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COLLEGE INFORMATION

The **Florida Institute of Technology** in Melbourne, FL offers engineering degrees in Marine and Environmental Systems. Programs within this discipline include Oceanography, Ocean Engineering, and Environmental Sciences. Florida Tech is the only private, scientific and technological university in the southeastern United States. Its close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River lagoon provide natural laboratories for marine studies. Small classes and labs encourage undergraduate research in areas such as Coastal Zone Management, Hydrographic Engineering and Underwater Technology and Chemical Oceanography. According to the latest survey of Florida Tech graduates, 96% are working in their major or in graduate school within 6 months of graduation. The following scholarship opportunities are being offered: **\$1000 Florida Tech Alumni Endorsement Grant**—all new enrolling full-time undergraduate students can receive a \$1000 grant that is renewable annually for four years. Simply have a graduate of Florida Tech submit the form on a prospective student's behalf. The deadline for this grant is January 15th. The form can be found at http://www.fit.edu/ugrad/financial_aid/documents/GrantForm9.pdf; **\$500 Travel Grant**—a \$500 grant will be credited to a new undergraduate's account during his or her first term of full-time attendance if he or she visits campus as part of the admissions process. If the student submits an application during this visit, the \$50 application fee will be waived; **\$1000 Early Filer's Award**—Any US citizen who is admitted as a new undergraduate to the University and has filed the FAFSA by March 1 will be eligible for an Early Filers Award of \$1000. This is also a renewable award each subsequent year of undergraduate study. More information on the university can be found at www.fit.edu.

What are National Portfolio Days?

National Portfolio Days are educational events for young artists. The events are held at host colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada. Experienced college representatives, review artwork, offer critique, discuss college plans, and share information about their schools with students. These events are not a competition. The art college representatives are interested in your development and seek to provide you with information for this next important step in your education. At Portfolio Day you will get a small taste of what it would be like to attend a professional art program. You will see a variety of artwork created at different levels by young artists with varying skills. You may hear different opinions about your work. Do not hesitate to explain to the college representatives how you develop your ideas and where you want to go with them. On **Sunday, November 19th Memphis College of Art** will sponsor a Portfolio Day in Charlotte. For more information, go to www.mca.edu, or contact them at info@mca.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AXA Achievement Scholarship — The AXA Achievement Scholarship awards \$10,000 scholarships to one student from each state as well as \$15,000 scholarships awarded to 10 national recipients. Applicants should demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community. The application deadline is **December 15**. You can learn more by going to www.axa-achievement.com

Burger King Scholars Program – RCHS may nominate one student to compete for Burge King Scholars Award. If you have a cumulative high school gpa of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, work an average of at least 15 hours per week for 40 weeks per year, demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities, and demonstrate financial need, please see Mrs. Atkinson by **December 1**.

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. Deadline is **January 12, 2007**.

Herman Warden Lay Scholarship at Furman University- This scholarship is Furman's highest award to freshmen. It recognizes high school seniors who have displayed exceptional academic achievement. Four scholarships are awarded which cover full tuition, fees, room and board at Furman and are renewable annually. The deadline for Early Decision candidates is **November 15**; for Regular Decision candidates, **January 15**. If you are interested, please see your counselor.

The Humanities Scholars, the Linehan Artist Scholars, the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars, and the CWIT Scholars(Center for Women in Information Technology)— Offered by the University of Maryland at Baltimore these scholarship programs offer four-year awards covering tuition, room and board and fees for selected full scholars. **The Humanities Scholars** seek talented students who intend to pursue degrees in various liberal arts fields. Program benefits include funding for a study abroad experience in the junior year. **The Linehan Scholars** bring together students from the visual and performing arts disciplines. **The Sondheim Scholars** supports students interested in public policy, government careers or the non-profit sector. Program benefits include a faculty directed internship in the junior year to explore the impact of policy related to the scholar's intended career field. **The CWIT Scholars** supports high achieving undergraduates, both men and women, who plan to major in computer science, computer engineering, information systems, mechanical engineering or another IT related field. Program benefits include a mentoring program connecting scholars and IT professionals. Application deadline for these scholarships is **January 15**. If you are interested, please see your counselor.

The Edwin A. Morris Honor Scholarship for North Carolina Students—Washington and Lee University offers a unique scholarship opportunity for only North Carolina students. This full tuition, renewable scholarship was established to recognize students who excel in the classroom and who are campus leaders and substantial contributors to their schools' communities. The selection process is highly competitive and requires a supplementary George Washington Honor Scholarship application that students should submit along with their completed admissions application by **December 15**. The George Washington Honor Scholarship application accompanies Washington and Lee's admissions application which can be downloaded from <http://admissions.wlu.edu/forms>.

Marine Corps Scholarship – You may qualify if you are the son or daughter of a Marine on active duty or in the Reserve, retired, or deceased; the son or daughter of a Marine or Marine Reservist who has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical Discharge, or who was killed while in the service of our country; the son or daughter of an active duty, reserve, or former U. S. Navy Corpsman who is serving or has served, with the U. S. Marine Corps and your family income is \$65,000 or less. Applications are available to download from www.mcsf.org.
Deadline is **March 1**.

National Commission for Cooperative Education—The NCCE, along with eleven partner universities, is offering 175 merit scholarships of \$5000 each. These renewable scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who plan to pursue college cooperative education at one of the participating universities. In order to be considered a student must have a high school GPA of 3.5 or better, complete the National Co-op Scholarship Program application and be accepted for the 2007-2008 academic year at one or more of the eleven NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities. The application deadline is **February 15** and early submissions are strongly encouraged. Additional information, including the list of eleven participating universities and the online application can be found at the NCCE website www.co-op.edu.

Merit Awards Program-UNCG—The Merit Awards Program offers high school seniors the opportunity to apply for prestigious academic scholarships at UNCG. Scholars are selected primarily on the basis of exceptional academic achievement and potential. Special awards are offered in the areas of Business and the Sciences. Minimum qualifications for applicants are: Current High School Senior; minimum SAT of 1200(combined critical reading and math scores) or ACT of 27; cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. The application must be submitted online by **January 5th**. It can be found at www.uncg.edu/fia/meritawards. A brochure listing these scholarships is available in the college counseling office.

Western Carolina Scholarships—The University awards nearly \$1,000,000 in merit based scholarships each year. National Merit Finalists receive full tuition, room and board and fees and a Computer Scholarship. National Merit Semifinalists receive full in-state tuition and fees along with a Computer Scholarship. Western Carolina is an original Teaching Fellow University as well as an original Nurse Scholar University. Engineering scholarships are also awarded at Western Carolina. See your college counselor for information on the Teaching Fellow and Nurse Scholar applications. **February 1st** is the deadline for merit based scholarships at Western. Information on Western Carolina's programs can be found at <http://www.wcu.edu>

CONTESTS

Johnson & Wales University National High School Chef of the Year – This year's theme is Healthy Heritage. Contestants must create an entrée or dessert using an original recipe, which incorporates either their family heritage or a recipe with a strong ethnicity that appeals to you. The recipe may be a modified healthy version of one that's been handed down through generations by family members. Prizes range from full tuition at Johnson & Wales to an autographed copy of Tyler Florence's latest cookbook. The first 300 entries to meet minimum standards will receive a \$1,000 one time grant and a certificate of participation. More information is available in college counseling.

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 or suntrusteducation.com.

Open Houses

Mount Holyoke:

November 13

November 16-17

December 4

Focus on Science and Math

Focus on Riding

Shadow Days

Randolph Macon Woman's College

November 13

Tradition and Turkey (Visit Day)

College of Charleston:

March 17

Landmark College

November 18, December 1, February 17, March 24, April 21

Colleges Visiting RCHS

November 16

November 20

Eckerd College

Macalester