

Guidance Highlights
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Students, please share this information with your parents! Additional hard copies are available in the Guidance Office and are also posted on the school website, www.aiduponths.com under the "Guidance Office" link.

WINNING THE COLLEGE ADMISSION GAME

The Guidance Department will be hosting Mr. Peter Van Buskirk and his presentation of "Winning the College Admission Game" on **Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium**. This program is very popular and offers the participants (students and their parents) an inside look into the world of selective college admissions. This program is open to students of all grade levels and their parents. Please plan to attend this highly informative and interactive presentation!

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

1. **University of Delaware's Summer College:** Open to highly-motivated 10th and 11th graders who wish to take freshman-level college courses for UD credit and live on campus for the five-week program. The program will run from 7/12-8/16/2008. For more information, visit www.udel.edu/summercollege.

2. **Carnegie Mellon University's Summer Pre-College Programs:** Open to rising juniors and seniors. There are many different types of programs available, including Advanced Placement/Early Action, Pre-College Fine Arts, Architecture, Art, Design, Drama, Music, and National High School Game Academy. For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college.

3. **Sewanee's Bridge Program in Math and Science:** Scholarships are available for rising seniors of diverse backgrounds for this three-week residential program. The summer session is scheduled for June 22 through July 12. For more information, visit www.sewanee.edu/bridgeprogram. Deadline for submitting application: 3/15/2008.

4. **Summer Science @ Jefferson:** Open to rising juniors and seniors who are in good academic standing and who demonstrate a sincere interest in biomedical sciences. Fields of inquiry include molecular biology, cell biology and protein chemistry, pathology and anatomy, and molecular mechanisms of disease. Application deadline: 4/25/2008. For more information, visit www.jefferson.edu/summerscience.

5. **Governor's School for Excellence in Chinese Language and Culture:** This is a six week program that is held in Beijing, China. Students is open to rising tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders and recent graduates that are under age of 18 on 6/15/2008. Students who take Mandarin Chinese classes outside of school or who are privately tutored are encouraged to apply. Application is available online at www.udel.edu/govschool/china. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.5 to apply. Deadline for applications: 2/1/2008.

6. **Summer Institute for the Gifted:** Open to students in grades 9-11 at a variety of colleges and universities, such as Princeton University, Amherst College, Bryn Mawr College, Emory University, UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of Michigan, and Vassar College. 2008 catalogs are available now by calling (866) 303-4744 Ext. 5159 or by e-mailing tsergo@giftedstudy.com

7. **Back to Basics Learning Dynamics, Inc.:** SAT Preparation courses and Study Skills Workshops are available for high school students. For more information about the programs offered by Back to Basics, visit www.backtobasicslearning.com or call 594-0754.

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. Block for more information.

RMHC Scholars: Open to high school students of all backgrounds. Deadline: 2/1/2008.

RMHC/Future Achievers: Open to African-American high school seniors. Deadline: 2/1/2008.

RMHC/HACER: Open to seniors who have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage. Deadline: 2/1/2008.

DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition: Students must write an original essay from 700-1000 words. Visit the website for more details at thechallenge.dupont.com. Deadline: 1/28/2008.

Mount St. Mary's University Founder's Scholarship: Essay competition on 1/19/08 and 1/26/08. Seniors must have a combined SAT score of 1200 on critical reading and math or ACT score of at least 27 and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25. For more information, call 1-800-448-4347.

John H. Porter-First State Chapter, Tuskegee Airman Educational Assistance: Open to seniors who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree. Students need a 3.0 GPA for the National Scholarship and a 2.5 GPA for the JH Porter and Golden Eagle Awards. Essay required. Application deadline: 2/9/2008.

KFC Colonel's Scholars Program: Open to seniors with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA who is enrolling in a public, in-state college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree. Applications should be completed online at www.kfcscholars.org. Deadline: 2/15/2008.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest, Celebration of Diversity Art Contest, and Computer/Graphics Contest: Open to grades 9-12. Deadline for writing contest: 2/15/2008. Deadline for art/computer graphic contests: 2/29/2008.

PDK/FEA Scholarship: Open to seniors who plan to major in education. Essay required. Deadline: 2/1/2008.

Del-One Scholarships: Open to seniors. Visit <https://www.del-one.org/PDF/Boom/Del-One%20Scholarship%20Package.pdf>

WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

The fiscal year begins July 1 of every year, and it is best that requests are submitted in May.

- * Must be a resident *within the City limits of Wilmington* seeking funds for college to a two year college, four year college or trade school
- * Provide personal statement to District Council Member and/or Council Members At-Large requesting for scholarship funds
- * Provide verification of City of Wilmington residency (copy of driver's license)
- * Provide acceptance letter on school letterhead
- * Provide current registration schedule on school letterhead
- * Provide current tuition bill listing fees and charges on school letterhead
- * Provide school ID # or social security number
- * Scholarships are not renewed. You must submit a written request every year.
- * Scholarship amount can not exceed \$2,000 per student within a fiscal year.

In order to find out information about the City Council District in which you reside, you can visit the City of Wilmington's website at www.ci.wilmington.de.us/council.htm to see the various Councilmanic District maps.

