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## COLLEGE TIDBITS

**Connecticut College**, set in the quiet town of New London, provides a safe environment for its close-knit student community while stressing the importance of its honor code, strong academic program and lively social life. The most popular majors at this college of approximately 1900 students are biological sciences, English, and history. The Center for International Studies and Liberal Arts, the Public Policy Certificate Program in Community Action, and the Career Enhancing Life Skills program help students discover their strengths and find internships and jobs. Connecticut College is a place where students can learn in an academically supportive atmosphere with small classes and accessible professors. Conn students learn the value of responsibility and integrity through the honor code. They are proud of their school, of their mascot, and of Conn's emphasis on acquiring multicultural experiences.

**Franklin and Marshall College** is a private, coed, nonsectarian, liberal arts college with an enrollment of approximately 1900 undergraduates. Students at F&M dedicate themselves to all aspects of college life. The academic program has been described as rigorous and intensive and many choose F&M for the pre-med program but the most popular majors are government, business, and biology. Nestled in the picturesque town of Lancaster, this small liberal arts college prides itself on both academic excellence and rigor, combined with a healthy taste of amusement.

**Grinnell College**, founded in 1846, lies between baseball's "Field of Dreams" and the bridges of Madison County. Students at Grinnell College hail from all 50 states and 55 other countries. In *Newsweek's* "Hot School's of 2004" list Grinnell was named the "Best All Around College." However, students choose this private liberal arts college not only because of its national rankings, but also for its combination of challenging academics, unconventional opportunities, and work-hard/play-hard mentality.

**Hampden-Sydney College** is one of the oldest colleges in America, founded in 1775 as a liberal arts college for men. Its creed has always been "Creating good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning." Its 660 acre campus is located near Farmville, Virginia about an hour from Richmond and Charlottesville with several women's colleges within a short driving distance. Students have the opportunity to customize an area of study and there are many opportunities for foreign study in 20 countries, as well as language immersion programs abroad for language majors. A dual degree program in engineering is offered with the University of Virginia. Hampden Sydney has a broad core curriculum that ensures that each student has taken "at least two courses in every discipline" before graduation. The heart of the college is the great sense of community experienced by students. Students are able to chat with professors in the classrooms and in their backyards. Students are also active contributors to this tightly knit community by serving in the fire department, working on the local bike track, or building a Habitat house. The liberal arts education has amazing results with 1 in 10 graduates acting as president or CEO of a business and another third are doctors, lawyers, or similar professionals.

(The above information came from [The Insider's Guide to the Colleges 2006.](#))

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**AXA Achievement Scholarship** – The AXA Foundation, in association with U.S. News & World Report, sponsors this scholarship that will award \$10,000 state scholarships to 52 students (one from each state, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico) and \$15,000 additional scholarships to 10 national recipients. To qualify, students should be well rounded, determined to succeed and have demonstrated achievement – at a job, sport or extracurricular activity. Applicants must demonstrate: ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and ability to succeed in college. Visit [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) to learn more and download an application. Deadline for application is **December 15.**

**Boston University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship** – is dedicated to acknowledging those students who have embraced the ideals of one of Boston University's most prominent alumni, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The renewable full tuition scholarship is for academically gifted students with proven leadership abilities and a strong commitment to social justice and community involvement. A personal assessment from a teacher, mentor, or advisor must be submitted. The application is available at [www.bu.edu/admissions/apply](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/apply). The nomination form is available at [www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/scholar\\_mkl.html](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/scholar_mkl.html).

**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 compete for the Coca Cola Scholarship. Applicants are evaluated on the following: demonstrated leadership, commitment to community, academic achievement, and employment. All requirements as well as the application are located at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). If you have questions about completing the application (which must be done online), please see Mrs. Atkinson. The deadline for application is **October 31**.

**Converse College Milliken Scholarship Competition** – Scholarships awarded based on academic excellence, in addition to excellence in leadership. Recipients typically have a minimum SAT score of 1000 or a 21 ACT and 3.0 grade point average. If you are interested in Converse or wish to be nominated for this scholarship, please see Mrs. Atkinson by **October 20**.

**East Carolina Academic Merit Scholarships** – The EC Scholars program is a four year program offering academic, service, leadership, and cultural opportunities designed to enhance the university experience for selected students. The Early Assurance for the Brody School of Medicine offers assured admission to four merit scholarship winners who have expressed an interest in attending medical school upon graduation from East Carolina. The Preliminary Scholarship Application is available in college counseling and must be postmarked by **January 1**.

**Emory Scholars Program at Emory University** – If you are applying to Emory and think you may qualify for this prestigious scholarship, please see Mrs. Atkinson by **October 20**.

**Gates Millennium Scholarship** - These scholarships are awarded to students who: are American Indian/Alaska Native (Federally or State recognized), African American, Asian/Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American; will enter a nationally accredited college or university as a full time freshman in the fall of 2006; graduate from high school with a cumulative 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale or must have earned a GED, meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (financial need) and demonstrate leadership abilities through participating in community service, extracurricular, or other activities. The application may be accessed online at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) or [www.aigc.com](http://www.aigc.com). The deadline is January 13.

**Horatio Alger Scholarship** – The association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. The eligibility criteria to be considered for National Scholarships, National Scholarship Finalist Awards, And Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs are as follows: enrolled full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in 2006 with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation; intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution); critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided); involvement in co-curricular and community activities; a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ; and United States citizenship (or be in the process of obtaining U.S. citizenship). Students must reside in the U.S. or attend a Department of Defense or Department of State school. To apply students may submit one of the following: an online application at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships) or you may complete the downloadable application form from the website. All paper applications must be typed on the computer. All applicants must submit a copy of the front page of their parent/guardian's individual tax return for either 2004 or 2003 in order to verify income stated on application and online applicants must download the certification page and forward the completed form to the Association by **October 15**.

**North Carolina State University Centennial Scholarship** – If you are planning to apply to NCSU and are interested in the fields of engineering, business management, chemistry, polymer chemistry, international studies, design, apparel, sourcing, fashion, merchandising, or retail management and think you may qualify for merit consideration, please see Mrs. Atkinson by **October 20**. The school may nominate two qualified students to be considered for this scholarship.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** – Winner could potentially win up to \$6,000 if you are a national winner. State winners will receive \$1,000. If you have demonstrated exemplary community service within the past year, you may apply for this award. You must submit your application to Mrs. Atkinson by October 31. Details are available at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit).

**Randolph Macon Woman's College Presidential Scholars Program** – Please see brochure available in college counseling or visit the website – [www.rmwc.edu](http://www.rmwc.edu) for more information. Application deadline is **December 1**.

**The Robertson Scholars Program – University of North Carolina and Duke University** - The criteria for this joint scholarship between the two universities are: behavior that is grounded in strong ethical principles, superior academic achievement and intellectual curiosity, demonstrated leadership, active commitment to helping others and to community service, courage, and a collaborative spirit. Students who think they may be successful in this program are strongly encouraged to complete a Supplemental Materials form with their applications. The priority deadline is **December 1**.

**University of North Carolina Greensboro Merit Awards Program** – Minimum qualifications are 1200 SAT with cumulative GPA of 3.5. Awards are available in all majors. Eligible applicants must be admitted to UNCG and complete the Merit Awards Program application. Applications are available in college counseling or at <http://fia.dept.uncg.edu/meritawards/>

**University of North Carolina Thomas Wolfe Scholarship** - Full four year financial support will be awarded to one incoming freshman. Manuscripts and applications will be accepted until **November 1**. Complete information is available at <http://english.unc.edu/creative/tws>.

**Youth Harbor Nana Fund Scholarship** – Youth Harbor, a children's benevolence foundation, was founded for the sole purpose of making a positive impact on youth. The Nana Fund Scholarship Program seeks to recognize outstanding young people who have exemplified unselfish service to mankind and have strived to make a positive impact on their community. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 and must submit an essay and letter of support from 2 individuals. Application available in college counseling and the deadline for submission is **March 15, 2006**.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COLLEGES

### Fall Visit Days

#### Lawrence University Mount Holyoke

October 21, October 28, November 19 Register at [www.lawrence.edu](http://www.lawrence.edu)  
Shadow Days – October 17, December 5

Focus on Athletics – October 20-21 (by coach invitation)

Focus on the Arts – October 24

Focus on Diversity – November 6-7

Focus on Science and Math – November 14

Focus on Riding – November 17-18

#### Randolph Macon Woman's College

Pumpkins and Parfaits – October 29

Tradition and Turkey – November 19 Register at [www.rmwc.edu/admissions](http://www.rmwc.edu/admissions)

#### Drew University

Discover Drew – October 22

Inside Drew – November 19

Arts Day – November 8

Language Day – November 10

Science Day – November Register at

[www.depts.drew.edu/claadmis/openhouse/](http://www.depts.drew.edu/claadmis/openhouse/)

### Open Houses

October 15

**North Carolina State University** College of Design

9:30 AM until 1:00 PM

October 17

**Davidson College** (Discover Davidson) RSVP required

October 22, November 19

**UNC Pembroke** [www.uncp.edu](http://www.uncp.edu)

October 23

**Franlin W. Olin College of Engineering** RSVP at [rsvp@lin.edu](mailto:rsvp@lin.edu)

October 28 & November 11

**Wake Forest University** – See [www.wfu.edu/admissions](http://www.wfu.edu/admissions) to plan your visit

October 29, November 12, February 18

**Queens University** [www.queens.edu/admissions](http://www.queens.edu/admissions)

November 11

**Converse College.**

November 7, & April 29

**Goucher College** Register at [www.goucher.edu](http://www.goucher.edu)

November 19

**Rhodes College** Make reservations at

[www.Rhodes.edu/admissionsprograms](http://www.Rhodes.edu/admissionsprograms).

October 16

**North Carolina State University** - 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

October 22 and November 12

**UNC-Greensboro**

November 12

**George Mason University**

November 19

**James Madison University Multicultural Perspective** Register at

[www.jmu.edu/admissions/takealook05.stml](http://www.jmu.edu/admissions/takealook05.stml)

## Information Sessions

- October 11**      **Tufts University** – Prospective students, their parents and school counselors are invited to attend - 7:00 pm at Marriott at Research Triangle Park, 4700 Guardian Drive
- October 16**      **Carnegie Mellon** – Prospective students, and parents are invited to attend 2:00 PM, Hilton Triangle Park, 4810 Old Page Road
- October 17**      **Dartmouth** – Perspective applicants and parents are invited to attend 7:00 PM Greensboro Cultural Arts Center, 200 North Davie St. Greensboro, NC
- October 18**      **University of Virginia** - The NC Museum of History in Raleigh at 6:00 PM
- October 24**      **Princeton University** – Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
The session will feature a discussion of: Academic programs, residential life, extracurricular opportunities, and admission and financial aid
- November 3**      **UNC – Pembroke** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Embassy Suites Hotel Raleigh – Crabtree  
RSVP at 800-949=UNCP by October 27th
- November 16**      **Washington and Lee University** – Raleigh Marriott at Crabtree Valley  
7:00 PM

## Upcoming College Visits to RCHS

- October 17      Carnegie Mellon  
Grinnell College  
Appalachian State University
- October 18      Hampden-Sydney  
Connecticut College
- October 19      Northeastern  
Georgia Tech
- October 20      Duke University
- October 21      Columbia University
- October 24      Randolph Macon Women's College  
University of Pennsylvania  
Princeton University
- October 27      Franklin & Marshal
- October 28      Middlebury
- November 1      Xavier  
Olin
- November 2      Agnes Scott
- November 3      Emory University  
Rice University
- November 9      The Cooper Union