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As Raleigh Charter High School begins its fifth year, the college counseling program continues to grow. We are offering an SAT prep class this fall as well as two essay and application "parties" for seniors. An additional essay and application workshop for seniors will be held in October while the other students are taking the PSAT. In addition to the workshop we will have a session for seniors on career planning and interviewing tips.

The list of colleges coming to visit our school grows daily. We are very excited about the colleges and universities that have contacted us wanting to learn more about Raleigh Charter and to meet our students. We hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about these schools and to welcome our visitors. They are usually very impressed with both the school and the students. Please check the College Counseling display wall for upcoming visits and events as well as the College Counseling page of the website.

We encourage you to check the website often for updates and useful information. We will post the newsletter there as well as the scholarship notices. Also available on the website is the list of upcoming events in calendar format.

COLLEGE TIDBITS

North Carolina State University is encouraging students to apply on-line this year. NCSU has added several optional supplemental questions to the freshman application. All students should complete the Candidates Supplemental Information parts one and two. Candidates Supplemental Information part three is completely optional but gives admissions additional insight into the individual student's situation.

Statistics for the class of 2003 are:

Number of applications – 12,933

Number accepted – 7,792

Average GPA (weighted) for accepted students – 4.09 Average SAT for accepted students – 1215
Percent ranking in the top 10% of their class – 47.7%.

UNC Wilmington Honors Scholars Program is its 9th year and offers many unique opportunities including small classes, enhanced student-faculty interaction, field trips, and priority class registration. The program includes honors sections of basic studies courses and a series of honors seminars designed to enrich and challenge the students. Students are also offered the opportunity to live in the 96-student honors residence hall. Competitive merit scholarships are available to the best students in the program. About 5% of the freshman class will be accepted into the Honors Program and this year's class earned an average SAT of 1300 and a GPA of 3.93 and most had leadership experience in school or community activities. UNCW offers 75 undergraduate majors, 25 graduate degree programs, and one doctoral program in Marine Biology.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Coca-Cola Scholars Program – Seniors who are US citizens, planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post secondary institution and who have a minimum 3.00 GPA may be eligible to complete for the Coca Cola Scholarship. All requirements as well as the application are located at www.coca-colascholars.org. The deadline for application is **October 31**.

Columbia College Music Scholarships – Columbia College in Columbia, SC offers substantial scholarships to students majoring in music. A brochure is available in College Counseling. Audition dates are November 22, January 31, February 28, and March 27.

E. B. Kennedy Scholarship Program of Erskine College – If you would like to be nominated for this scholarship program, please see Mrs. Atkinson in College Counseling. The value of the scholarship currently exceeds \$90,000 over four years. The criteria for selection are: Christian commitment, leadership potential, scholastic achievement, and vigorous outlook. Deadline is **October 15**.

North Carolina State University Merit Scholarships

Park Scholarship - For information see www.ncsu.edu/park_scholarships/.

John T. Caldwell Alumni Scholarship – To be considered, students should apply for admission by **November 1**. Students identified as academically competitive will be invited via email to provide additional information for further consider. For more information see www.ncsu.edu/caldwellprograms/.

University-wide Scholarships – Selection is merit-based and not restricted by major. To be considered for University-Wide Scholarships, students should apply for admission by **November 1**. Students identified as academically competitive will be invited via email to provide additional information for further consideration. For more information see www.ncsu.edu/finaid/.

University Need-Based Academic Scholarships – All students who apply for admission by **November 1** and apply for financial aid by submitting the FAFSA by **March 1** will automatically be considered for these scholarships. For more information see www.ncsu.edu/finaid/.

Embrex Poultry Biotechnology Scholars – A renewable award of \$2,500 will awarded and the scholars will have the opportunity to work with university and corporate scientists. Selection is based on academic achievement and an interest in the potential of biotechnology to enhance protein production. A brochure and application are available in College Counseling (Mrs. Atkinson).

Scholars Program in Poultry Medicine – This program is intended to raise awareness of careers in veterinary medicine within the corporate setting of the poultry industry. The two selected scholars will receive scholarships from the department and guaranteed admission the College of Veterinary Medicine. In addition scholars will participate in seminars and other programs to enrich their pre-professional training and will work closely their DVM academic mentor in poultry Science. A brochure is available in College Counseling.

Scholarship in Poultry Science - There are more than 30 Poultry Science scholarships available to NCSU students with a number available to entering freshmen with outstanding high school credentials that have been accepted in to the Poultry Science program. The information guide is available in College Counseling.

North Carolina Teaching Fellows - Teaching Fellows award recipients receive a state grant of \$6,500 per year for four years paid to the college. Teaching Fellows winners who accept the award must agree to teach in North Carolina for four years. For more information see www.teachingfellows.org. Let Mrs. Atkinson know if you wish to be considered for this scholarship by September 30.

Outstanding Students of America - This scholarship is open to current seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and active in community service and school activities. The program is seeking a well rounded, intelligent student. Applicants must submit a biography and an essay highlighting activities and community services. Application is available in College Counseling and the deadline is **October 15**.

The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship (UNC – Chapel Hill) – The award for this scholarship is full four year financial support. Selection will be based largely on written work submitted by candidates. The application process will require the submission of up to fifty pages in prose, forty pages in poetry, or sixty in play writing. In addition to completing an application questionnaire, candidates will submit a five-hundred-word personal essay. For more information see <http://english.unc.edu/creative/tws>. Deadline is **November 5**.

2004 United States Senate Youth Program – Two students from each state will be chosen to participate in the United States Senate Youth Program. This program was established by a Senate resolution in 1962 and provides the chosen students a week's internship on government and the United States Senate, plus a \$5,000 scholarship. Selection will be based on the outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected or selected high school student officers of the 2003-04 school year. Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to the program and is currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations: student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer; class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer; student council representative; student representative elected or selected to district, regional or state level civic or educational organization. Each eligible student must complete an application form, type an essay and take an exam. Applications (available in college counseling) must be returned to your college counselor by **October 20**.

Washington and Lee University George Washington Honor Scholarship Program – Washington & Lee grants all merit-based scholarships through the George Washington Honor Scholarship Program and are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and uncommon extracurricular engagement. All honor scholarships are renewable for four years. The selection process is highly competitive and requires a supplementary Honor Scholarship essay application due with the completed admission application by **December 15**. The Heinz scholarship is a full cost award, featuring extensive internship and mentoring opportunities, offered through a unique partnership with the Heinz Company Foundation and is awarded with preference to minority students or those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The full-tuition Weinstein Scholarship recognizes students who will actively involve themselves in the growing Jewish community. The full-tuition Gilreath Scholarship is bestowed upon a top prospective chemistry major. For more information and to download an application see <http://admissions.wlu.edu/forms>.

Washington University in St. Louis Danforth Scholars Program-

Winners may receive full or partial tuition. The award is renewable each year provided the student maintains academic progress and upholds the high standards of character required. Students must be nominated and the nomination letter must include information about the candidate's exceptional commitment to community service, high moral character and similar qualities. If you are interested in Washington University and wish to be considered for this nomination, please see Mrs. Atkinson by **October 1, 2003**.

CONTESTS

2004 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest-

All U.S. high school students are invited to write an original essay on the subject of political courage. Seven winners will receive awards totaling \$6,500. For essay topic, registration form and to submit your essay online, see www.jfkcontest.org. **Deadline – January 10, 2004.**

Information websites

Healthcare management as a career? Visit www.HealthManagementCareers.com

College Open Houses

Mars Hill College – October 4, November 8, January 19 and April 17

Meredith College – September 19, November 10, January 30

Savannah College of Art and Design – October 18

Information Sessions

Brown University September 21, Winston Salem (see poster on College Counseling wall)
September 22, Greenville, SC
September 23, Asheville, NC
September 24, Charlotte, NC
September 25, Wilmington, NC

Important Dates:

September 23 Guilford
Princeton

September 24 Amherst

September 25 Furman
Sarah Lawrence
Essay/Application party 3:00 pm, Room 200

September 26 Bennington
Emory
Swarthmore

September 29 Program on Yale
7:30 p.m. Durham Academy, Kenan Auditorium, 3601 Ridge Road, Durham
St. Johns
Wofford

September 30 East Carolina

October 1 Notre Dame Information Program
7:30 p.m. South Theater, College of Veterinary Medicine, NCSU

October 2 Emory at Oxford
Beloit

October 3 University of Pennsylvania
Washington University in St. Louis

October 4 Duke University Open House for high school seniors in NC and SC

October 7 Antioch
University of Richmond

October 8 UNC-Wilmington
Case Western Reserve
Clark
Essay/Application Party

October 9 George Washington University
Appalachian State University

October 10 Randolph Macon Woman's College

October 21 Essay/application workshop, career planning and interview tips session

October 23 Kenyon College
Middlebury

October 24 Elon University

October 27 Oberlin
Williams

October 30 High School Health Careers Expo
11:30 - 2:00 Andrews Center, Wake Med, 3000 New Bern Avenue

