

Guidance Highlights
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The Guidance Highlights is a monthly newsletter from the Guidance Office to help to keep the juniors and seniors (and their parents) informed about important events. Students, please make sure that you share this information with your parents!

College Application Reminders. . .

Seniors should remember to bring the following items to Guidance when submitting an application: Completed Transcript Release Form, \$2.00 transcript fee, and any School Counselor/Secondary School Report form. Please watch your deadlines! When asking for a letter of recommendation, students should give the teacher or counselor at least 7-10 school days in which to complete.

In regards to the college applications with a *January 1, 2010 deadline*, seniors should submit all transcript requests and secondary school forms to their counselor by Friday, **December 11, 2009** in order for the Guidance Office to process the forms before we leave for winter break.

Helpful Websites for Students

- www.collegeboard.com: Information on College Board tests, such as PSAT, SAT, and AP exams, college search information, and post-secondary planning information.
- www.act.org: Information for ACT test (college admissions test)
- www.eduinonline.com: Common Black College Application (33 HBCUs are current member institutions)
- www.commonapp.org : Common Application website
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.com: Site for registration of prospective student-athletes at the college level.
- www.fafsa.ed.gov: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Philadelphia National College Fair

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2009
Time: 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Location: Pennsylvania Convention Center-Hall B

Students can watch a preview of the National College Fair by going to www.nacac.com/video/NCF_Video.wmv

Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

Applications for the scholarships listed below can be found in the Guidance Office (unless it is an online application). For any scholarships that require a nomination, students should see Mr. Jarrett for more information.

Great Scholarships for Great Students (Great Valu stores): Open to seniors. Applications are available at local Zingo's Customer Service.

Skidmore Scholars in Science and Mathematics Scholarship (Skidmore College): Seniors who wish to apply for this scholarship must respond to the science/math essay question on the Skidmore Supplement to the Common Application.

3rd Annual Create-A-Christmas-Card \$10, 000 Scholarship Contest: Interested students can visit <http://www.gallerycollection.com/christmas-cards-scholarship3.htm> for more information.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program: Essay required. Visit <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> Deadline: 6/19/2010.

Metropolitan Bergen Scholars Awards (Fairleigh Dickinson University): Nomination required. Students must have minimum GPA of 3.5, rank in the top ten percent of their class, and score a minimum of a 1300 on the SAT. Deadline: 1/15/2010.

Common Merit Application: Sponsored by the Delaware Higher Education Commission. Students can apply online at www.doe.k12.de.us/dhec beginning 12/1/2009. First time applicants can set up their account by clicking on the "Student Account Access" link. Specific criteria for each scholarship are available on the DHEC website. Many scholarships are available at this site, including the following:

- B. Bradford Barnes Memorial Scholarship (for University of Delaware) Deadline: 2/5/2010
- Charles Hebner Memorial Scholarship (University of Delaware or Delaware State University) Deadline: 3/12/2010
- Herman M. Holloway Sr. Memorial Scholarship (Delaware State University) Deadline: 3/12/2010
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship: Deadline 3/26/2010
- Diamond State Scholarship: Deadline 3/26/2010
- Delaware Nursing Incentive Program: Deadline 3/26/2010
- Christa McAuliffe Teacher Incentive Program: Deadline 3/26/2010
- Delaware Teacher Corps: Deadline 3/26/2010

Volunteer Opportunity

2009-2010 Creek Kids Youth Leadership Program: Program for students in grades 9-12 to volunteer in their community and gain valuable leadership skills in a museum setting. Students can apply at www.hagley.org/creekkids. Deadline to submit applications: 11/20/2009.