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Senior year!! Did you think it would ever get here? Well it is here and it is already busy. I know this because so many of you are already writing essays and completing applications. Please keep your counselor informed of where you are in the process and the schools where you are applying. Please keep Naviance updated with this information. If you have not had a fall conference with your counselor, please schedule one.

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 listen to the announcements and check your Raleigh Charter email for important messages from college counseling. Many college representatives are visiting our school. Check the Naviance site and the college counseling page of the RCHS website for information about visits. 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

FAFSA Day is October 28. More information is available at <https://www.cfnc.org/pay/fafsa.jsp>.

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.

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, 2017**, 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.afsascholarship.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, 2017**.

Georgia Tech Presidential Scholarship – To be considered for the Presidential Scholarship at Georgia Tech you must submit your admission's application by **October 15, 2017**.

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, 2017**.

HSC Warranty Scholarship – Applicants are required to submit a video that fits the prompt “What are you passionate about and why do you want to go to college. The award is \$2,000 and the deadline is **December 1, 2017**. Detailed information is available at www.hscwarranty.com/scholarship.

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,, 2017** as well as an application to UT Dallas must be completed no later than **January 3, 2018** More information available at <http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/application-process>.

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.

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, 2018**.

School Nominated Scholarships: The **Morehead-Cain Scholarship** at UNC-Chapel, the **Park Scholarship** at NCSU, the **Belk Scholarship** at Davidson, and the **Levine Scholarship** at UNC-Charlotte. Please discuss your interest in these with your counselor. You may self-nominate for the Morehead-Cain and the Park Scholarship if you feel you are qualified. More information is available on the respective websites. Please see your counselor if you plan to self-nominate.

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 headmaster. 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. 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, an 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**.

Recruitment Events:

College Fairs

November 11

National Portfolio Day Charlotte, NC

Information Sessions

Discover MIT – October 4, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Cary Academy, Berger Hall

Learn More About Dartmouth – September 21, 7:30 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn, 4620 Miami Blvd, Durham RSVP at dartgo.org/ontheroad

Exploring College Options (Emory, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Virginia and Washington University in St. Louis) – September 27, 6:00 p.m. School of Science and Math

Exploring Educational Excellence (Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University, and the University of Chicago) – September 26, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Hilton North Raleigh

Experience Penn – A panel with recent graduates - October 10, 7:00 p.m.
North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

Washington University in St. Louis – Saturday, October 1, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Marriott at Research Triangle Park

Open Houses

Bentley University, September 24, 2017 Register at www.bentley.edu

Bridgewater College, October 21, November 11, February 3, March 17
Register at www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus.

Colgate University, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28,
November 4, 11, 18, December 2. Reservations at www.colgate.edu/visit.

Dartmouth Learn More About Dartmouth – September 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh Durham/Research Triangle Park, 420 S. Miami Blvd.
For more information and to RSVP, please visit www.dartgo.org/ontheroad.

Duke University, September 23, 2017 Register at
<http://admiss.ugrad.duke.edu/register/aandhopenhouse>. For engineering register
at <http://admiss.ugrad.duke.edu/register/prattopenhouse>

North Carolina State University College of Textiles – October 14, 9:00 am-2:00
pm. For more information visit www.go.ncsu.edu/cotopenhouse.

UNC Computer Science – For middle school and high school students. A special
information session for high school juniors and seniors and parents will be held at
10:15 a.m. or at 12:00 noon. woodhouse@cs.unc.edu.

UNC Pembroke – October 28, February 17, April 21

Seton Hall, October 15, November 19, February 18 and April 22

Tufts University Open Houses:

Arts Open House, October 6 (Fenway Campus)

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math October 6

Women in Engineering October 13

Arts and Humanities October 13

Voices of Tufts Diversity Experience: Engineering October 19-20

Voices of Tufts Diversity Experience: Arts and Sciences October 26-27

Engineering Open House, October 20

(You must apply to participate in the Voices of Tufts Diversity Experiences.)

To register and more information: admissions.tufts.edu/visit/open-houses

Hamilton Saturdays: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 22, 29,
and November 5, 12

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 7
November 4
December 2

Registration Dates

September 8
October 6
November 3

ACT TEST DATES

Test Dates

October 28
December 9
February 10

Registration Dates

September 22
November 3
January 12