

Guidance Newsletter

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Quote of the Month

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

Winston Churchill



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GUESS WHO IS COMING TO GUIDANCE??

- November 3—Howard University @ 9:30am in Guidance
- November 5—Everest College @ 9:30am in Guidance
- November 6—Stevenson University @ 11:45am in Guidance
- November 10—Lycoming College @ 1:30pm in Guidance
- November 12—Ferrum College @ 11am in Guidance
- November 13—Carnegie Mellon @ 9—11am in Guidance for interviews

and many others.....come to the Guidance Office to see who else is coming this month.

Scholarship Information



American Architectural Foundation—offers the AIA/AAF minority Disadvantage Scholarship to graduating seniors who are entering a professional degree program leading to a Bachelor's degree; however, the school must be accredited by the national Architectural Accrediting board. For more information visit www.naab.org. Deadline: December 8, 2008.

American Chemical Society—offers scholarships to high school seniors that is need based for minority seniors intending to major in the chemical sciences. For more information visit www.acs.org/scholars. Deadline: March 1, 2009.

American University—sponsors the Frederick Douglass scholarship. Criteria: 3.2 GPA, rank in the top half of their class, satisfactory SAT or ACT scores, and U.S. citizen or permanent resident.. For more information call 202-885-6000. Deadline November 15 (early decision) or January 15 (regular decision).

Boston University—offers the Trustee, Alexander Graham Bell, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., scholarship and other merit based scholarships. For more information visit www.vu.edu/admissions/scholarships.

College of the Holy Cross—offers two Henry Bean, S.J., Presidential Scholarships which are awarded annually. The Henry Bean Presidential Scholarship is a four-year, full tuition, merit-based scholarship for a student who will major in the Classics. For more information visit www.holycross.edu/departments/classics/website/index.html

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program—offers a scholarship funded through the Comcast Foundation. Award \$1,000. Criteria: 2.8 GPA or higher, demonstrate leadership abilities, strong commitment to and involvement in community service, and plan to attend an accredited college/university. For more information see Mrs. Wright; only one student can be nominated.

DFW International Community Alliance—offers a Guide to Scholarships for New Americans and Minorities. For more information visit: http://www.dfwinternational.org/resource_center/Scholarship_Guide.pdf

ELKS National Foundation—2009 Most Valuable Student Scholarship. For more information visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Deadline: January 9, 2008.

KFC Colonel's Scholars—would like to change a student's life to a graduating senior. Award: \$5,000/year for tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Applications available online at www.kfcscholars.org.

McKelvey Foundation—offers an entrepreneurial scholarship. Criteria: must own your own business for one year, have at least 1 paid employee, graduate high school in 2009, plan to attend any 4-year college or university within the 50 states. Award: \$10K/year. For more information call 10877-625-3583.

National Security Agency (NSA)—is a world leader in protecting U.S. government information systems and producing foreign signals intelligence information for our Nation's key decision makers. NSA offers scholarships for their Stokes Educational Scholarship in various computer fields. For more information visit www.NSA.gov/Careers.

Oglethorpe University—offers the James Edward Oglethorpe, Civic Engagement, Georgia Shakespeare scholarships. For more information visit www.oglethorpe.edu. **Deadline: December 5, 2008.**

Ohio Wesleyan University—offers the Presidential (full-tuition), Trustee (3/4 tuition) and Faculty (half tuition) scholarships. To learn more about these scholarships, other merit awards and OUs second-to-non Honors Program visit www.owu.edu.

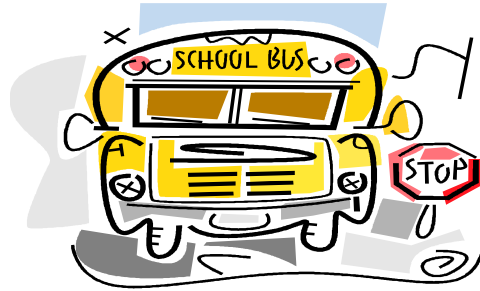
Rushmore Drive—offers scholarships to high school seniors, visit their website at www.rushmoredrive.com.

Toyota Community Scholars—provides 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. Roosevelt can only nominate one student. If you would like to be considered see Mrs. Wright in the Guidance Office. For more information visit www.toyota.com/communityscholars.

University of Miami—offers the Ronald A. Hammond scholarship that symbolizes their idea of diversity and awards students who excel academically and demonstrate a commitment to cultural awareness. For more information contact Jazmane Morgan at 305-284-5714 or email at jmorgan@miami.edu.

William & Mary is seeking exceptional people to take part in an exceptional experience—the Murray Scholars Program. For more information visit: wm.edu/murrayscholars.

College Tours



Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church is sponsoring the **2009 Historically Black College Tour** is open to ALL high school students from April 5—April 8, 2008. Some of the stops include Clark-Atlanta University, Spellman College, Morehouse College, North Carolina A & T State University, Bennett College, North Carolina Central State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Hampton University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Union University. The cost is \$425 (deposit of \$140 due by February 2, 2009. Registrations/deposits received after February 2, 2009 will be \$465. This price includes luxury coach transportation, 3-nights hotel accommodations (double occupancy), and all breakfasts and lunches. For more additional information call 301-265-8326 or 301-248-8833. A briefing session for all registrants will be held on March 10, 2008 at 7:00pm at 7707 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.



Open House/Other Opportunities



American Legion is pleased to offer another edition of Need A Lift that contains extensive information on scholarships for veteran's dependents. For more information visit www.needalift.org

Archbishop Carroll High School is sponsoring 4th Annual College Fair, on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 5:00p— 7:30pm. For more information call Sister Helen McCulloch at 202-529-0900.

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is pleased to provide students who have an interest in studying abroad in a variety of destination: Germany, Spain, Great Britain, Switzerland, New Zealand, Argentina, Portugal, just to name a few. For more information please contact 1-800-333-3802 ext. 219.

Get EDUcated—this company offers common black college application to 33 historically black institutions all over the nation. For more information and to see all participating colleges visit www.eduinonline.com

Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) is a non-profit organization that is committed to nurturing the leadership potential of exceptional students (**11th graders**) who are under-represented in college. LEDA prepares students with the knowledge and confidence that allows them to dream big and go for their dreams, for example, college guidance, college visit, writing instruction, and standardized test preparation. For more information contact Mellisa Thompson at 212-234-1384 or email mthompson@leadascholars.org. For more information visit www.LEDAscholars.org.

National College Fair is sponsoring the Baltimore National College Fair on November 11, 2008 from 9:00-12:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm and Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 9:00-12:00pm at the Baltimore Convention Center. For more information see Mrs. Wright in Guidance if you are interested in attending.

19th Annual Pigskin Jamboree provides an opportunity for high school senior football players, parents and guardians from the Maryland area to meet University/College Recruiters to discuss possible football scholarships and financial aid on December 13, 2008 from 8:00am-1:00pm at Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church. For more information visit www.pigskinjamboreeworkshop.org or contact Brother Andrew Edwards at 301-574-0267. Free admission.

Soroptimist International of Montgomery County, MD—is a program targeted to young women who make the community and world a better place. For more information visit www.soroptimist.org. Deadline: January 12, 2009.

The American Legion offers a high school oratorical scholarship awarded by the National Organization of The American Legion. For more information visit: www.legion.org.



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.pgcps.org



**Prince George's County Public Schools
Scholarship & Financial Aid Centers at
Largo High School**

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

PGCPS Scholarship and Financial Aid Center

on

November 8, 2008 from 10:00—12:00pm

Free ACT Workshops

on

November 15, 2008 (Science & Mathematics)

November 22, 2008 (English & Reading)

**For more information, contact Jeneanette Goines at 301-808-4066 or email:
jeanette.goines@pgcps.org or Henry Armwood, Parent Liason at
henry.armwood@pgcps.org**

**Largo High School, 505 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Crossland High School, 6901 Temple Hills Road, Temple Hills, MD 20748**

Senior's Corner

AVOIDING SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS- 10 Scam Warning Signs

1. **Fees-** Scammers use bogus fees such as “application”, “disbursement”, “Redemption”, and “processing fees” as a way to take your money. Scholarships should not require ANY fees.
2. **Credit card or bank account information needed-** Never give credit card or bank account information to receive aid. If you have, call your bank or credit card issuer immediately.
3. **Scholarship guarantee-** No one controls judges’ decisions. Be wary of “high success rates”, which often refer to award matches, not award winners.
4. **No work involved-** Legitimate scholarship applications require time. No one should complete them for you.
5. **No contact information-** Before you apply, confirm the sponsor’s contact information. They should provide a valid email, mailing address and phone number upon request.
6. **Unsolicited scholarships-** If you are called to receive an award for which you never applied, be alert. Ask where the sponsor got your contact information.
7. **Pressure tactics-** Never allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking you to pay money up front.
8. **Claims of “exclusive” scholarships-** Legitimate sponsors will not restrict knowledge about their award to a single service.
9. **An official-sounding name or endorsement does not automatically mean legitimacy-** A sponsor may use words like “national”, “education”, or “federal” or have an official-looking seal, but might still be a scammer.
10. **Your questions aren't answered directly-** Proceed with caution if you are not given a straight answer from a sponsor regarding their application, what will be done with your information or other questions.

2008-2009

SAT Registration/Test Dates

Registration Dates		Test Dates
Regular Registration	Late Registration	2007-2008 SAT Dates
September 9	September 16	October 4
September 26	October 10	November 1
November 5	November 18	December 6
December 26	January 6	January 24
February 10	February 24	March 14
March 31	April 9	May 2
May 5	May 15	June 6

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Making College Visits Count

(Excerpts taken from article by Susan Weissman in CollegeReady, a special publication for students and parents from Wachovia)

Deciding what college to attend can be hard. With thousands of schools to choose from, sorting through the variety can be maddening. Visiting a potential school is a good way for young people to decide what they want in a college experience.

1. **Take a Personal Inventory-** Before hitting the road, students should do some serious soul-searching about what they want in a college, including size, geographic location and academic programs. Conversations with older siblings, cousins and friends about pros and cons of their college experiences can also be useful.
2. **Connect From Where You Are-** Most colleges and universities offer virtual tours through their websites. You can also find out when recruiters will be coming to your area. A face-to-face meeting is a great way to get a feel for a school and to stand out from the pack.
3. **Make the Most of Your Time-** Concentrate on one region at a time. If you have a special interest, call ahead and arrange to meet with a coach or department chair. On campus, immerse yourself in the culture: grab a bite in the cafeteria, take in a play or catch a ballgame. Be sure to visit the school's financial aid office to ask questions and gather information.
4. **Share the Experience-** To save on costs, team with other families for campus visits. You may visit one campus with another family, and a friend may visit another campus with yours. Not only is this arrangement economical, it also allows students to share notes as they make sense of their experiences.
5. **Go Back For a Second Look-** Once you've gathered your impressions and narrowed your choices— or maybe after an acceptance has been reviewed— a follow-up visit to one or two of the schools may be in order. That visit may include an overnight stay in student housing to help you decide if you really like a school and its campus life as much as you thought initially.

A college education is a substantial investment and an important path to a successful future. It makes sense to do research of all kinds before making a final selection.

Helpful College TIPS



Need help writing your college application on essays? Visit College Board's website at: www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/

Need Money for College

Check out  the 2008-2009 Publication Update for FAFSA

Topics Include:

FAFSA Web Worksheets (assists students and parents on how to complete the FAFSA online).

Free Applications (this is a paper application that is available for those who do not have Internet access).

FAFSA Tips (provides a list of steps for applying for financial aid via FAFSA on the Web. Also included is information on how to get free help online, by phone, or in person. (These Programs are also offered in Spanish)

Visit www.FSAPubs.org or call 1-800-394-7084.