

COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

May 11, 2021

AP STUDENTS:

- * See the last page of the Bulletin for the AP exam schedule. As a reminder, digital exams will be taken from home; paper exams will be taken at MLHS. Classroom assignments for in-person exams will be shared next week.
- Students will be excused from classes on the day(s) they are taking an AP exam.
- **TO DO NOW:** Download the AP Digital App and start practicing! This will confirm that your testing computer works as expected before exam day. It also allows you to get to preview the pre-exam steps and access digital practice for each of your AP exams.
- TO DO 1-3 DAYS BEFORE EACH EXAM: Exam Setup. For EACH digital AP Exam you take, you must complete the exam setup step in the digital testing app. This step loads your exam onto the computer you're going to test with. Completing this step is required 1-3 days before each exam. Without taking this step for each exam, you will not be able to test. Instructions are available HERE.
- * For more information on AP testing, please review these documents:

Overview of Digital AP Exams

4 Steps to Take Before Digital AP Exams

Preparing Your Home for Digital Exams / What to Bring (and NOT to Bring) to In-Person Exams (scroll down to bottom of page)

- * Reminder: Any AP students with a Chromebook must contact Mrs. Nicholson ASAP for information about downloading the digital app.
- * Need help preparing for AP exams? *Live Review* is a series of livestreamed sessions on YouTube, hosted by AP teachers from across the country. Learn more here.

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

Throughout May: *Senior Exit Interviews* will be taking place throughout the month of May. Seniors, look for an email from your School Counselor with your meeting information!

May 19 at 7pm: Stockton University's Director of Financial Aid will be presenting on Financial Aid & Financing Higher Education. Registration is available HERE.

June 2 at 7pm: Annual College Admission Panel. MLHS is excited to welcome representatives from Clemson University, Emory University, Tufts University, and the University of Wisconsin! Our panelists will provide advice and insight on the admission process. This program is open to all MLHS families.

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84878870735

June 9 at 9am: Senior Parent Coffee: Transition to College. This discussion will offer support and advice to parents of seniors as they prepare to transition to college in the fall. A Zoom link will be shared in the next Bulletin.

Save the Date for Camp College: a summer college application workshop for rising seniors. On **August 3** and **4**, Mrs. Nicholson will walk students through each section of the Common Application, Naviance, and Brag Sheets.

Missed the College Essay Presentation? A recording is available here.

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

May 12: Atlantic Health System is hosting Career Tips for Teens. During the event, students will have the opportunity to learn more about resume writing,

interview skills, and social media etiquette. Registration is available here.

May 12: Student Program hosted by Bates, Davidson, Oberlin, and Occidental. Join representatives of these top liberal arts colleges to learn more about academic opportunities at our institutions, financial aid, and the student experience. This event is also being held on May 20. Registration is available here.

May 12: Lehigh University is hosting Virtual Spotlight Sessions throughout May and June. These sessions cover topics like Navigating Admissions Interviews (May 18), Holistic Admissions (May 25), The College Essay (June 2), and Athletic Recruitment (June 10). The first event, on May 12, covers their Engineering Programs. Register for a session here.

May 12: Muhlenberg College hosts Writing the College Essay. During the workshop, our team will offer advice on how to choose your essay topic, discuss common mistakes students make in their essays, and how to let your voice shine through in 650 words or less! Register here.

May 12: Washington University in St. Louis is hosting the Road to College Webinar Series this month. It kicks off with Building Your College List on May 12, followed by Affording College on May 19 — which will provide tips and takeaways that can be used at any institution during your college search process. Their final event Navigating Selective Admissions takes place on May 26. They will discuss the admissions process for highly selective colleges and what admissions offices look for in a student's application. Registration is available here.

May 13: Do you want to compete in college sports? Join the *NCAA Eligibility Center* for their spring webinar for college-bound student-athletes. This webinar will teach you about the initial-eligibility requirements you must meet in order to study and play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school. Register here.

May 13 & 16: Big Ten Academic Alliance. During these virtual events, you will learn all about the benefits of attending a Big Ten institution. You will also have the opportunity for a high-level glimpse at each institution (Purdue, Indiana, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, University of Chicago, Northwestern, Rutgers, Maryland, Penn State, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin). Register here.

May 16: Exploring College Options with Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford. This webinar will help you explore your college options and prepare a strong and reflective application in this time of change and new challenges. During the program, admission officers from our five universities will introduce their institutions, discuss the college application process, answer general questions, and provide individual school breakout sessions. This program will be offered on multiple dates throughout the month of May. Learn more and register here.

May 16: Syracuse University is hosting a College Search Kick-Off webinar. In this session, admission staff will discuss how to search for a college during a pandemic, how to write an effective college essay and what we look for in an applicant. Register here.

May 20: Providence College is hosting a webinar on College Admission Interviews. If you're preparing for college interviews this fall and are looking for some assistance, join us to learn more about what to expect and for helpful tips & tricks to best take advantage of these valuable opportunities. Register here.

May 21: Grants vs. scholarships, no-loan, and demonstrated need? We explain financial aid lingo and break down the process. Join members of Johns Hopkins' Student Financial Services team to hear how aid eligibility is determined, types of aid available, and strategies for covering college expenses. Register here.

May 22: Stevens Math Olympiad: a free mathematics competition for students in grades 3-12 that entails solving mathematical and logical problems. Register here.

May 27: Emory University is hosting Owning Your Process: College Essay Writing. Join Emory Admission Officers as they share tips on how to tell your story and effectively use your voice in your college essay. Register here.

June 11: What Does Fit Really Mean? Navigating the U.S. College Search Process. Looking beyond the rankings, representatives from Bates College, Claremont McKenna College, Colgate University, and Wesleyan University will help you gain a better understanding of how majors, locations, campus culture, and you can fit into the college selection process. Register here.

OTHER RESOURCES:

Be on the Lookout for Financial Aid Scams, by News19

<u>College Loans: What High School Seniors Must Know</u>, by US News

Ethical College Admissions: 'Rejectivity', by Inside Higher Ed

Key Quote: "Over the past 30 years, the number of colleges and universities that qualify as 'highly rejective' has proliferated. In 1992 there were 20 colleges that admitted fewer than one-third of applicants, according to data provided in that year's U.S. News & World Report 'America's Best Colleges' guide; today there are 75 to 80. There were two colleges that admitted fewer than 20 percent, and today that number is closer to 40."

<u>Thinking (and Re-Thinking) Your Final College Decision,</u> by Georgia Tech Admissions

<u>Trailblazers: The Untold Stories of Six Women</u> <u>Engineers</u>, by Clarkson University

Why – and how – showing interest boosts acceptance, by Concord Monitor. This article does a great job explaining what demonstrated interest is and how you can show it.

Key Quote: "Imagine you are hiring for a position at work. You have two candidates with similar backgrounds, experiences and strengths. Applicant A simply submits an application. Applicant B requests an interview, frequents your business and communicates with you through email and phone calls. It is clear to you from this contact that Applicant B understands your company and the work culture of your team. Given their equal qualifications, which applicant are you more likely to hire?"

TESTING UPDATES:

- * University of Miami: Test Optional for 2022
- * See **FairTest.Org's** full list of <u>Colleges & Universities</u> 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 fill up early.

SAT Registration, ACT Registration

CAREER/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out **CCM's NEW Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship** program! Apprenticeship has many benefits to participants over traditional educational programs including a direct connection to employers (and a paycheck!), certification, and individualized support. This program is ideal for those students who would like to work while working towards a college degree or who are interested in bridging the gap to a career in healthcare. Learn more here.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

If you have been selected as a recipient for any scholarship listed in the Bulletin, please let Mrs. Nicholson know!

Bross & Frankel Disability Scholarship: This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student with a disability who will be attending a university, college, or community college in the fall of 2021. Apply by June 30.

Digital Marketing Scholarship: We accept applications with essays for those students who are planning to be enrolled or are currently enrolled in a digital marketing, technology, communications, marketing, business or a related field. The winner receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Apply by June 1.

MLHS Alumni Class of '69 Scholarship: Eligibility criteria for college scholarship: (1) graduating senior at MLHS (regardless of hometown), (2) minimum overall GPA of 3.7, (3) demonstrable community service, and (4) compelling financial need. Complete the application (attached to last week's Bulletin email) by May 18 and send it to sandy.harrison@comcast.net. Applicants should also include a copy of your MLHS transcript and most recent report card.

There's Space for Everyone Scholarship: Incoming and current undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in an accredited college or university during the fall 2021 semester are eligible to apply. You must provide a 500-word essay that answers the following question: How will you utilize your education and experiences to make your community a more equal, inclusive place for everyone? Apply by June 15.

<u>PREVIOUSLY SHARED & STILL ACCEPTING</u> <u>APPLICATIONS</u> (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarship: Apply by May 20.

The Warrior's Legacy Scholarship Fund: more <u>here;</u> apply by May 31.

Looking for more scholarship opportunities? Check out FastWeb.com

MLHS AP EXAM SCHEDULE:



May 20: deadline for the digital submission of AP Art and Design portfolios and AP Computer Science Principles (CSP), AP Seminar, and AP Research performance tasks.

June 4: AP Chinese Language & Culture exam.

Reminder: Digital exams will be taken from home; paper exams will be taken in-person at MLHS. See the website <u>HERE</u> for more information.

Contact Mrs. Nicholson at cnicholson@mlschools.org if you have any questions.