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## COLLEGE INFORMATION

**Marietta College**, located in historic Marietta, Ohio, is consistently ranked among the top private liberal arts colleges and has a strong theatre program. With an enrollment of 1300 students, the college boasts a teacher to student ratio of 12 to 1. Marietta offers a unique theatre program of performance and instruction and during the past four years, the theatre program at Marietta College has been one of the most active in the country. The theatre department sponsors an annual spring break tour to London, and in March 2004, took one of their productions to London for six performances. Dedicated students direct main stage productions every year, and students regularly design sets, lights, and costumes for shows. Whenever possible, they produce original student-written works, one of which was recently optioned by an independent film company. A number of scholarships are available in Musical Theatre, Acting, and Technical theatre, and students need not be a major or a minor to receive these scholarships. Work-study positions are also available in the scene shop, box office, and costume shop. Complimentary tickets are available for prospective students. Please see the poster near college counseling.

**Northland College (The Environmental Liberal Arts College)** is a small, private environmental liberal arts college located on Lake Superior in Northern Wisconsin. They are dedicated to ecological sustainability and the future of the environment. In addition to the lake, Northland is also surrounded by over 850,000 acres of Chequamegon National Forest. The strongest academic programs are in the natural sciences, outdoor education, meteorology, teacher education, and veterinary life science. Northland College operates on a philosophy of experiential learning, so many of the programs require internships and hands-on field experience. Northland College also offers numerous merit scholarships and special recognition scholarship to qualified applicants, including a half tuition scholarship for any applicant in the top 15% of his or her graduation class.

The **University of Delaware** has decided to eliminate its binding Early Decision admission plan. Instead they will notify all freshman applicants by mid-March. "While Early Decision has the advantage of letting students hear much sooner, it also has significant drawbacks, and in recent years the Admissions committee has become increasingly concerned about them. Families with financial need and students with outstanding academic records are at a disadvantage since Early Decision programs force them to make a decision without being able to compare other colleges' financial aid and scholarship awards." says Louis L. Hirsh, Director of Admissions.

**Wake Forest University** has combined the Single-Choice and First-Choice plans into one comprehensive binding Early Decision plan. Early Decision applications must be submitted no later than November 15. Decisions are made on a rolling basis, typically three to six weeks after the application is completed and a \$500 deposit is required by January 1. Students who have decided that Wake Forest is the first choice and the only Early Decision choice may use this plan. Students, parents, and counselors must sign the ED Agreement agreeing to enroll if admitted and to withdraw regular decision applications from other colleges upon acceptance to Wake Forest.

Students applying to **New York University** should pay close attention to the instructions for applying, especially if you are using the Common Application. You must be consistent. If you are submitting a paper common application, you must submit a paper supplement. If you are using the online common application, you must use the online supplement. A student who files the Common Application online and submits the paper Supplement instead of the online Supplement will not be an applicant because the Common Application will not be released to the college unless the supplement is also filed online.

**Bennington College** has joined with many of their colleagues such as Middlebury, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, and Bard and will no longer require standardized test scores as part of the admission process. While good grades continue to be a driving factor in the application process, the decision to make test scores optional fits well with the emphasis on focusing on a student's capacity for thought and reflection more than on their ability to take a particular standardized test. In keeping with this policy shift, the personal interview has become an even more essential part of the application process. Bennington's new initiatives include the Democracy Project which represents an effort to take Bennington's innovative education approach – already recognized nationally for its strength in the arts and literature – to disciplines in the social sciences. The goal is to connect student interest - in this case, in such areas as government, international relations, law, and political science with meaningful work happening in the world. Faculty are creating new courses in this area each year and there are many exciting opportunities for students to combine course work and field work to prepare themselves for a variety of futures in this area. Visit their new website, [www.bennington.edu](http://www.bennington.edu) to learn more.

**Essay Writing Workshop** – If you attended the Juniors and Junior Parents Night last spring, you will remember Mary Karen Vellines, Senior Associate Dean of Admission at Hamilton College. Ms. Vellines will be conducting an essay writing workshop on **September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at Durham Academy**. If you have no clue as to what to write – show up and you will likely have a topic before you leave! If you have already written your essay, bring it and she will give you some helpful tips. She will talk about what works and what doesn't. Please see the announcement on the wall near college counseling. If you would like to register, visit [www.hamilton.edu/admission/essayworkshps](http://www.hamilton.edu/admission/essayworkshps) or by calling 800-791-9283.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship** - The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation was established in 1986 by our local Coca-Cola Bottler to recognize outstanding seniors. Each year the Foundation awards 250 achievement-based scholarships. Fifty awards are for \$20,000 payable in equal installments over a four-year period. The remaining 200 awards are for \$10,000 also payable over a four-year period. The scholarship can be used for any line of study at any accredited U. S. college or university. Recipients are well rounded individuals with highly developed interests in their community. Applicants are evaluated on the following: demonstrated leadership in school, commitment to community, academic achievement, part-time employment. The application must be completed online at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). When you have reviewed the application, consult with your counselor for more specific instructions. Deadline is **October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Davidson College Bryan Scholarship** – The Bryan Scholars Program honors scholar athletes who have the potential to be strong leaders both in the classroom and as athletes. Two scholars are chosen for each incoming class. If you have an exceptional academic record, exhibit outstanding leadership abilities, and are rated a high impact athlete by a Davidson College coach, you may qualify for consideration. RCHS may nominate up to three students for consideration. The sports applicable for our students are: for men - cross country, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and for women - cross country, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball. Please see Mrs. Atkinson by **September 15** if you think you may qualify.

**Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest** - Students will compete for two \$60,000, two \$40,000, and two \$20,000 scholarships. The 494 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships. The judging criteria will be scholarship, leadership and financial need. Applications will be available in college counseling or at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). Deadline is **January 12, 2007**.

**Horatio Alger Scholarship** - The Horatio Alger 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 criteria are: enrolled full time as a high school senior with plans to enter a college in the United States 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, preferably \$50,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family; involvement in co-curricular and community service activities; minimum grade point average of 2.0 and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. To apply students must submit an online application at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships). Additional requirements and forms are available on the website.

**E. B. Kennedy Scholarship Program at Erskine College** - Each year Erskine awards two full merit scholarships valued at over \$100,000. RCHS may nominate one student to be considered for this award. The criteria for selection are: Christian commitment, leadership potential, scholastic achievement, and vigorous outlook. Deadline is **October 15**. Expectations are that the candidates nominated will be in the top 10% of their class, will have a GPA of 3.5 or better and/or a SAT total around 1180 (1650 new scoring) or better. If you would like to be considered for this nomination, please see your counselor.

**Washington University in St. Louis Danforth Scholars Program** - seeks candidates 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. They are especially interested in students who stand out among their peers for their maturity, strong moral character, selflessness, and commitment to community. RCHS may nominate one student. If you are interested and think you may qualify, please see Mrs. Atkinson by **September 25**.

## CONTESTS

**Sun Trust Off TO College Scholarship Sweepstakes** - \$1,000 scholarship for high school seniors plus a \$250 SunTrust Gift card. One winner will be chosen every two weeks for October 31 through May 11. Students can begin registering September 15, 2006 and the first drawing will be held on October 31. For complete details Visit [offtocollege.info](http://offtocollege.info) or [suntrusteducation.com](http://suntrusteducation.com).

## Open Houses

### Mount Holyoke:

September 25, October 16, December 4  
October 19-20  
October 23  
November 5-6  
November 13  
November 16-17

Shadow Days  
Focus on Athletics  
Focus on the Arts  
Focus on Diversity  
Focus on Science and Math  
Focus on Riding

### Randolph Macon Woman's College

October 7

October 29-30  
November 13

Horsing Around Macon (Riding Center Open House)  
Leaves and Lattes (Visit Day)  
Pumpkins and Parfaits (Overnight Program)  
Tradition and Turkey (Visit Day)

### College of Charleston:

September 30, November 11, and March 17

## Admissions Receptions

September 19, 2006

Yale Information Session at 8:00 PM at Cary Academy –  
Fine Arts Theater, 1500 North Harrison Avenue, Cary  
For registration and directions, please visit  
<http://admissions.yale.edu/events>

September 27

New York University, Durham, NC

Visit [www.admissions.nyu.edu/receptions](http://www.admissions.nyu.edu/receptions) to register or call 212-998-4524.

Johns Hopkins University – “Explore Hopkins”

7-9 PM at Marriott at Research Triangle Park

Register online at <http://apply.jhu.edu/receptions.rsvp> or call 866.885.7848.

Wesleyan University – Hosted by Adrienne Kelly Lumpkin

7 pm – 9 pm at 4205 City of Oaks Wynd, Raleigh. RSVP to:

Kim Radowiecki, 860-685-2846 or

[kradowiecki@wesleyan.edu](mailto:kradowiecki@wesleyan.edu).

UNC – Greensboro at the North Carolina Museum of Art

6:30 pm. To register visit [www.uncg.edu/adm/visit](http://www.uncg.edu/adm/visit) or call 336-334-5243.

## College Fair

The largest college fair in our area will be held at the North Carolina State McKimmon Center on Sunday September 24, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Representatives from many colleges and universities will be available to share information and answer you questions.

## Colleges Visiting RCHS

September 14	12:45 Vassar
September 18	10:30 Sweetbriar
September 19	9:30 University of Mary Washington 10:45 Dartmouth
September 20	8:30 Antioch
September 21	8:30 Claremont-McKenna 9:45 Mount Holyoke 12:30 Hamilton 11:30 School of the Museum of Fine Arts 1:30 Connecticut College 2:30 University of the South – Sewanee
September 25	8:30 Vanderbilt 9:45 Wesleyan 10:30 Queens - Canada 12:15 Samford 12:30 Ga. Tech 2:15 Randolph Macon College

<b>September 26</b>	<b>8:30 University of Maryland – Baltimore County</b> <b>9:45 Furman</b> <b>12:15 Salem College</b> <b>2:15 New York University</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>8:30 St. John’s College</b> <b>9:45 Hollins</b> <b>11:15 Queens - Charlotte</b> <b>12:30 George Washington University</b> <b>Smith College</b>
<b>September 29</b>	<b>8:30 Cooper Union</b> <b>8:45 American</b> <b>9:45 Virginia Tech</b> <b>1:30 George Washington University Interviews</b>
<b>October 3</b>	<b>12:30 Washington University in St. Louis</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>12:30 Wake Forest University</b> <b>12:30 University of Richmond</b>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>12:30 High Point University</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>8:30 Randolph Macon Woman’s College</b>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>9:30 Swarthmore</b> <b>12:30 Elon</b>
<b>October 23</b> <b>October 26</b>	<b>9:30 University of Pennsylvania</b> <b>8:45 Haverford</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>12:30 Earlham</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>8:30 Boston University</b> <b>11:00 Xavier</b> <b>12:30 University of Rochester</b>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>8:30 Reed College</b>