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COLLEGE INFORMATION

New College in Sarasota, Florida is one of the five most intellectually challenging colleges (or universities) in the country, according to Colleges That Change Lives. According to the Fiske Guide, "New College is the South's most liberal institution of higher learning. Students work out a "contract" with their advisor each semester and receive written evaluations instead of grades. Courses are rigorous and challenging, but the environment is not competitive, students say." The Director of Admissions will be visiting RCHS on **October 7** - a great opportunity for you to learn more about this interesting and innovative college.

Birmingham Southern College stresses service, effectively preserving the school's image as a strong liberal arts institution (one of the deep south's better liberal arts colleges, according to Fiske) with its own brand of community involvement. Caring and attentive faculty add to a sense of commitment to both personal and community growth. Courses at BSC are rigorous and challenging. Students at BSC are focused on academics, but balance that with community service and an active social scene. Birmingham Southern is one of the 40 colleges that change lives. Come meet their representative on **October 13**.

Oberlin College, founded in 1833, is a highly selective liberal arts college known for challenging convention, embracing differences, and encouraging creative and intellectual risk-taking to create firsts that better our world. Oberlin is a community of thinkers, scholars, scientists, arts, musicians and activists united through the pursuit of diverse beliefs and interests. Come learn more about Oberlin on **October 17** when a representative visits RCHS.

Wofford College is in Spartanburg, South Carolina and has about 1300 students. From the Fiske Guide, "Wofford students take pride in the Wofford Way, combining a well-rounded curriculum with career-related internships and study abroad. Students often visit their professor's homes for dinner, forming lasting friendships with peers and faculty members. Wofford's strongest programs have been in the life sciences. Students rave about Wofford's programs in biology and economics. Prospective engineers may apply for a 3-2 program with Clemson University or New York's Columbia University." Learn more when Wofford visits RCHS on **October 6**.

College of Wooster located in Wooster, Ohio is one of the colleges Dr. Loren Pope believed changes the lives of students. According to Colleges That Change Lives "The College of Wooster is my original best-kept secret in higher education. Its record is unmatched in turning out scientists scholars, and other kinds of achievers and contributors to society by multiplying the talents of B and C as well as A students. Read more at www.ctcl.org or visit with the Director of Admissions (in college counseling) on November 12.

University of South Carolina announces new deadlines. Students who wish to be considered for the Honors College and Top Scholars awards must submit their application along with all required credentials by November 15, 2008. Students seeking regular admission must complete the application by December 1. The admissions office is no longer using rolling admission; instead there are two notification dates. Admitted students will be notified on December 20 if they applied before October 1st and will be notified by March 16 if they apply after October 1.

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.

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**.

Burger King Scholars Program – Applicants must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time an average of 15 hours per week or 40 weeks per year, actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need and plan to enroll in an accredited two or four year school by fall of application year. Applications are available on line www.bk.com/scholars and the deadline is **February 2**.

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**.

East Carolina University has changed their deadline for Academic Scholarships. It is December 1, 2008. The scholarship application can be downloaded from www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/admissions/apps.cfm.

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship - Applicants must be US citizens. Judging is based on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Completed applications must be turned in to the Elks Lodge nearest the applicant's permanent address no later than **January 9**. Applications are available at www.elks.org/enf/schoars.

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**.

North Carolina State University College of Education – There are a number of scholarships available from the College of Education . Applications can be downloaded at http://ced.ncsu.edu/student_services/scholarship_info.php. **The deadline is February 2.**

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>.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award - Online application available at www.prudential.com/spirit or www.principals.org/prudential (access key: spirit). Once you have completed the form print it out and bring to your counselor by **October 31.** One student will be nominated as the school's top youth volunteer for state level honors and will be eligible to compete for a \$1,000 award.

Robertson Scholars Program – The Robertson program awards 36 scholarships a year – 18 at Duke and 18 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.**

SAE International Engineering Scholarships – Applications are accepted September 1 through December 1 and must be postmarked by December 1. For full details and an application please visit www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm.

Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts such as : fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty. Volunteer actions that benefit women or girls are of particular interest. Application available in college counseling and the deadline is **January 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.

UNC Greensboro Merit Awards – Awards available in all majors. Minimum qualifications are 1200 SAT (critical reading and math) or 27 ACT and a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Applications available at www.uncg.edu/fia/meritawards. **January 5, 2009.**

Recruitment Events: Open Houses

October 4	Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering "In Focus" - 8:15 AM – 4:00 PM. RSVP www.admissions.duke.edu .
October 4, November 1, November 15	Picture Yourself at Pitt Saturdays To register visit www.oafa.pitt.edu
October 9	University of Notre Dame Information Program 7:00 PM Cardinal Gibbons High School
October 12 & 13	Fall Preview Weekend, Wesleyan College To register email admission @wesleyancollege.edu
October 14	An Introduction to Brown University 7:00 -9:00 PM Durham Academy Upper School
October 13	Drew University Science Day Register at www.drew.edu/cla/visit
October 16	UNCG School of Education Senior Day www.uncg.edu/soe/rrpd
October 18	Drew University Discover Drew Register at www.drew.edu/cla/visit
October 18	North Carolina State University 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM www.ncsu.edu/openhouse or 919-515-2434
October 20, and December 1	Mount Holyoke College Shadow Days Register at www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents
October 25	Guilford College Fall Open House - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. RSVP deadline: October 17. www.guilford.edu/visit
October 25 and November 8	Explore UNCG Register at www.uncg.edu/adm/visit
October 26-27	Bryn Mawr Fall Preview Days – Register at www.brynmawr.edu/admissions/fallpreview/
November 6 – 7	Mount Holyoke College Focus on Riding Register at www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents
November 7	Drew University Arts Day Register at www.drew.edu/cla/visit
November 9 and 10	Mount Holyoke College Focus on Diversity

Register at www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents

November 10

UNCG Be Inspired! A Teacher's Story

Spend time with Jason Kamras, 2005 National Teacher of the Year. Register by emailing masuitt@uncg.edu.

November 22

Drew University Inside Drew

Register at www.drew.edu/cla/visit

April 2

UNCG Teaching Career Day

Registration opens January 2009.

Admissions Receptions

October 8-9

Beloit College

Embassy Suites Research Triangle

October 11, 12, 14

Duke University – “Discover Duke”

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

October 12

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2:00 PM – Cary Academy Auditorium

October 19

Carnegie Mellon

Sunday 2:00 PM, Hilton Triangle Park -Register at <http://my.cmu.edu/site/admission/page.counselors> and use the registration code “Scottie Dog.”

Colleges Visiting RCHS

October 6	8:45 AM 9:45 AM 12:30 PM 2:30 PM	Middlebury College Pomona College Harvey Mudd Wofford College
October 7	11:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:45 PM 2:45 PM	Lenoir Rhyne New College University of Rochester George Mason
October 8	12:30 PM	Earlham College
October 13	2:15 PM	Birmingham Southern
October 14	8:45 AM	Bryn Mawr
October 15	8:30 AM	Rice University
October 16	8:45 AM	Washington & Lee

October 17	8:45 AM 12:45 PM	Oberlin Swarthmore
October 20	8:45 AM 2:15 PM	Hamilton Columbia
October 21	8:45	Wellesley
October 27	8:45 AM 12:45 PM	Skidmore Elon
October 28	8:45 AM 12:30 PM	Bennington Barnard
November 12	8:45 AM	College of Wooster
November 13	8:40 AM	St. Johns

SAT TEST DATES

Test Dates

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

Registration Dates

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

Late Registration Dates

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

ACT TEST DATES

Test Dates

October 25
December 13
February 7
April 4
June 13

Registration Dates

September 19
November 7
January 6
February 27
May 8

Late Registration Dates

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