

# Guidance Newsletter

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

*Have a Safe and  
Happy Holiday!*

*The Guidance Department*



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**December 2, 2008**

***Financial Aid Night***

**December 17, 2008**

***Concert—Auditorium @ 7:30p***

**December 22-January 2, 2008**

***Holiday Break***

# Scholarship Information

## **American Society of Military Comptrollers Washington Chapter**

—awards several gifts to graduating high school seniors recognized as outstanding students. Criteria: students must pursue a field of study related to financial operations; business administration, economics, public administration, and others. For more information call 703-697-9047 or email [scholarships@washington-ASMC.org](mailto:scholarships@washington-ASMC.org).

**American Express Scholarship Program**—Amount: \$500 to \$2,000. For more information contact: 1-800-344-3320

**Clyde G. Nora Memorial Foundation**—offers award to high school seniors. Students are evaluated on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership in school and community, honors, work experience, volunteer activities, goals and aspirations. Award: \$500. For more information call 571-345-3711.

**Discover**—offers scholarships to diverse high school **juniors** on their exemplary achievements in leadership, community service while overcoming an obstacle. For more information visit [www.discoverfinancial.com/community](http://www.discoverfinancial.com/community).

**Duke University**—offers a new financial aid policy for parents whose incomes total \$60,000 or less no longer have to contribute financially to the cost of their child's education at Duke. For more information visit <http://dukefinancialaid.duke.edu/newsupport>.

**Guardian Life Insurance Company of America**—is offering awards to females between the ages of 12-16. Award: varies. For more information visit [www.glic.com](http://www.glic.com).

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund**—are accepting applications are looking for Latino high school seniors to apply for this \$2,500 opportunity and the many others HSF has available. For more information visit [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net).

**Illinois Institute of Technology**—offers scholarships: Camras Scholars Program (merit-based), Leadership Edge Scholarship (full-tuition for Business), Crown Scholarship (full-tuition for Architecture), and Dual Admission Programs. For information visit [www.admission.iit.edu](http://www.admission.iit.edu).

**Ivy Community Charities**—is offering merit and need based scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university on a full-time basis. For applications see Mrs. Wright in the Guidance Office. **Deadline: February 25, 2009.**

**Janice Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund**— offers a scholarship for students with a 2.5 GPA or higher, will attend a full-time US accredited four-year college or university, and demonstrate leadership abilities. For more information see Mrs. Wright in the Guidance



**Maryland Higher Education Commission**—offers a “Foster Care Tuition Waiver” for seniors who are degree-seeking at 2-year or 4-year public college or university in the State of Maryland. For more information visit [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us).

**Maryland and U.S. JCI Senate**—offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. Award: \$500. For more information visit [www.usjcisenate.org](http://www.usjcisenate.org).

**McDonald House Charities**—offers scholarships to seniors who are eligible to attend a two-or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study. For more information visit [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org). Deadline: February 16, 2008.

**National Guard**—offers scholarships for joining the Army National Guard. For more information visit [www.guardscholarship.com](http://www.guardscholarship.com).

**Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, D.C.**—will be sponsoring several scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. The scholarships are 100% merit based and will be applied toward tuition only. For more information see Mrs. Wright in the Guidance Office. **Deadline: April 2, 2008.**

**Prince George's County Delta Alumnae Foundation, Inc.**— offers scholarships to high school seniors both male and female. For applications see Mrs. Wright in the Guidance Office. **Deadline: January 9, 2008.**

**Race for Education**—offers several scholarship programs: Horsemen's Scholarship, Thoroughbred Scholarship, NTWA/YouBet, Florida Resident Scholarship, Fleet Indian Scholarship and others. Criteria: US Citizen, 2.85 GPA or higher, household income of \$50K or less. For more information visit [www.racingscholarships.com](http://www.racingscholarships.com).

**Rider University**—is offering scholarship opportunities for students enrolling for Fall 2008. Criteria: submit completed application; audition, if required, full-time student; actively involved in your high

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**Ronald Scholarship Experts**—offers scholarships for high school seniors. For more information visit [www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm).

**Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (Sammy) 2009**—offers a scholarship to senior student athletes by helping offset some cost associated with tuition. For more information visit [www.sammy.bodybymilk.com](http://www.sammy.bodybymilk.com).

**Skidmore College**—offers various scholarships-Skidmore (Science & Math Scholarships) and the Porter Scholars Program . For more information visit <http://cms.skidmore.edu/science>.

**Skidmore College** is hosting a sixth annual Filene Foundation music Competition, sponsored by the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation. The competition is open to high school seniors specifically interested in pursuing a liberal arts education at Skidmore. For more information visit [www.skidmore.edu/filenescholarship](http://www.skidmore.edu/filenescholarship)

**Soroptimist**—"The Violet Richardson Award" honors young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts such as: fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty. The type of award varies. For more information visit [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org). **Deadline: January 15, 2007**

**StraightForward Media Minority Scholarship**— offers a scholarship opportunity for current seniors who are a member of racial or ethnic minority groups. It is available for prospective students at community colleges, universities, technical/vocational schools and continuing educational programs. Amount: \$500. Deadline: December 31, 2008. For more information visit: <http://www.straightforwardmedia.com/minority>

**TD Bank**—offers the American Dream scholarships for graduating high school seniors residing in a county served by TD Bank. For more information visit [www.TDBank.com/American Dream](http://www.TDBank.com/American Dream).

**The Art Institutes**—offers an array of scholarships that you may be eligible for such as: National Art Honor Society Scholarship, The Art Institutes Passion for Fashion Competition, New York City Public Schools Scholarship Competition, Evelyn Keedy Memorial Scholarship, The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Skills USA Championship, just to name a few. For more information, visit [www.artinstitutes.edu/financialaid\\_scholarships.asp](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/financialaid_scholarships.asp)

**The National Co-op Scholarship Program**—offers the Co-op scholarship program and Hispanic scholarship program for students attending partner schools: Drexel university, Johnson & Wales, Kettering, C.W. Post Campus of Long Island, Northeastern, Pace, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology.

For more information visit [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu).

**The Society of Women engineers Baltimore Washington Section (SWE)** offers scholarships to female engineering students in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area. Award: \$4,500. For more information visit [www.swe-bws.org](http://www.swe-bws.org). **Deadline: March 1, 2008.**

**Thursday Network**—is sponsoring "The Greater Washington Urban League Scholarship" to high school seniors planning to attend a four-year college or university in the fall of 2008. Criteria: 3.0 GPA; permanent resident and/or attend high school in District of Columbia, Prince George's County or Montgomery County. For more information visit [www.thursdaynetwork.org/volunteer.html](http://www.thursdaynetwork.org/volunteer.html). **Deadline: February 1, 2008**

**Tom Joyner**— is sponsoring "The Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarship" to a high school senior that is planning to enroll in a HBCU in the fall of 2008. The scholarship will recognize academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities. For more information visit [www.blackamericaweb.com/site/aspx/foundation/fullride](http://www.blackamericaweb.com/site/aspx/foundation/fullride). Information for the scholarship application will need to be completed and postmarked no later than January 18, 2008.

**Towson University**—Department of Art is offering scholarships at Towson University. Award: \$2,000 College of Fine Arts and Communications Dean's Scholarship or a \$1,000 Department of Art Scholarship. Portfolios should contain 10-15 pieces of original work. To be eligible the student must be recommended by his/her high school Art teacher. **Deadline: January 18, 2008.**

**Towson University Principal's Scholarship**—awards three students an scholarship of \$2,000, renewable for four consecutive years. Criteria: cumulative 3.3 GPA, evident of leadership qualities and community involvement, applied or will apply for admission by February 15, 2008, and will attend Towson University as a full-time degree-seeking student beginning in fall 2008. If you would like to be nominated contact you School Counselor.

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**United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program**-is offering a \$1,000 grant to graduating seniors in the United States who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary college, university or vocational school. For more information, see the Guidance Office. **Deadline: January 5, 2007.**

**UMBC**-is offer their Sondheim Public Affairs Scholarship Program, a four-year scholarship for study in the social services. For more information visit [www.umbc.edu/sondheim](http://www.umbc.edu/sondheim).

**University of Maryland at College Park** launched the Maryland Pathways program. Criteria: students must be dependent, a Maryland Resident student and eligible for the Auto-Zero EFC calculation on the FAFSA and have adjusted gross incomes of \$25,000 or less. For more information visit [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us).

**US First**-is offering scholarships. For more information visit <https://my.usfirst.org/scholarships//index.lasso> or <http://www.chiefdelphi.com/forums/showthread.php?threadid=59796>.

**Toyota**-is sponsoring their "Toyota Community Scholars Scholarship Program" for high school seniors. The program will award 100 renewable scholarships, valued at \$10,000 or \$20,000 payable over four years, to seniors who enroll at a four-year college or university in the United States starting in the fall of 2008. If you would like to be nominated see your School Counselor.

**WAEPA**-a non-profit organization sponsors scholarships for children of federal employees. For more information call 1-800-368-3484.

**Washington and Lee University**-is offering "The Johnson Scholarship" and "The Keelty Honor Scholarship." For more information visit [www.l.wlu.edu/x3626.xml](http://www.l.wlu.edu/x3626.xml). **Applications Due: December 15th.**

**Washington, D.C. Joint Steamfitting Apprenticeship Committee**—offers apprenticeship in the Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Process Piping and Environmental Systems Trades. For more information call 301-341-1555.

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority**-is sponsoring a scholarship of \$500-\$1000 to high school seniors and current college undergraduates. For more information visit [www.zphib1920.org/nef/schapp.pdf](http://www.zphib1920.org/nef/schapp.pdf). **Deadline: February 1, 2008.**



## Open House/Other Opportunities



**Coppin State University**—the School of Management Science and Economics has launched a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Entertainment Management, with concentrations in 1)General Entertainment Management, 2)Music Entertainment, 3)Motion Picture, Television, and Video Entertainment, and 4)Casino and Gaming Entertainment.. For more information, call 410-951-3444.

**Morgan State University**—launched a new Bachelor of Science degree program in Transportation Systems starting Fall 2009. For more information contact Alice Williams at email: [alice.williams@morgan.edu](mailto:alice.williams@morgan.edu) or 443-885-3348.

**University of Maryland Baltimore County**—invites students to the Department of Information Systems to their IT Program Discovery Engagement on December 12, 2008 from 12—2pm. Space for this event will be limited to the first 40 guests. For more information call 410-455-3275.

**Free GED/Job Readiness Classes**—for free GED/Job Readiness classes in English.. Classes are starting soon please call now. For more information call 301-431-3121 ext. 30 or ext 24.

The Institute for Responsible Citizenship is currently accepting applications for its summer leadership program in Washington, DC. Sophomore males should apply. If students are accepted and they must commit two summers to the Institute. For more information and applications visit [www.i4rc.org/application.htm](http://www.i4rc.org/application.htm)

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## Essay Contest



**American Planning Association Essay Contest**—For more information visit: <http://www.planning.org/essay> for full rules & entry form. **Deadline: January 15, 2009.**

**Any Rand**-Essay contest for high school students—over \$57,000 in prize money. For more information visit [www.anyrand.org/contests](http://www.anyrand.org/contests). Deadline: April 25, 2008.

**Carmen N. White Scholarship Fund**-the ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has sponsored a scholarship in her memory and legacy for female high school seniors planning to attend college in the Fall of 2008. See the Guidance Office for an application.

**2008 Oakseed Ministries Essay Contest**-is hosting an essay contest which gives students an opportunity to receive scholarship awards of \$250 to \$1000. This is a general scholarship,, and there is no specific planned major required. The title for the essay is "Compassion and the Child with Disabilities." For more information visit <http://www.oakseed.org>.. **Deadline: April 15, 2007.**

**2008 Presidential Candidate Essay Contest**-this is a general scholarship offered to student minimum age 16 and over. The monetary award is in the amount of \$4,400 for the winning essay on the topic "Name the three most important issues that you believe the 44th President of the United States should address." Submit an essay to [scholarships@presidentialcandidates.tv](mailto:scholarships@presidentialcandidates.tv); a total of 1550 words.

**Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC)** - will be sponsoring the "Legacy of Life Scholarship." The theme for the essay is "Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade Someone to Give the Gift of a Lifetime!" For more information visit [www.beadonor.org](http://www.beadonor.org).

## Senior's Corner

## College Pays Off!

### In December & January

- **Continue your focus on admissions applications.**
- **Obtain the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or from your high school counseling office or college financial aid office.**
- **Pay close attention to the instructions and school deadlines.**
- **File the FAFSA as soon as parent/student income tax information is available.**



**According to FAFSA:** “Getting your college degree is smart—it’s the single most important investment you can make in your financial future. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, education attainment pays off in higher earnings over your lifetime. Average annual earnings range from \$18,900 for high school drop outs to \$25,900 for high school graduates, \$45,400 for college graduates and \$99,300 for workers with professional degrees. Lifetime earnings estimates are \$1.2 million for high school graduates and \$2.1 million for college graduates. So, if a college degree can almost double your lifetime wages, what are you waiting for? Don’t let a lack of funds cloud your vision. College pays off. And financial aid is available if you know where to look!

## Seniors Corner—cont'

(According to the Maryland Higher Education Commission)

For the month of **DECEMBER**

### Preparing for College—Check List

- √ **Start researching summer internships** and jobs related to my career interests.
- √ **Double check** that all the colleges I applied to received my test scores, forms, all parts of my application, etc.
- √ **Early decisions arrive**...if applied for early decision or early action, follow the instructions from the college.
- √ **Are there more financial aid forms** that I need to fill out for colleges?
- √ **Keep copies** of all my test scores and applications for admissions and financial aid. Hold these for 2-3 years—they might be needed if I transfer later.
- √ **Don't give in to senior slump!** Senior grades do matter.
- √ **My fall transcript** should soon be sent to colleges to which I applied.
- √ **Notify colleges** to which I applied if my spring course selections changed.
- √ **"Rolling admissions"** (meaning no application deadlines) is the rule at some four-year colleges and community colleges. But classes fill up—so don't wait for the last minute to apply.

# **Prince George's Community College**

is sponsoring

## **Regional Financial Aid Workshops**

**For parents and those planning to invest in a college  
education**

### **Dates:**

**Wednesday, December 10—Northwestern High School**

**Thursday, December 11—Central High School**

**Wednesday, December 17—Duval High School**

### **Time:**

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**For more information contact Ms. Jennifer Price at 301-322-  
0091 or 301-322-0075**