

Guidance Highlights
Alexis I. du Pont High School
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Welcome to the new school year! 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!

Reminder for Class of 2008. . .

All students who are intending to graduate this school year should make an appointment to see their school counselor to check their credits for graduation. Also the counselors will be visiting all Senior English classes at the end of September to give a general presentation about the College Admissions Process, such as resources available in the Guidance Office, what to do with your applications once they are completed, how to request an official transcript, etc.

College Visitation Program

Juniors and seniors should check the calendar posted in Guidance to see about any additional schools that will send a representative that are not included in this newsletter. Interested juniors and seniors should see Mrs. Merritt for a College Visitation Pass. The teacher that a student has during the period of the presentation must sign the pass, indicating their approval for the student to attend.

9/12/07	Roanoke College	10:00 a.m.
9/18/07	George Mason University	9:00 a.m.
9/20/07	Seton Hall University	11:00 a.m.
9/25/07	New York University	11:30 a.m.
9/26/07	Wesley College	9:00 a.m.
9/27/07	George Washington Univ.	10:00 a.m.
10/2/07	Bridgewater College	1:00 p.m.
10/4/07	Lebanon Valley College	1:30 p.m.
10/8/07	PA College of Technology	9:00 a.m.
10/11/07	University of Maryland	11:00 a.m.

College Visitation Program (continued)

10/17/07	Christopher Newport College	11:30 a.m.
10/22/07	James Madison University	9:00 a.m.
	Washington College	11:30 a.m.
10/23/07	Elizabethtown College	11:00 a.m.
	Coastal Carolina College	1:00 p.m.
10/24/07	Moravian College	10:30 a.m.
	University of Hartford	1:30 p.m.
10/25/07	University of Pennsylvania	9:00 a.m.
	St. John's University	12:00 p.m.
10/26/2007	York College	9:30 a.m.

PSAT's

All 10th and 11th graders will be taking the PSATs here at school on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 starting at 7:40 a.m. More information, including practice bulletin, will be given to all 10th and 11th graders through their homerooms.

Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

All seniors will be receiving a copy of the Scholarship Compendium, a very helpful resource from Delaware Higher Education Commission regarding scholarships and financial aid available. If other students are interested in this resource, extra copies are available in the Guidance Office. Any scholarships that require a nomination, students should see Mr. Block for more information.

US Senate Youth Program: Open to juniors and seniors. Only one nominee from the school will be forwarded for consideration. In order to qualify, the student must be an elected officer in any of the following offices: Student Council President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer; Class Officer; Student Council representative, or student representative to district, regional, or state level civic or educational organization. Our school's nomination materials must be received the organization by 10/12/2007.

2007-08 Labor Essay Contest: Open to seniors who are planning to attend college full-time in fall 2008. Several essay topics are available. Deadline: 4/15/2008.

AKAette Scholarship Program: Motivational program sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority that encourages the educational, social, and professional growth of young women of color starting their sophomore or junior year of high school. All interested ladies are invited to attend the Pink Pizzazz Social on Wednesday, 9/12/2007 at the Newark Library. For more information, contact the committee at AKAette@sigmazetaomega.com

National Young Leaders Conference: Nomination required. Program open to 10th-12th graders who demonstrate scholastic merit and leadership potential.

DSEA Christopher K. Smith Memorial Scholarship: Open to seniors who intend to pursue a career in teaching. Deadline: 3/14/2008.

SAE Engineering Scholarships: Open to seniors who intend to pursue a degree in engineering or a related science. Deadline: 12/1/2007.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award: Students can apply online at www.prudential.com/spirit. The application can then be printed out and submitted to Guidance Office for consideration of nomination (our school can submit one nominee). Open to students who have completed volunteer work.

Youth Philanthropy Board: Nomination required. Serving on the YPB enables students to develop leadership and learn about grant making process. Open to students in 9th through 12th grade.

Ron Brown Scholar Program: Open to academically talented, highly motivated African American seniors who plan to pursue a full-time undergraduate degree. Deadline: 11/1/07.

Danforth Scholars Program (Washington University in St. Louis): Nomination required.

