



## COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

June 17, 2021

### CLASS UPDATES:

#### **Seniors**

\* Congratulations! The Counseling Office wishes you all the best next year. Please stay in touch and share your experiences. Should you need any support, do not hesitate to contact our office.

#### **Juniors**

\* Check out the [Junior-Senior College Search & Application Timeline](#) to be sure you stay on top of the college process! This provides a month-by-month breakdown of what you need to do to prepare for and submit college applications. Reach out to Mrs. Nicholson at [cnicholson@mlschools.org](mailto:cnicholson@mlschools.org) if you have any questions.

\* Do not forget to request letters of recommendation! Juniors should request recommendations from teachers before the end of the school year. Most colleges require 2 teacher recommendations, from core academic classes. Contact Mrs. Nicholson or your School Counselor if you have any questions.

### UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

**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 Admission Panel? Check out the recording [HERE](#) for great advice from Tufts, Emory, Clemson, and Wisconsin admission representatives.

Missed the Senior Parent Coffee: Transition to College? Check out a list of tips [here!](#)

### OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

**June 17:** The New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling is hosting an *LGBTQ+ Student Panel*. Join us as we host a panel of current college students who will share their experiences both as high school students trying to find a college fit and their experiences in college. A Zoom link is available [here](#).

**June 17:** *College Guidance Network: Straight Talk with College Admission Leaders*. Join CGN host Brennan Barnard as he welcomes Milyon Trulove of *Reed College* and Dr. Mary Wagner of *University of South Carolina* for a 60-minute live Q&A event. Students and their families in the audience are encouraged to ask anything and everything about the college admission process. Registration is available [here](#).

**June 17:** *Researching Colleges & Universities*, hosted by *Sewanee: The University of the South*. College and Universities come in all shapes and sizes, from large public institutions to small private schools. This session will provide tips on navigating your college search. Registration is available [here](#).

**June 22:** The *University of Rochester* is hosting a *College Admissions Workshop Series* throughout June. Register for a session on *College Interviewing 101* or attend a *Mock Admissions Committee*. Sign up [here](#).

**June 22:** Join *Brown, UChicago, Columbia, Cornell* and *Rice* for a virtual information session for prospective students and their families. Sessions include a brief overview of each institution, information on admissions and financial aid, and a chance to ask questions of admissions representatives. Register [here](#).

**June 22:** *Oberlin College* is hosting an *Admissions 101* webinar series throughout the summer. Join them on 6/22 learn about *Finding the School That's Right for You* or on 7/6 to hear *Insights into the Application and Review Process*. Register [here](#).

**June 25:** Join *Bates College, Claremont McKenna College, Colgate University, and Wesleyan University* for upcoming virtual events! On June 25, they host *Understanding Standardized Testing in the U.S. Admissions Process*. Future sessions cover holistic admissions and financial aid. Register [here](#).

**June 26:** *C2 Education* is hosting free SAT and ACT practice tests on a few dates this month, including June 26. Sign up [here](#).

**July 10-15:** The *Princeton Review* is offering a week of free programming. Start off the week with a free SAT or ACT practice test. Other events include *SAT, ACT or Both?, Finding Your Dream College*, and a *College Essay Workshop*. Learn more and register [here](#).

**August 19:** *Metro 5 Summer Student Program* with *Trinity College, University of Richmond, Rhodes College, Macalester College, and Lewis & Clark College*. Love small classes but also want access to a city? Join us for an opportunity to learn more about why these selective, liberal arts colleges in city settings are teaming up to provide insight into the admission process and college experience. Register [here](#).

## OTHER RESOURCES:

[@admissions\\_kid](#) Instagram account. *Check out this peer-to-peer account that covers all things admissions! A quick way learn about things like the difference between ED and EA and the personal statement vs. the supplemental essay.*

[13 Tips for Parents and Guardians in the Process](#), by Tulane University

[Applying Sideways, Beyond Admissions](#), by MIT Admissions

[College Admission: Give Your Full 75%!](#), by Georgia Tech

[Former College Dean: What Students Should Look for in a College](#), by Grown & Flown

*Key Quote: "...an excellent education can be had at many colleges and universities in the United States, not just those deemed the very best. Focusing on admission to a single elite school, or to a group of elite schools, is simply unwise...."*

[Highly Recommended](#), by Oberlin College

[How the national test-optional experiment played out at US colleges](#), by Higher Ed Dive

[How to Plan the Ultimate College Visit Road Trip](#), by Bucknell University

[Learn the Lingo](#), by Sewanee: The University of the South

[REAL Advice: 5 Things Nobody Tells You about Freshman Year](#), by the University of South Carolina

[The Impact of COVID on College Admission](#), by Emory University

[This Will Look Great on my Application... Right?](#), by Tulane University

## TESTING UPDATES:

[Clemson University will remain ACT/SAT-optional for fall 2022](#)

[Pitzer College Adopts Test-Blind Admission Policy](#)

➔ See [FairTest.Org's](#) full list of [Colleges & Universities with ACT/SAT-Optional Testing Policies for Fall 2022 Admissions](#). "Test-optional/test-blind policies are the 'new normal' for admissions at more than 60% of all bachelor-degree institutions."

**SAT/ACT Registration:** Below, you'll find the links to register for SAT and ACT exams. Registration for Fall test dates will be available by early July.

[SAT Registration](#), [ACT Registration](#)

**Upcoming MLHS test dates:** September 11 (ACT), October 2 (SAT), and October 23 (ACT). We also hope to offer an SAT School Day for Juniors and Seniors in October.

Check out free test prep resources:

[Official SAT Practice Tests - College Board](#)

[SAT Practice Tests - Khan Academy](#)

[ACT Practice Test](#)

[Learn the Playbook](#) (offered at no cost if you qualify for free or reduced lunch)

Additionally, please see the *Princeton Review & C2 Education* practice test opportunities listed under "Other College/Career Events."

Note: the Counseling Office does not endorse any particular test prep organizations; we simply want to make students aware of opportunities.

## **CAREER/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Mountain Lakes School District Technology Internship** (July-August): Interested students should send their resume to Mr. Nate Fitch at [nftich@mlschools.org](mailto:nftich@mlschools.org).

**Zufall Health** is hiring for full time or part time summer jobs. Graduating seniors are eligible to apply. They looking for Project Clerks (bilingual preferred) to help with administrative and clerical duties for multiple locations across Northern NJ. Send your resume and cover letter to [cthompson@zufallhealth.org](mailto:cthompson@zufallhealth.org) or [egomez@zufallhealth.org](mailto:egomez@zufallhealth.org).

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Mountain Lakes Swim & Dive Association Scholarship** is pleased to offer graduating seniors who meet the following criteria two \$1,000 scholarships (one for men, one for women): You must have been a member of the Summer Swim and/or Dive team for at least two summers during your high school years (summer of 2017-summer of 2021) and have plans to continue your education at an accredited university, college or trade school. Interested individuals must email the essay and requested information by midnight the evening of July 2 to [mlswimdiveteam@gmail.com](mailto:mlswimdiveteam@gmail.com). For the essay prompt and more information, see the email sent on 6/10 or reach out to [cnicholson@mlschools.org](mailto:cnicholson@mlschools.org).

## **PREVIOUSLY SHARED & STILL ACCEPTING**

**APPLICATIONS:** (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

**Avive College Scholarship:** [Apply](#) by June 30.

**Bross & Frankel Disability Scholarship:** [Apply](#) by June 30.

**New Silver Fintech Scholarship:** [Apply by](#) June 30.

**Perlego Future Leaders in Tech:** [Apply](#) by August 20.

Looking for more scholarship opportunities? Check out [FastWeb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS:**

### ***Exploring Entrepreneurship (Fordham University):***

During this week-long intensive, students will gain a comprehensive overview of the entrepreneurial process in a hands-on fashion. From coming up with a business idea, testing & refining, and ultimately pitching that idea to a panel of university professors and entrepreneurs, this week will prove to be a thought-provoking, skills-building, and transformative experience. [Applications](#) are open to Juniors and Seniors.

### ***Westminster High School Vocal Institute of Rider University***

invites current high school students to experience the magic of our collegiate arts community in-person under the direction of choral conductor and clinician, Jason Vodicka, the two-week Vocal Institute.

[Registration](#) ends July 9.