

COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

June 2, 2021

AP STUDENTS:

* June 20 is the deadline for students to indicate a free score report recipient. Students may indicate one college, university, or scholarship program to receive a free copy of their AP score report. To do this, students must: Sign in to My AP > Go to My AP Profile > Click the Score Send tab > Enter the college, university, or scholarship program, select it, and click Save.

CLASS UPDATES:

Seniors

- * Study tips in college (from MIT): You'll soon be sitting in your first college class, so take the time to read up on some suggestions on time management, testing, and study skills.
- * <u>Build a personal campus resources directory:</u> Learn about the services available on your college campus, and keep track of them here. It will serve as an important guide as you settle in on campus in the fall.

Juniors

- * Check out <u>How to Create a College List (with tracking spreadsheet)</u>. Make sure you're excited about *all* the schools on your list, not just the reaches. On that note, *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be* is a great read.
- * As you narrow down your list, create <u>a second</u> <u>spreadsheet with deadlines</u> for applications, and scholarships, number of required recommendations, testing policies, etc.
- * Letters of Recommendation: Juniors should request recommendations from teachers before the end of the school year. Most colleges require 2 teacher recommendations. Contact Mrs. Nicholson or your School Counselor if you have any questions.

- * <u>5 Resources and Tips for Getting Scholarships and</u>
 <u>Financial Aid</u>: These are a great set of tips and resources
 as you begin your scholarship search. Use <u>this template</u>
 to keep track of opportunities that might be a good fit.
- * Test prep: If you're planning to take the SAT or ACT in late summer or fall, check out the "Testing Updates" section for some free test prep resources.
- * Interested in applying to a service academy? That process starts earlier! They are already accepting applications for the Class of 2026. Learn more about applying below:

United States Air Force Academy

United States Merchant Marine Academy

U.S. Military Academy at West Point

United States Naval Academy

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

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. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please email cnicholson@mlschools.org and we will be sure to address them during the Zoom.

Zoom link:

https://zoom.us/j/93715571312?pwd=bTRpR0F5bG9zS TEwZ2NJY0RXUVNWQT09

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.

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

June 2 & 10: Lehigh University is hosting Virtual Spotlight Sessions throughout May and June. These sessions cover topics like *The College Essay* (June 2) and *Athletic Recruitment* (June 10). Register for a session here.

June 3-29: The *University of Rochester* is hosting a College Admissions Workshop Series throughout June. Register for a session on *Finding the Right Fit, The College Admissions Essay, College Interviewing 101,* or attend a *Mock Admissions Committee*. Sign up here.

June 5: Curious about what sets the Sister Colleges apart? The deans and directors of admission at the Sister Colleges invite you to a join us for an information session. Learn more about Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith, and Wellesley at this event, held on June 5 and June 8. Register here.

June 6-17: The Coast to Coast program provides an introduction to each of our institutions: Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, University of California-Berkeley, and Vanderbilt University. We have partnered to offer insight into the seemingly complex admissions process. Multiple dates are offered; 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.

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.

OTHER RESOURCES:

<u>College Guy: Get the most out of campus tours</u>, by the Concord Monitor

<u>College Knowledge: 5 tips for COVID-safe campus visits</u> <u>this year</u>, by Morning Sun

<u>Colorado Becomes 1st State To Ban Legacy College</u> Admissions, by NPR

How to Apply for Scholarships and Grants: All You Need to Know, by The College Post. This is a great guide on scholarships. Read this and start applying! Many of our seniors have shared that they wish they had started applying for scholarships earlier.

<u>Parents: LEAVE NO DOUBT!</u>, by Georgia Tech Admissions

Key Quote: "[Parents] as you head into the summer before their senior year, now is the time to be 100% sure they know that your love, pride, and belief in them is based not on where they apply, get admitted, or ultimately go to college."

SAT Dates and Deadlines: Quick Guide and Tips [2021-2022], by The College Post

States and Systems Move Away From Testing in Admissions, by Inside Higher Ed

When Should Parents Step in During the Admission Process?, by CollegeExpress

TESTING UPDATES:

- * <u>CUNY: Temporary Suspension of Standardized Testing</u>
 <u>Requirements</u>
- * UNC System schools won't require SAT/ACT test scores for students applying in fall 2022
- * <u>University of Tennessee Knoxville: Test-Optional</u>
 <u>Applications Continue through 2025 Admission</u>
- * 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. Registration for Fall test dates will be available by early July.

SAT Registration, ACT Registration

* Learn the Playbook is offering summer test prep courses. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can attend their courses for free. Learn more here.

* Check out other free test prep resources:

Official SAT Practice Tests - College Board

SAT Practice Tests - Khan Academy

ACT Practice Test

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

CAREER/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- * Interested in pursuing a career path in the skilled trades? Click <u>HERE</u> for an overview of postsecondary courses/programs offered at *Morris County Vocational* for students in electrical, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry, welding and allied healthcare.
- * Mountain Lakes School District Technology Internship (July August): Under direction, the candidate will be responsible for repairing, servicing, and maintaining computer equipment and related peripheral devices; does other related duties as required. Qualifications: Prior successful experience and/or training with personal computers and networking. Must be able to lift 40 lbs. Must have valid driver's license and provide own transportation. Interested students should send their resume to Mr. Nate Fitch at 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. Duties include: act as a greeter to patients; answer the telephone, complete registration and conduct intake as needed; direct patients, answer questions; review documentation. Send your resume and cover letter to cthompson@zufallhealth.org or egomez@zufallhealth.org.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

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

Avive College Scholarship: How would you drive awareness about the importance of CPR and using an AED? Share your proposal with us by submitting either a

video (less than 5 minutes) or short essay. The winner will receive a \$750 scholarship. Apply by June 30.

CIA Undergraduate Scholarship Program: is a financial needs-based initiative where you will be exposed to intelligence challenges while performing meaningful work that relates to your college major. Scholarship applications are accepted through June 18 for internship opportunities in Summer 2022. Undergraduate students, serving as scholarship recipients with CIA, attend an accredited college/university on a full-time basis and work during summer breaks at the Agency. If f selected as a scholarship recipient, you will receive a wide array of benefits, including tuition assistance up to \$18,000 per calendar year for tuition; STEM field positions receive tuition up to \$25,000 per calendar year. Learn more here.

ConnectHER Film Festival is an international youth competition that welcomes short films about issues that impact women and girls. Filmmakers must be 13 to 25 years old at the submission date. Winners will receive \$2,500-\$5,000. The submission deadline is June 15. Learn more here.

Perlego Future Leaders in Tech: the winner will receive a scholarship of \$5,000/year for 4 years of college/university. In addition they will receive a 1-3 month internship after graduation. Applicants must have financial need and be interested in/studying technology, computer science, or engineering. Apply by August 20.

New Silver Fintech Scholarship: All applicants must currently be enrolled or in the process of enrolling as a full-time student at an accredited U.S. college or university. Preference will be given to women who are enrolled in technology and entrepreneurship related majors. We would like to hear from you about what you think the future of financial technologies holds for the world. Submit a 1000 word essay on this topic. Apply by June 30.

PixelPlex Bi-Annual STEM Scholarship: The \$2000 scholarship was established to help support and inspire students to pursue further education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as economics and business. One student will be chosen from the applicant pool and will be awarded

based on the strength of their written essay. Apply by June 5.

PREVIOUSLY SHARED & STILL ACCEPTING

APPLICATIONS: (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

Bross & Frankel Disability Scholarship: Apply by June 30.

There's Space for Everyone Scholarship: Apply by June 15.

Looking for more scholarship opportunities? Check out <u>FastWeb.com</u>

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Morris County Vocational School District's Summer Exploration Program: for youth ages 16 – 21. Spend a week or more exploring in demand trades that can put you on a lucrative career path. We developed this summer program to explore a few skilled trades and determine what path might be right for you. Sessions are offered in Electricity, Plumbing, Welding, and Auto Tech. Learn more and register here.