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Is it as hard for you to believe that it's time to start the college applications as it is for us? You are the class of 2009 and it is time to start thinking about the dreaded essays and personal statements and whom to ask for recommendation letters. Your college counselors are here to help you through the college application process and hope that you will visit our offices often. If you have not yet met with your college counselor, please do so immediately. It is important to work closely with your counselor during the application process.

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 site for information about visits. Sign up on the Naviance site or on the sheets near college counseling if you wish to attend a meeting with the college representatives. You must have permission from your teacher to attend.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Vassar College has a 1,000 acre campus just outside Poughkeepsie, New York (70 miles north of New York City) and has two lakes and lot so trees. The campus boasts an astronomical observatory with one of the largest telescopes in the Northeast, a state of the art chemistry building, a farm with an ecological field station, and an art center with 13,500 works from Ancient Egyptian to modern times. Vassar has no core curriculum and no general education or distribution requirements. Since Vassar has no graduate students or research only faculty, all classes are taught by professors. While Vassar is no longer a women's college and although they still offer a menu of high-quality liberal arts courses emphasizing interdisciplinary connections, the college has also embraced technology and diversity. Learn more when Vassar visits RCHS on September 11.

Xavier University is a medium sized Jesuit institution in the heart of Cincinnati. It is said to instill a real sense of community and social conscience while still giving students the needed skills to succeed in all of their life endeavors. According to Princeton Review Xavier has a broad liberal arts education but business is the most popular major. Undergrads tout the "great entrepreneurship program" and XU's "great record" for placing accounting students in graduate schools. XU's nursing program is also "very strong," and the education program earns similar plaudits. Founded in 1831 Xavier University is the fourth oldest of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. On September 9 you can speak with an admission representative from Xavier.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Boston College Presidential Scholars – The Presidential Scholars is a comprehensive, full-tuition scholarship program that attracts students of outstanding talent and character who strive to become leaders with integrity and vision. Candidates must apply by the Early Action deadline of **November 1**.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship – Fifty awards are for \$20,000 payable in equal installments over a four-year period. The program rewards leadership and excellence as exemplified through academic achievement and extracurricular activities. Successful candidates are leaders in the school and community and spend time volunteering. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. The application is available online at www.coca-colascholars.org. Deadline is **October 31st**.

Culinary Institute of America Top Turkey Recipe Contest – The CIA wants you to come up with an exciting original recipe for your leftover Thanksgiving turkey. To qualify you must graduate from high school this year and choose one of the following: Option 1 – A written recipe, 300 word personal statement discussing your creation, three photos of your finished product, and contest entry form. Option 2 – all of the above plus a 3-5 minute DVD segment in which you talk about your creation and demonstrate its preparation and must enroll at FIA no later than December of 2009. In this contest you will compete for up to \$15,000 in scholarships. More information is available at www.ciachef.edu/topturkey. Deadline is **November 7**.

Davidson College Bryan Scholarship – This scholarship program honors scholar athletes who are strong leaders both in the classroom and in their sport. One male and one female student is chosen each year to receive this award. All finalists in the Bryan process are also considered for Davidson Scholar awards for scholar athletes as well as for all other Davidson merit scholarships. To be considered a student must be nominated by their counselor, school head, coach (high school or league), or a Davidson College coach no later than **September 10**. If you think you qualify, please see your counselor today.

Gates Millennium Scholarship – The process requires applicants to complete a Nominee Personal Information Form and to have a nominator who is an educator and a recommender who is familiar with their leadership and community service complete the respective forms. Applicants must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; a citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the United States; have attained a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; will be enrolling for the first time at a US accredited college or university as fulltime, degree seeking first year student in the fall of 2009; have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities; meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria/ have all three required forms completed and submitted by January 12, 2009. It is recommend that parents and students register within the "Online Communities" tab on the homepage at www.gmsp.org. this site will provide information on the GMS program as well as provide information and techniques to prepare students for college and the GMS application process.

Georgia Tech Presidential Scholarship – To be considered for the Presidential Scholarship at Georgia Tech you must submit your application by **October 31, 2008**.

Nuestra Juventud Scholarship – Each year Univision 40 (WUVC) recognizes young Hispanic leaders in North Carolina through this scholarship program. Seven Hispanic students will be selected and will receive a scholarship for college. Each winner will also be profiled in a vignette that will air on Univision 40 for one month. Winners are chosen based on leadership qualities, academic achievement and character. To obtain an application, email to Juventud40@univision.net or visit www.thencshp.org. Deadline is **October 17**.

Outstanding Students of America – Outstanding Students of America is a national organization dedicated to providing high school seniors with scholarships. The scholarships are \$1000.00 each and are payable to the college of the student's choice. Outstanding Students of America is seeking well rounded, intelligent students as recipients. The focus of the scholarship committee will be on students who participate in community/school involvement and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by **October 10**. For more information and to download an application, go to <http://www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com>.

Robertson Scholars Program – The Robertson program awards 30 scholarships a year – 15 at Duke and 15 at UNC-Chapel Hill. This program recognizes students with superior academic achievement and intellectual curiosity who demonstrate strong leadership potential and behavior that is grounded in ethical principles and an active commitment to helping others. All applicants to the two universities are considered for the scholarship program but interested students may complete the Supplemental Materials Form to provide additional information. The supplemental forms are available online at www.robertsonscholars.org. The deadline for these materials is **December 1**.

Sun Trust Scholarship Sweepstakes – Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need. Apply online at www.offtocollege.info. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 31 through May 15. Students may begin registering on September 15.

Teaching Fellows – The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program is designed for academically talented students with leadership potential and who are interested in teaching. If you are interested in this program, please see Mrs. Askins in College Counseling. More information is available at www.teachingfellows.org.

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 **November 2nd**. Complete information on this scholarship, including the application form, is available at <http://english.unc.edu/creative/tws>. If you have any questions, you may email Jenne Herbst at jlherbst@email.unc.edu.

Merit Scholarship Information Session – Representatives from the Morehead-Cain Scholars Program, the Park Scholarship, and the Robertson Scholars Program will present a discussion about the philosophy and mission of merit scholarships, how to find a program that best suits a student’s abilities and interest, and how students can distinguish themselves in the selection process. September 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dorothy and Roy park Alumni Center, 2450 Alumni Drive, Raleigh NC. Please let Mrs. Atkinson know if you plan to attend.

School Nominated Scholarships: The Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC-Chapel, the Park Scholarship at NCSU, the Emory Scholars Program, and the Belk Scholarship at Davidson. However, 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.

Open Houses

September 13

Duke University 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

All seniors and their families are invited. Conversations with Duke faculty, tours of campus, information on admissions and financial aid, including special merit scholarships. Visit www.admissions.duke.edu for more information.

October 4

Duke University’s Pratt School of Engineering “In Focus”

8:15 AM – 4:00 PM. To RSVP go to www.admissions.duke.edu.

October 18

North Carolina State University 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

www.ncsu.edu/openhouse or 919-515-2434

Admissions Receptions

September 3

Georgia Institute of Technology and The University of Georgia Information Session –

6:00 PM Cary Academy. Register at www.admissions.uga.edu/infosessions

September 8

Dartmouth College – “Learn More About Dartmouth”

7:00 PM Cameron Village Regional Library
To RSVP visit <http://inyourcity.dartmouth.edu/infosessions/>

September 9

Clark University – “Clark on the Road 2008”

7:00 PM Brier Creek Community Center
Respond to Dawn Sanders at dsanders@clarku.edu
by September 2

September 10, October 11, 12, 14

Duke University – “Discover Duke”

Please visit www.admissions.duke.edu for information about a session near you and to register.

September 14

United States Naval Academy Admissions Information Forum

4:00 PM Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, NC
For more information visit cgoevent@USNA.edu.

September 24

Johns Hopkins University – “Explore Hopkins”

7:00 PM Marriott at Research Triangle Park
Reservations are required. Register at <http://apply.jhu.edu/explorehopkins.rsvp>.

October 1

New York University

Durham, NC – Reserve your space at www.admissions.nyu.edu/receptions

October 12

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2:00 PM – Cary Academy Auditorium

Colleges Visiting RCHS

September 2	8:45	Villanova University
September 4	12:30	Salem College
September 8	9:30	Dartmouth College
September 9	8:45	Xavier University
	2:30	Wittenberg University
September 10	12:00	Mount Holyoke College
	12:45	Catholic University
	2:30	Kalamazoo College
September 11	8:45	Vassar
	9:45	American University
	12:30	Drew University
	1:30	Loyola – New Orleans
September 12	8:45	Davidson College
	2:15	The Cooper Union
September 17	9:45	University of North Carolina
September 18	9:45	Randolph College
September 19	12:30	Macalester College
September 23	8:45	Randolph Macon College
	9:45	University of Maryland Baltimore County
	12:30	Johns Hopkins University
	2:15	Vanderbilt University
September 24	8:45	Sweetbriar College
	12:15	Furman University
September 29	12:30	George Washington University
	2:30	High Point University
October 2	2:00	Boston University

SAT TEST DATES

Test Dates

October 4
November 1
December 6
January 24
March 14
May 2
June 6

Registration Dates

September 9
September 26
November 5
December 16
February 10
March 31
May 5

Late Registration Dates

September 16
October 10
November 18
January 6
February 24
April 9
May 15

ACT TEST DATES

Test Dates

September 13
October 25
December 13
February 7
April 4
June 13

Registration Dates

August 12
September 19
November 7
January 6
February 27
May 8

Late Registration Dates

August 13-22
September 20-October 3
November 8-20
January 7-16
February 28-March 13
May 9-22