



COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

September 12, 2022

NEW COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR:

Hello, MLHS! My name is Anne Gregory and I am excited to introduce myself as the new College & Career Counselor. I have spent over 10 years working as a School Counselor in High School with extensive experience in college admissions. Prior to my role as a school counselor I was an attorney. I am excited to focus on the college and career aspect of school counseling and have enjoyed getting to know the students and families of Mountain Lakes. I look forward to helping students refine their college lists and complete their applications. If you have any college-related questions or just want to say hello, reach out to me at agregory@mlschools.org

MLHS PRESENTATIONS:

“The College Aid Process” Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM via zoom meeting: Ed Zamora from Principia Prep will cover the financial aid process and the important items to consider while applying to college during the pandemic. He will also discuss their **scholarship program**. [James Russo Memorial Scholarship Video](#)

Topic to be discussed: New Changes to the FAFSA form, Changes to Federal Loans, Loan Forgiveness, the New NJ Garden State Grant Programs, State Financial Aid Changes, the Impact of Early Decision and Early Action on Financial Aid and New Deadlines for the College Process. *****Please Register in advance***** to receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the zoom meeting

[College Aid Process Registration Link](#)

Parents/Guardians should email any questions in advance to info@principiaprep.com so that the answers can be addressed during the presentation.

The College Application Process for Seniors Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Google Meet:

Senior Parents/Guardians and Students are encouraged and welcome to attend the College Application Process on September 20th at 7:00 via google meets. We will review the college application process, which will include mandatory MLHS forms, timelines, the Common Application, Naviance procedures and a Q & A session.

Senior College Application Basics

Tuesday, September 20 · 7:00 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ynf-jsxg-sdh>

Or dial: (US) +1 570-729-5053 PIN: 721 209 418#

TESTING UPDATES:

More than 1800 four-year colleges and universities are test-optional for fall 2023 admission. Please be careful to read the fine print as some colleges may still require test scores for certain majors, and many schools still use test scores to determine merit scholarships and placement in an honors college. If you are unsure of whether or not you should submit test scores please ask your counselor or Mrs. Gregory, the College and Career Counselor. See the updated list of test-optional schools at <https://www.fairtest.org/>

SENIOR TO-DOS:

If you have not done so already, be sure to:

Start your college applications, fill out the required MLHS forms found on the MLHS website and sign up for College Rep visits on Naviance. Please do not hand in your Transcript Request Form to your counselor until the end of the month. The transcript request form must be handed to your counselor at least 3 weeks before your first college deadline. We are currently integrating Power School and Genesis so that your transcript is complete with all of your Mountain Lakes High School grades and senior classes.

[MLHS required forms](#)

[Senior to Do List](#)

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS:

University of Alabama: Wed. 9/14 Block 1

Gettysburg College: Wed. 9/14 Block 4

Salve Regina University: Wed. 9/14 Block 5

Bucknell University: Wed. 9/14 Block 6

University of Florida: Fri. 9/19 Block 3

University of Connecticut: Mon. 9/19 Block 4

College of Mount St. Vincent: Mon 9/19 Block 5

Penn State- Main Campus: Mon. 9/19 Block 6

Georgetown University: Fri. 9/23 Block 2

Christopher Newport Univ: Fri. 9/23 Block 2

Felician University: Fri. 9/23 Block 5

Marist College: Friday 9/23 Block 6

College visits start Wednesday, September 14. College representatives have begun to sign up for visits at MLHS. You can view the list and register on Naviance (located under the Colleges tab > Research Colleges > College Visits). More schools are signing up each day, so be sure to check back frequently. You must either email or ask your teacher in person whether or not you can miss class for a college rep visit and arrange to make up any missed work, quiz or test.

QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE REPS:

We are lucky to have many Admission Counselors schedule visits to MLHS. Throughout the visit, they'll likely ask if you have any questions. Make sure to have some prepared! Here are some suggestions:

1. What kind of support do you have on campus? (i.e. counseling services, tutoring, career services)

2. What are the most popular student events / clubs on campus? What does an average weekend look like for students?
3. How would you describe the student body?
4. What are some unique programs or classes in your school's curriculum?
5. What's your average class size? What is your typical introductory class size?
6. How accessible are professors?
7. What opportunities are there for undergraduate research? In what year can you begin research?
8. What is the political climate on campus?
9. Do students need to apply to the school in general, or to a particular major? If it's the school in general, when do students need to declare a major?
10. Are there different admission requirements for any majors? (i.e. is precalculus needed to apply to the business school? Is a portfolio required for arts majors?)
11. What are you looking for in an applicant?

And, here are some questions NOT TO ASK:

How is your [insert major] program? Admission Counselors are never going to say that they have a *bad* program. Think of something a bit more specific to ask about the major you're considering.

Do you have [X] major? Look this up in advance.

Do you have internships / study abroad? Almost all colleges provide some type of opportunity for internships and study abroad. Think of something more specific, such as: *"How does your Career Services Office help students find internships?"*

FALL 2022 IN PERSON COLLEGE FAIRS:

College Fairs are a wonderful way to learn about multiple colleges and connect with admission representatives. There are two in person events. Don't forget to print up your bar code after registering to bring with you to the fair.

NACAC National Association for College Admission

Counseling Fairs:

2022 Fall NJ STEM College Fair Saturday October 8, 2022
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (EDT) at Rider University [Register link](#)

2022 Fall NJ PVA (Performing Visual Arts) College Fair
Saturday October 8, 2022 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (EDT) at
Rider University [Register link](#)

NJACAC New Jersey Association for College Admission

Counseling Fairs:

2022 Fall CCM (County College of Morris-Randolph
Campus) Sunday, September 25, 2022 12:00 PM - 3:00
PM Representatives from more than 180 colleges will be
in attendance. [Attending Colleges](#). The fair is open to
the public at no charge and parking is available in lots
5-9. For additional information, please contact CCM's
Admissions Office at (973) 328-5069, or
admiss@ccm.edu

HIGHLIGHTED VIRTUAL EVENTS:

Multiple dates: The *National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)* is hosting three virtual college fairs this fall. To register, visit <https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs> To see the virtual college fairs select the virtual tab. Check out [Tips for Virtual College Fair this guide](#) to prepare for the fair.

Multiple dates: Attend a joint virtual information session with Admission Counselors from *Columbia University, the University of Chicago, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Michigan, and Yale University*. Register at <http://discoveringu.org/>

Multiple dates: *Johns Hopkins* is hosting a series of workshops on the college search process and on essay preparation (tackling the supplemental essay). Register at <https://apply.jhu.edu/campus-and-community/workshops/>

September 20, 2022 presentation by *Amherst, Bowdoin, Carleton, Pomona, Swarthmore, and Williams*. Register

(and learn about their other events) at

<https://www.sixcolleges.org/>

OTHER RESOURCES:

[Tips and Tricks for Applying to Selective Colleges](#),
webinar by Tulane University

[What We Learned from 2022 College Admissions](#)

HIGHLIGHTED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Bryan Scholarship, Davidson College (NC): If you are an athlete (looking to continue in college) and are interested in Davidson, please reach out to me for information about applying to this scholarship.

Levine Scholars Program, UNC Charlotte: The Levine Scholars Program is looking for service-oriented students who have excelled academically in high school. Selected scholars will design a service project on campus and receive a full scholarship. Deadline for counselor nomination is October 8, 2022. Interested students should email me at agregory@mlschools.org