

February 7, 2017

# Student Services Newsletter



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 1-13	Student Credit Checks
Feb 10	Registration deadline for 3/11 SAT Test
Feb 11	ACT Test Day
Feb 20	Schools and Offices Closed - Presidents' Day
Feb 21	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Day
Feb 28	Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 3/11 SAT Test
Mar 29	Junior Interview Day

## HCPSS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration for HCPSS Summer Programs is now open!

Visit

[www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/](http://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/)  
for more information.

## Howard Community College Internship Fair

Attention JUNIORS & SENIORS!!! You are invited to attend the Internship Fair at Howard Community College. Meet with employers to learn about available spring and summer internship opportunities.



Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Burrill Galleria in the Clark Library  
Howard Community College

Professional attire is recommended  
Bring copies of your resume

For more information, go to [www.howardcc.edu/career](http://www.howardcc.edu/career)

**CRISIS TEXT LINE**—Text **START to 741-741** for free, anonymous and confidential support at your fingertips, 24/7. Text 741-741 from anywhere in the USA, anytime, about any type of crisis and a live, trained Crisis Counselor will respond quickly.

The "Directory of Mental Health Services in Howard County," provided by the Howard County Mental Health Authority, is available to the public and can be found at the following link: <http://www.hcmha.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/HCMHA-Directory-October-2015.pdf>



### Counselors:

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**SAT Test Dates**

March 11, 2017  
May 6, 2017  
June 3, 2017

**ACT Test Dates**

February 11, 2017  
April 8, 2017  
June 10, 2017



**ACT/SAT Prep**

Juniors and Sophomores—Are you ready for the ACT/SAT? 2016-2017 resources for SAT and ACT prep classes are available. The PTSA and Student Services are partnering with Academic Coaches and The Answer to offer our students a variety of resources to help them improve their scores. For further information, contact your student's counselor or stop by Student Services.

**The Answer: Affordable & Convenient SAT & ACT Prep**

**Register NOW for COMPREHENSIVE & CONVENIENT  
SAT and/or ACT PREP at MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HS!**

The Answer Classes help students to gain confidence in their test-taking abilities and teach tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring. Students get the prep that they need without wasting time or money – and the school benefits, too: **20% of all tuition collected is donated to MRHS PTSA!**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**To date, more than 1,200 Howard County students have taken The Answer Classes and \$32,000+ has been donated to our partner schools in Howard County.**

**As well, over 97% of students who have taken The Answer Classes say that they would recommend them to a friend!**

**2017 SAT PREP AT MRHS**

M/W Feb. 13 & 15 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**OR**

T/Th Mar. 7 & 9 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**OR**

T/Th Apr. 25 & 27 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**WINTER 2017 ACT PREP AT MRHS**

M/W Mar. 20 & 22 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**REGULAR TUITION: ONLY \$159/class\* OR \$249 for SAT/ACT Class Package**

**\*\*Register at least one week ahead of your course and save \$10!\*\***

For more information or to register, please visit [www.theanswerclass.com](http://www.theanswerclass.com) or call 410-997-3006.

# Junior Interview Day

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have signed up to assist us with Junior Interview Day!!

We will contact you in the next few weeks with additional details and information as we get closer to the Interview Day. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Jessie Little at 410-313-5446 or [jessica\\_m\\_little@hcpss.org](mailto:jessica_m_little@hcpss.org).

Please remember to complete the volunteer training (see details below) and send in your certificate of completion. This training must be completed every year, so even if you completed it last year, you will need to do it again.

Thank you for helping our MRHS students!

## Parent Volunteers – PLEASE READ

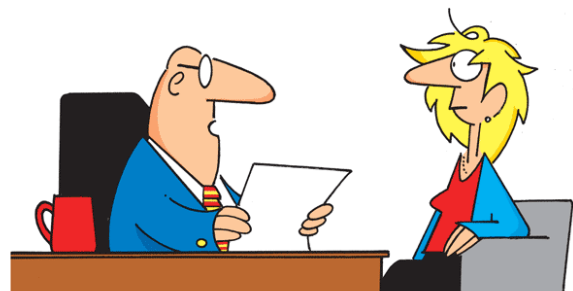
HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion for anyone that volunteers at Marriotts Ridge or any other Howard County Public School. Both the module and certificate are located on the HCPSS website, and we'll also create links from your schools to this page under the "Get Involved" navigation tag. **Parents/volunteers please complete the training and submit your certificate of completion to the school before registering as a volunteer.**

The training is available at: <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

**Thank you to the many volunteers who have already completed this process and submitted their certificate to the front office.**



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"Any other people skills, besides 400 Facebook friends?"

# Scholarship\$



## MRHS PTSA SCHOLARSHIP

SENIORS – DO NOT WAIT UNTIL APRIL 14 AND THEN PANIC ...

Two Key Dates:

- YOU (Graduating Senior) MUST BE A PAID **MRHS PTSA MEMBER BY JANUARY 27, 2017**
- APPLICATION DUE DATE: MRHS PTSA Scholarship Applications are **due Friday, April 14 at 2:30 PM!!!**

Scholarships will be granted to four seniors!

THE \$1,500 Question: Will you be one of the Four?

The Application for the 2016-2017 MRHS PTSA Scholarships is available on the PTSA website.

Download and print from this site: <http://www.marriottsridgeptsa.org/>

Follow all instructions very carefully, please.

Questions? Contact Karen Chase, MRHS PTSA Vice President @ [Karen.chase@unilever.com](mailto:Karen.chase@unilever.com) or 410.531.9818

### **The Howard County Professional Fire Fighters Association Scholarship**

The Howard County Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 2000, is pleased to announce that we will provide a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior from each of our Howard County public high schools.

This scholarship is geared to help the “average” student who displays exceptional qualities and effort rather than being an award for the highest grades or sports aptitude. Any student who has attained a 2.5 grade average in their senior year and a minimum SAT score of 900 will be welcome to participate by submitting the enclosed form.

Entries shall be postmarked no later than April 1, 2017. Applications can be downloaded from Naviance or picked up in Student Services.



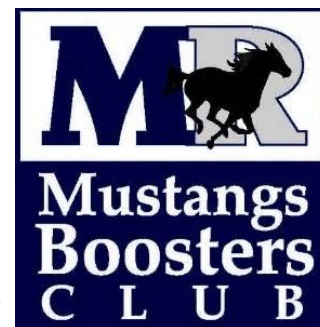
**SENIORS!** The Community Foundation of Howard County Scholarships are now available to our high school seniors! There is one scholarship, the **Mary Ann Levant Scholarship**, that is for Marriotts Ridge students only!! Check it out!! The process for applying for any of the Community Foundation of Howard County Scholarships is outlined on their website. You can read about these scholarships at <http://cfhoco.org/howard-county-high-school-students/>

Be sure to  
check  
**NAVIANCE**  
regularly for  
updated  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
information!



# Scholarship\$

## MRHS BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP



### *HOW HAVE YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE AT THE RIDGE?*

**WHAT:** Scholarship Opportunities – Two \$2000 scholarships toward future education expenses.

**WHY:** To honor two seniors who embody the Booster goal of “Making a Difference at the Ridge.”

**WHO:** Any senior who has made a significant difference at the MRHS, is a Boosters member, and maintains a 2.5 GPA.

**HOW:** Submit a personal statement which reflects how you have “*Made a difference at Marriotts Ridge High School,*” a personal resume, and a letter of recommendation.

**Complete application directions/information sheets are available in the Student Services office.**

**WHEN:** Students must complete their application by February 24, 2017. Application materials should be submitted to Ms. Dubbs in the Student Services office, in a sealed 9” x 12” envelope marked “Booster Scholarship.” The winners will be announced in May.

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## **APL ASPIRE Internship Program**

ASPIRE is a program for high school juniors and seniors to explore the real-world applications of STEM at APL. Students are matched with APL staff members to work on technical projects in a subject area of interest to the student. Applications are now open for the summer 2017 session for rising juniors and seniors. Applications open April 15, 2017, for the Academic Year Session. ASPIRE is a competitive program. Students applying must be committed to the program and its time requirements. Information and application materials can be found at <http://www.jhuapl.edu/STEM/Students/ASPIRE>.





## Maryland Boys State - June 18-24, 2017 at McDaniel College

Are you a current 2017 HS Junior interested in Leadership, Government, Politics, attendance at Military Academy, or College ROTC?? The MD Boys State is a week long practical exercise in Government that will have a positive influence on your life. Apply online today at [mdlegion.org/boysstate](http://mdlegion.org/boysstate). Applications are due April 15, 2017. For more information, call 410-752-1405 or email [boysstate@mdlegion.org](mailto:boysstate@mdlegion.org).



### **Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education**

Attention sophomores and juniors: Are you interested in helping to shape county education policies? Applications are now being accepted for the Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education. The student elected by the students of Howard County will serve a one-year term on the Howard County Board of Education, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Applications are available in Student Services. Completed application packets must be received by Ms. Cindy Drummond, HCASC Advisor, HCPSS, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042 or by email, [cindy\\_drummond@hcpss.org](mailto:cindy_drummond@hcpss.org). no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, February 10, 2017.

## LEADERSHIP U

Are you interested in making a difference? Consider joining Leadership U Class of 2017! Leadership U is an exciting leadership development, team-building and community service opportunity for current high school sophomores. This four-month program involves a week-long summer program of hands-on learning and interactive activities, and involvement in a team community service project. This program is for students with leadership potential, a desire to learn with others, and with an interest for the community.

### **Who is in LeadershipU?**

Students who live in Howard County

Students who have a desire to learn about their community and a willingness to volunteer

Students who want to have fun while meeting new people from different areas of Howard County

**Interested Students should** attend one of the free information sessions:

February 13 at Central Library

March 2 at Miller Library

**All sessions are from 7:00-8:00 pm.**

Cost is \$875 (**financial assistance is available**). More information is available in Student Services. **Applications are due Thursday, March 16, 2017.** Visit [www.leadershiphc.org](http://www.leadershiphc.org).

# U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SUMMER PROGRAMS

## **U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SUMMER SEMINAR AND SUMMER STEM PROGRAMS**

Summer seminar applications are now open for all high school juniors interested in the U.S. Naval Academy. Also, Summer STEM applications are now open for all rising 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders. The deadline for Summer Seminar is March 31. The deadline for Summer STEM is April 15. Information on the applications can be found at <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>.

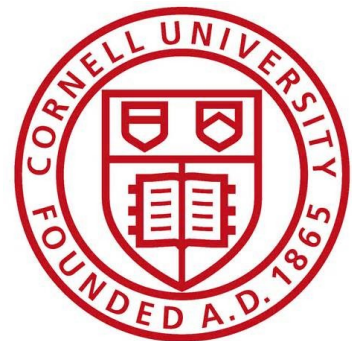
## College Programs, News and Events

### **Cornell University presents 2 Summer Engineering Programs:**

#### **Catalyst Academy Summer Program**

**July 16-22, 2017 (Application Deadline March 15, 2017)**

Catalyst Academy is a high school summer program in Engineering. This one week program is for rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from underrepresented backgrounds who desire to learn about engineering. Experience college life at Cornell University and explore the many possibilities that await you!



#### **Curie Academy Summer Program**

**July 16-22, 2017 (Application Deadline March 15, 2017)**

Curie Academy is a one week residential program for high school girls who excel in math and science. The focus is on rising juniors and seniors who may not have had prior opportunities to explore engineering, but want to learn more about it in an interactive atmosphere. Experience life at Cornell University and explore the many possibilities awaiting you in engineering.

**Catalyst and Curie Academies** tuition includes room, meals, and research materials. See web for more information and program tuition cost:

<https://sites.coecis.cornell.edu/curieacademy>

<https://sites.coecis.cornell.edu/catalystacademy>

# College Programs, News and Events



## **HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2017 KIDS ON CAMPUS**

HCC Kids on Campus courses provide wonderful enrichment options covering a wide variety of subject areas for ages 7-17. The program runs from June 21 through August 18 with both half and full day options. In addition, before and after care options are available for working parents.

The 2017 brochure is now available on line at <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/courses/kids-on-campus/>



## **Bowie State University presents Black College Expo, 2017**

**Saturday, March 3, 2017  
9am to 5pm**

**Bowie State University – Student Union  
14000 Jericho Park Rd.  
Bowie, MD 20715**

- Scholarships & Financial Aid Resources
- Get Accepted to College on the Spot\*
- Seminars and Workshops
- Student Athlete Recruitment Information
- Step Show & Celebrity Guests
- Band Auditions
- Win Dollars for College—see following details

\*not applicable to all colleges

\$10 at the door / \$8 online / Special Group Rates Available

Students should bring several copies of your transcripts, SAT and/or ACT test scores for possible acceptance.

**WIN DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE!** - Winners must attend the EXPO to receive their scholarship. Please check in at the registration booth no later than 12:00 pm on the day of the EXPO.

All Juniors and Seniors are eligible to win scholarship money by writing an essay... "Why Is a College Education Important to Me?"

Deadline – Tuesday, February 21, 2017

For more information and to register, go to [www.thecollegeexpo.org](http://www.thecollegeexpo.org) or call 877-427-4100.



# College Programs, News and Events

**Find your perfect college with one-Stop Shopping!**

**National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) presents.....**



## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017: 9:45 am-noon & 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
Thursday, April 6, 2017: 9:45 am-noon  
Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Gaithersburg, MD

## **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

Thursday, April 6, 2017: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
Friday, April 7, 2017: 9:45 am - noon  
Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, Landover, MD

**FREE!**  
Register today at  
[www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com)

This free event is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors and their families. Admission representatives from hundreds of colleges and universities are available to speak with students one-on-one concerning the college admission process and college life in general.

For more information, visit [www.nacacfairs.org/ncfstudentregistration](http://www.nacacfairs.org/ncfstudentregistration).

# Upcoming College/Military Visits

Students must register in advance to attend a college/military visit. Students must register online through Naviance. Students will receive an email from Naviance confirming their visit – this email should be printed and used as a pass.

Feb 13      Howard Community College  
Feb 28      US Navy Recruiter  
Mar 3      Howard Community College

## Open House Events

### **Bridgewater College**

February 11, 2017

March 18, 2017

[www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus](http://www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus)

### **Christendom College**

February 20, 2017 - Spring Open House

April 24, 2017 - Spring Open House

[www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/](http://www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/)

### **Coppin State**

February 11, 2017 - Open House

[www.coppin.edu/openhouse2017](http://www.coppin.edu/openhouse2017)

### **Fairmont State University**

March 25, 2017

[fsuforme.com/visit](http://fsuforme.com/visit)

### **Messiah College**

February 20, 2017 - Open House

April 8, 2017 - Open House

April 21, 2017 - Open House

[www.messiah.edu/visit](http://www.messiah.edu/visit)

### **Roanoke College**

Sunday, February 19 - Math & Science Exploration Day for Seniors

Saturday, March 25 - Sophomore & Junior Visit

[roanoke.edu/visit](http://roanoke.edu/visit)

### **Savannah College of Art & Design**

February 18, 2017 (Savannah)

March 4, 2017 (Atlanta)

April 1, 2017 (Savannah)

April 22, 2017 (Atlanta)

### **University of Alabama**

February 20, 2017

March 6, 2017

March 27, 2017

[universitydays.ua.edu](http://universitydays.ua.edu)

### **University of North Carolina - Greensboro**

Junior Day - Friday, April 28, 2017

[www.admissions.uncg.edu](http://www.admissions.uncg.edu)

### **University of Pittsburgh Johnstown**

April 1, 2017

[www.upj.pitt.edu/openhouse](http://www.upj.pitt.edu/openhouse)

### **Virginia Tech - A Day In the Life of a Physics Major**

April 10, 2017

April 12, 2017

April 17, 2017

April 19, 2017

April 21, 2017

<http://www.phys.vt.edu/students/day-in-physics-student.shtml>

### **Western New England University**

March 5, 2017

[www.visit.wne.edu](http://www.visit.wne.edu)



# *Save The Date!*

## **2017 YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR**

**Saturday, April 1, 2017 • 10 am - 2 pm**  
Long Reach High School • 6101 Old Dobbin Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045



**Register online at: [MIDMDYOUTHFAIR2017.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://MIDMDYOUTHFAIR2017.EVENTBRITE.COM) or  
Contact Jermira Sarratt, Youth Coordinator at 410-290-2623  
Email: [jesarratt@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jesarratt@howardcountymd.gov)  
Must be 16 - 24 to register.**



### **Partnering Agencies:**

Howard County Office of Local Children's Board, Children and Family Services, Community Partnerships - Continuum of Care, Department of Social Services, Mental Health Authority, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Solomon's Porch Worship Center and Building Families for Children.

Equal Opportunity Program: As an equal opportunity program, discrimination in WIDA Title I financially assisted programs or activities is prohibited by federal law and by Howard County Government. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you need an accommodation please contact Stephanie Hill at 410-290-2520, TTY 410-312-0827.



# Healthy Relationships and Dating Dangers

The Council of Elders Community Academy



**Saturday, February 25, 2017**  
**9 – 11:15 a.m.**

**Oakland Mills Middle School**

9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia 21045

This session is open to parents and students of all levels. Peer interactions and dating can impact students' lives. Representatives from HopeWorks, a Howard County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center, will share characteristics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships involving children.

Separate sessions for all student levels will be held. The session topics are: "I Can/We Can" (elementary students) and "Is it Love" - focusing on healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships and dating dangers (middle and high school students).



Please register at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OLVEBfeIR2BRfIgj2>

*Sponsored by:*



**Howard County Arts Council  
Visual and Performing Arts Summer Camp**



**CALL FOR CAMP ASSISTANTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

**Looking for a fun *summer job* or *community service hours*?  
Come and work at the *Howard County Arts Council Summer Camp*!**

**Camp Assistants and Volunteers** serve as classroom aides and help ensure that campers have a positive and safe camp experience during week-long arts camps.



Visual and Performing Arts camps are offered to children grades K-7 in one week sessions from **June 26- August 18**. The following opportunities are available:

• **Camp Assistants**

- Must be age 18 by June 15, 2017
- Must commit to at least one full week session, Mon-Fri, 8:45am-3:45pm
- Position is seasonal and is paid at the rate of \$9.25/hr

• **Camp Volunteers**

- Must be age 15 by September 1, 2017
- Must commit to at least one full ½ day session, Mon-Fri, 8:45am-12pm or 12:30pm - 3:45pm
- Position is seasonal and unpaid; however, community service hours may be earned.

**Application deadline is March 6, 2017.**

For more information and to apply, visit the Howard County Arts Council website at <http://bit.ly/2i229MQ> (Camp Assistant) and <http://bit.ly/2i1YsXD> (Camp Volunteer).

Please call the Howard County Arts Council at 410-313-2787 with any questions.



**Arrow Collegiate Tour Presents....**



**\$485.00 per person**

**Trip Includes:**

- Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations (Students based on four per room)
- (3) Breakfast Meals
- (3) Lunch Meals
- (1) Dinner Meal
- Shopping at the Mall
- Universal Studio in Disney World (Islands of Adventure)\*

**There will be a MANDATORY Parent & Student Meeting - TBA**

\*The cost of admission to Universal Studio is NOT included in the price of the trip; however, ALL students must attend. Discount Tickets will be available for purchase.

PAYMENT: \$150.00 Deposit (Non Refundable) DUE ASAP

**HISTORICAL BLACK  
COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES TOUR**

**APRIL 12 - 16, 2017**



**Join Us and See What Campus Life is Like At:**

North Carolina A&T University  
Bennett College  
St Augustine University  
Clark Atlanta University  
Spelman College  
Morehouse College  
Florida A&M University  
Universal Studio in Disney World

**Please visit our Website:**

**[www.arrowcollegiatetour.com](http://www.arrowcollegiatetour.com)**

**Mail ALL payments and materials to:**

**Arrow Collegiate Tour  
P.O. Box 1022  
Temple Hills, MD 20757**

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