a student planning to attend County College of Morris, and the other for a student planning to attend any four-year college. Applicants should have exhibited good citizenship, demonstrate current financial need, and have contributed to the life of their high school and community. Interested students should email Mrs. Nicholson by April 15 with a brief description on why they would be a good candidate for this award.

Morris County Professional Counselor Association awards approximately \$5,000 in scholarships each year to at least four Morris County high school graduates who plan to attend a four-year or two-year undergraduate institution. Candidates must plan to pursue a career in a helping profession. Interested students should email Mrs. Nicholson by April 2 with a brief description on why they would be a good candidate for this award. Please include your extracurricular activities and employment, as well as any positions of leadership. Selected candidates will be asked to write a one-page essay on who or what has inspired you to go into a helping career.

Scott and Kim Verplank Foundation Scholarship provides college scholarships of up to \$10,000 to students with a childhood diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes. [Apply by April 15.](#)

Society of Women Engineers has a variety of scholarships available for students who will be entering their freshmen year of college. The scholarships support those who identify as a female and are pursuing an ABET-accredited program in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology and computer science. Learn more [here](#).

The Warrior's Legacy Scholarship Fund: assists the children of military, law enforcement, or first responders in their professional development goals. Graduating seniors with a 3.0+ are eligible for this \$5,000 award. Learn more [here](#); apply by May 31.

PREVIOUSLY SHARED & STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Jersey, Elsie Bailey Memorial Grant & Claire Oliphant Memorial Grant: Learn more [here](#) (Bailey Grant) and [here](#) (Oliphant Grant). Applications are due by April 15.

Arlene Persson Memorial Scholarship: Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application, due April 1.

Friends of the Arts Scholarship: Use [this link](#) to apply. Applications are due by May 7.

The Home & School Association: The application is available [HERE](#). Apply by April 26.

Junior Laker Basketball: Contact Mrs. Nicholson for a copy of the application, which is due by April 1.

Hearing Loss Association of America, New Jersey Association: [Apply](#) by May 1.

Montville UNICO Foundation Scholarships: Learn more [here](#). Applications are due by April 16.

New Jersey Hall of Fame Arete Scholarship Fund: [Apply](#) by May 1.

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

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

See previously listed opportunities [HERE](#).

Marist Virtual Summer Pre-College Programs give students the opportunity to earn three transferable college credits while they're still in high school! Students can pick from 14 different programs, including Polling & Politics, Sports Communication, Fashion Merchandising, and Criminal Justice. Applications are reviewed on a rolling, space available basis per program. Learn more [here](#).

Pratt's Summer PreCollege Intensive Program: If you intend to pursue art, design, architecture, or writing as a college major, your portfolio will be an important part of the college application process. The PreCollege Intensive Program provides students with an opportunity to build their art and design skills, create a portfolio of their work, and explore possibilities for study and employment in creative fields. Learn more [here](#).