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Congratulations! You are officially seniors.

We know many of you are already working on college applications based on the number of recommendation requests we have received. If you have not had a fall conference with your counselor, please schedule one soon. Please update your resumes in Naviance and register for college visits as well. Remember that the representatives who visit our school are most times the first reader of your application so it is always good to have a face to face meeting with them.

When asking your teachers for a recommendation, remember that they need to write only one letter as we will use it for multiple applications, AND please give them ample time to write your letter. We recommend at least a three week notice. Many teachers are asked to write for multiple students. Keep in mind that they are doing this in addition to all their other responsibilities. Always remember to follow their guidelines and to always thank them for taking their time to help you.

Please be aware of the deadlines you are trying to meet for an application and get started in advance of the approaching deadline. Again it is important that your counselor knows the deadlines you plan to meet.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Please check Naviance for an up to date list of colleges coming to visit Raleigh Charter. Sign up on the Naviance site if you wish to attend a meeting with the college representatives. You must have permission from your teacher to attend if you will miss class time and let your advisor know if you will miss advisory. Please explore some colleges or universities that you may not know. There are wonderful colleges coming to visit us so take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about them.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Day is October 27. More information is available at <https://www.cfnc.org/pay/fafsa.jsp>. You and your parents should review the College Counseling website financial aid section for detailed steps on completing the FAFSA by the priority deadline of October 1 if you want to be considered for need based financial aid.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please be aware of these scholarship search websites that our students have found useful in the past: www.fastweb.com, www.cfnc.org, and www.scholarshipplus.com/wake.

Many colleges and universities post their own scholarships and grants. This information is generally found at the Admissions or Financial Aid links. Please be aware of the priority application deadlines to be considered for merit scholarships. These are usually in the early November time frame. Some opportunities for scholarships are taken directly from your college application but some do require a separate application. Please be sure you determine if this is the case and if you need anything additional to be sent.

Keep your counselor informed of any scholarships you are applying for, enter them in to the scholarship section in your Naviance account, and if awarded a scholarship, you must bring a copy of your award letter to your counselor whether you are accepting it or not.

School Nominated Scholarships:

John Montgomery Belk Scholarship

RCHS may nominate two students for the Belk Scholarship. Please indicate your interest on the attached application.

“The John Montgomery Belk Scholarship is one of our nation's most prestigious and generous undergraduate scholarships. The program is built around our belief that, as a Belk Scholar, you possess unique talents that should be recognized and nurtured. John Belk amassed a record of leadership and accomplishment at Davidson. Thanks to the generosity of the John M. Belk Educational Foundation, up to eight Belk Scholars are named in each entering class. The Belk Scholarship can provide you comprehensive funding (tuition, fees, room and board) plus study stipends that allow you great flexibility in the on- and off-campus opportunities you choose to explore. Those experiences, paired with our academic programs, deepen your intellect, maturity, and global understanding.”

More information is available at <http://www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/john-belk-scholarship>.

North Carolina A&T Cheatham-White Scholarship – This scholarship will provide an outstanding educational experience for students with a broad range of interests, proficiencies in both the arts and sciences, and who demonstrate leadership potential and a strong commitment to service. Each scholarship covers tuition, student fees, housing, meals, textbooks, a laptop computer, supplies, travel and personal expenses, and provides four summers of fully funded enrichment and networking opportunities that may include international travel and study. Interested students should visit <http://www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/cheatham-white/index.html> for complete information on the scholarship and links to nominating forms. Please discuss with your counselor if you wish to be nominated. **Deadline is November 15.**

NC State University - College of Textiles

As this scholarship requires an endorsement from RCHS, please see your counselor before **September 25**.

Eligibility

To be eligible for any incoming freshmen scholarships (Centennial, NCTF or Prestige), candidate must:

Apply for fall, first-year admission into a baccalaureate program at NC State by the Early Action deadline, October 15. At every stage of the selection process, the Centennial Scholarship selection committees evaluate candidates on the following criteria: academic achievement throughout high school, proven and potential leadership qualities, active participation in extracurricular activities, unique experiences and a passion for the textile industry.

Endorsement Process

HIGH SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT

Each academic year, the College of Textiles will solicit high schools throughout the United States for applicant endorsements. Every high school can endorse candidates for the Centennial Scholars Program. All endorsements must be submitted between September 1 and October 1.

SELF ENDORSEMENT

Any student can self-endorse to apply for the Centennial Scholarship between September 1 and October 15.

Application Deadline: December 1st at 11:59pm (EST)

For more information, please visit <http://textiles.ncsu.edu/future-students/future-undergraduate/scholarships/>.

North Carolina State University - Park Scholarship

RCHS may nominate two students as school nominees. Students who are interested but not nominated are encouraged to self-nominate. Based on our in-house data, candidates had at least a 4.0 unweighted gpa. We will provide the same level of support for the self-nominated students as we do for the nominated students. In fact, self-nominated students have won this scholarship. Please indicate your interest on the attached application.

The Park Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded on the selection criteria of outstanding accomplishments and potential in **scholarship, leadership, service and character**. The application processes for Park Scholarships and NC State undergraduate admissions are separate, so be sure to follow the required steps.

Step 1: Apply for undergraduate admission to NC State by the October 15 deadline using the Common Application.

Step 2: Complete the Park Scholarships application, which is housed in NC State's wolfPAW system, by October 15. To access this, you must either be endorsed by your high school (by October 1) or you must self-endorse at <http://park.ncsu.edu/apply/#selfend>.

The Park Scholarship application requires the names and email addresses of two recommenders, information about advanced coursework completed and two essays. Your honors and activities information will be imported from your Common Application. Additionally the committee will consider your high school transcript, test scores, and your personal essay from the Common Application. More information is available at <http://park.ncsu.edu>.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Morehead-Cain Scholarship

RCHS may nominate two students as school nominees. If interested but not nominated, please self-nominate. We provide the same support for school nominated and self-nominated applicants. Self-nominated students have won this scholarship. If interested in being considered for a school nomination, complete the attached application.

The Morehead-Cain Foundation seeks motivated, courageous and inquisitive leaders interested in embracing new and unknown experiences and impacting – positively and profoundly – the people and pursuits that define their lives.

To be eligible for the Morehead-Cain, you must be:

a competitive applicant to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on track to graduate in the spring, unmarried and without children. Please note that Morehead-Cain candidates are not permitted to apply to other colleges or universities under a binding Early Decision application plan.

The selection criteria are:

Leadership – Morehead-Cains influence, energize, and inspire others to work together to make an impact. It's more than title held or roles played. For scholars, leadership is about courage and action. They initiate. They get things done.

Moral Force of Character – Compassion, courage, humility, self-awareness, and a sense of purpose- these are the core values of the Morehead-Cain community. Morehead-Cains embrace the fact that they are growing and learning, and are energized by the journey ahead.

Scholarship – Morehead-Cain Scholars live for opportunities to learn. They thrive in an academically rigorous environment, yet are able to contribute to their communities in other ways. They are ready to take full advantage of UNC's academic excellence.

Physical Vigor – Morehead-Cains demonstrate a sustained commitment to fitness and wellness. They value what is gained – collaboration, sportsmanship, discipline, stamina, and persistence – by preparing for and engaging in competitions and performances

These eligibility requirements are the same for all students applying for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship information and application process can be found at www.moreheadcain.org

The deadline to apply is **October 15**.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte - Levine Scholarship

Interested students must receive a nomination from their high school counselor before they can access the application for the Levine Scholars Program. If you are interested, please see your counselor before September 25.

The Levine Scholarship seeks outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate evidence of experience, motivation, and commitment toward the ideals of the Levine Scholars Program.

Requirements include:

Students must be applicants for freshman enrollment at UNC Charlotte in a baccalaureate program for the fall term immediately following their high school graduation. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Students must demonstrate a commitment to community service, hold an academic record that reflects a sustained passion for knowledge, and possess a capacity for ethical leadership that elevates fellow students to a higher standard.

While there are no minimum SAT, ACT or grade point averages to apply for the Levine Scholarship, students must excel academically. Successful candidates will likely have a grade point average of 3.8 – 4.0 (unweighted) and score 1900 – 2400 on the three combined sections of the SAT or 29 – 36 on the ACT composite.

Scholarship information and the application can be found at <http://levinescholars.uncc.edu/>

Nominations will be accepted through October 8th. Scholarship applications due by November 8th. For scholarship consideration, admissions application due November 1.

Additional School Nominated Scholarships: Please see your counselor if you wish to be one of our nominees for these:

Boston University Trustee Scholarship – Recognizes students who show outstanding academic and leadership abilities. Students are nominated by their school's principal. Those considered rank in the top of their class and demonstrate exceptional records of service and activity in their schools and communities. Please talk with your counselor if you are interested and email the nomination form to the counselor. You must submit the Common Application by December 1.

Indiana University Wells Scholars Program – We have been asked to nominate two students for this prestigious program. The scholarship awarded on the basis of merit provides tuition, academic fees, and a living expenses stipend for four years of study at Indiana University Bloomington. The program is looking for outstanding students who have shown exceptional academic accomplishment and promise, fine character and leadership, significant involvement in extracurricular activities, a concern for their communities, and interest in the larger world. Factors that will be considered are GPA as well as the range and depth of academic courses taken; SAT and/or ACT scores; special academic honors and awards; unusual personal qualities as indicated by extracurricular activities, community service, or independent initiatives in any area; and exceptional talent in a specific area. The deadline for nomination is October 1.

University of Dayton Leadership in Service Scholarship – This scholarship is worth \$10,000 and awarded to students with a passion for personal development and a commitment to service. Please see your counselor. Deadline for nomination is November 1.

Washington University in St. Louis Danforth Scholars Program – Full or partial tuition scholarships are awarded to students who embrace high ideals, whose life choices are guided by personal integrity, selflessness, and commitment to community, and a dedication to leadership and academic excellence. The program wants students who have exhibited a capacity for service and leadership, as well as academic excellence, and who will embrace the challenges of a rigorous academic curriculum. The deadline for nominations is November 15.

AES Engineering Scholarship - ,scholarships awarded on the basis of character, as determined by an evaluation of the essays that are submitted. You are not required to be pursuing engineering to be eligible. Deadline is **October 6, 2018**, and information available at www.aesengineers.com.

American Fire Sprinkler Scholarship - The award is \$2,000. Ten winners will be named and deadline is **April 1, 2018**. Information is available at <https://www.afsasholarship.org/high-school-contest/hsstep1/>.

Coca Cola Scholars Program - This is an achievement-based scholarship recognizing students for their capacity to lead and serve and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Most Coca-Cola Scholars share a passion for social justice and many have overcome tremendous challenges to pursue their dreams. You may apply at <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>. The deadline is **October 31, 2018**.

Georgia Tech Presidential Scholarship – To be considered for the Presidential Scholarship at Georgia Tech you must submit your admission application by **October 15, 2018**.

Horatio Alger Scholarship – To be considered, applicants must be a full-time high school senior, exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required), be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and be a US citizen. For more information visit www.horatioalger.org/scholarships. Students may apply until **October 25, 2018**.

McDermott's Scholars Program at University of Texas – Dallas – Candidates should have minimum test scores and long records of leadership in school and community volunteerism; broad and eclectic interests in science, literature, and the arts; and social skills to interact easily with adults as well as peers. A completed application is due by **November 2,, 2018** as well as an application to UT Dallas must be completed no later than **January 3, 2019**. More information is available at <http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/application-process>.

Wendy's Heismann Scholarship – This scholarship is looking for students who give 110% in the classroom, on the field, and in the community. Application and more information is available at www.wendysheisman.com. Deadline is **October 2, 2018**.

The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - This scholarship recognizes the exceptional young writer. The scholarship provides full undergraduate support for four years. The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship will receive applications beginning **September 1st**, with the deadline for submissions being **October 15**.

Applicants must also submit the UNC application for admission by **October 15**. Complete information on this scholarship, including the application form, is available at <http://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarship/tws>. If you have any questions, you may email TWS@unc.edu.

Wesleyan University Hamilton Prize for Creativity – Is a four year full tuition scholarship. Students can apply online at Wesleyan.edu/admission. Deadline is **January 1, 2019**.

Recruitment Events:

College Fairs

Information Sessions

University of North Carolina –Greensboro October 14 at 3:00 pm. Register at admissions.uncg.edu/firstlook

Open Houses

University Days at University of Alabama September 19, October 8, October 29, and November 12.
Information at univeristydays.ua.edu

SAT TEST DATES

Visit sat.org/practice to take the practice test. The Official SAT Question of the day is also available on Twitter (@SATQuestion)

Test Dates

October 6
November 3
December 1

Registration Dates

September 7
October 5
November 2

ACT TEST DATES

Test Dates

October 27
December 8

Registration Dates

September 28
November 2

School Nominated Scholarship Application

Name _____

I would like to be considered for: Morehead Cain ____ Park ____ Belk ____ Levine ____

RCCHS can nominate two students for the Morehead Cain, the Park, and the Belk. We are not limited in the number of nominations for the Levine. Students may self-nominate for the Morehead Cain and the Park. RCCHS will provide the same level of support for school-nominated and self-nominated students. Self-nominated students have won the scholarship in the past.

The scholarship committee will use the following information to determine the school's nominees. This completed application and a one page **resume** is due to Mrs. Atkinson by **September 25. Email the completed application and resume to gatkinson@raleighcharterhs.org.**

The scholarships consider the following criteria. In **no more than one quarter a page**, please describe how each of these components is seen in your life.

Moral Force of Character: Integrity, empathy, bravery, humility, maturity, generosity.

Scholarship: Candidates for whom learning is an appetite rather than a means to an end; students who will take full advantage of the rigorous academic excellence at these schools.

Leadership: More than titles held or roles played, leaders demonstrate courage, action; they initiate, act and impact, influence and inspire.

Service: Dedication to one's community is key in life. Where there is a need, it must be filled.

Physical Vigor (Morehead-Cain only): A sustained commitment to an active lifestyle; a dedication to fitness and physical activity.

How do you demonstrate intellectual curiosity?

How do you demonstrate a commitment to both local and global communities?

How do you demonstrate a commitment to the arts or to athletics?

How do you demonstrate civic engagement - ongoing volunteerism, internships with non-profits, grant projects with community partners.