

**Seniors:** Please stop by the Guidance Office to check the spelling and correct order (first, middle, last) of your name for your diploma. Be sure to initial if it is correct, or make the correction. Parents of graduates – if you are concerned that your child might miss the opportunity to stop in at Guidance to check off their name, YOU can email me at [nancy\\_beneski@hcpss.org](mailto:nancy_beneski@hcpss.org) to notify me of the complete (first, middle and last) and correctly spelled name.

**Graduates:** If you have received an acceptance letter from a college, please come in and sign the **College Acceptances** poster! List any school that you receive a letter from and underline the one of YOUR choice to attend. We already have one page full and starting the second. Share the good news with Atholton!

**Regional PSAT Information Nights:** An opportunity for parents to gain information on PSAT test interpretation. Parents and students are encouraged, though not required, to bring their score report with them to the workshop - January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake High School.

#### **Upcoming ACT & SAT Test Deadline**

SAT Test: March 13, 2010 – Registration Deadline: February 4  
ACT Test: February 6, 2010 – Registration Deadline: January 5<sup>th</sup>

Late Registration Deadline: February 5 – February 18  
Late Registration Deadline: January 6 – January 15, 2010

#### **SAT Prep Courses:**

**Kaplan SAT Prep Class:** The AHS SAT Prep Class with Kaplan is now full – but, students can still prepare for the March 2010 SAT exam by enrolling in Kaplan’s class at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center – 120431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia, MD 21044. Same cost \$499. Class Dates: Monday and Wednesday evenings 1/27 – 3/10. AHS PTSA will receive the commission if our students enroll in this class; please let them know you are an AHS student! Sign up at [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com) using the code SABA10010 or call 1-800-KAP-TEST.

**THE ANSWER CLASS:** Students take a full-length practice test and learn everything they need to know about the SAT in only 8 hours and for only \$129\* . Over 97% of students who take the course say that they would recommend it to a friend. Select one of these sessions:

- Sat., Feb. 27 from 8 am – 12 pm & Sun., Feb 28 from 12 noon – 4 pm
- Sat., March 27 from 8am - 12 pm & Sun.,, March 28 from 12 noon - 4 pm
- Monday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 12 from 5:30-9:30pm (both evenings)

20% of all tuition collected is donated to the AHS PTSA. **COST:** \*Tuition is \$139. Register at least one week prior to your course date & save \$10!

For more information or to enroll, please contact (410) 997-3006, email [satprep@theanswerclass.com](mailto:satprep@theanswerclass.com), or download the **ANSWER FLYER** for more information and a registration form. You may also contact our PTSA committee chair for more information on these programs: [Laurie Remer](#)

**ACT College Admissions Exam** will be offered at Glenelg High School on February 6, 2010 and June 12, 2010. Register and practice at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, plus a Writing Section. The ACT registration cost is \$47.00 for the ACT Plus Writing exam. Registration includes up to 4 college score reports; each additional report is \$9.00

**LEADERSHIP U:** Are you interested in making a difference? Consider joining Leadership U Class of 2010. Leadership U is an exciting leadership development, teambuilding and community service opportunity for high school students. This four-month program involves: (1) attendance at a week-long summer session of hands-on learning and interactive activities, (2) Completion of a team community service project, (3) Participation in “shadow Day,” where students spend an entire day with a business or community leader. In order to qualify you must be a current high school sophomore, have leadership potential and a desire to learn with others, and have a concern for the community. Applications are available in the Guidance Office or at [www.leadershiphc.org](http://www.leadershiphc.org). The deadline is Friday, March 12, 2010.

**Maryland MESA** is excited to be supporting the **GIRL POWER: THE CHANGING FACE OF STEM** event on **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 3-5 p.m.** at the Kossiakoff Center at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD. This free event is targeting female middle and high school students and aims to increase the participation and employment of diverse women in STEM careers. Attendees will be offered opportunities to meet and talk with professional women in their fields of interest, participate in hands-on STEM activities and visit displays on careers in

aerospace, computer science, electrical engineering, geology, information technology, science education, space mission engineering and more.

**Veterinary Medical Career Fair & Information Sessions:** Sunday, March 14, 2010, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Sq., Alexandria, VA 22314. This free, premier event is for any high school student with an interest in the veterinary medical profession. Visit [www.aavmc.org/DVM](http://www.aavmc.org/DVM) for additional information.

**Military Night: Save the date---Military Information Night:** River Hill High School will be hosting a County-wide Military Night on Wednesday, March 24 from 7pm-9pm. The Military Night will take place in the Cafeteria and Media Center. Representatives from the five Military Academies, private and state sponsored military colleges, enlistment recruiters, ROTC, and the Howard County JROTC programs at Atholton, Howard, and Oakland Mills will be present and will be manning tables to distribute information. In addition, representatives of Senator Cardin, Senator Mikulski and Congressman Cummings office will be on hand to discuss the nomination process for the Military Academies. We will also have representatives of the Military Academies discussing their application processes.

**Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel:** This is an educational opportunity for students who are currently in the tenth grade. Candidates apply in their sophomore year and throughout their junior and senior year, participate in a monthly leadership development skills program and travel to Israel during the summer of 2011 following completion of their junior year in high school. Applications and brochures are available in the Guidance Office.

#### **SUMMER: 2010**

**The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel:** A 5-week summer program (July 5, 2010 – August 11, 2010) for Jewish high school juniors during the summer before their senior year. Application deadline: January 20, 2010. Apply online at [www.bronfman.org](http://www.bronfman.org).

**Cornell University:** Summer College Program for high school students designed to give college life experiences and learning, Ivy League style. The programs run for three or six weeks between June 26 and August 10. To learn more and apply, visit [www.summercollege.cornell.edu](http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu).

**Vanderbilt Pre-College PAVE:** For 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who wish to explore a science, engineering, medical or technology based career in a risk free environment, and develop new skills and confidence. PAVE is designed to satisfy your needs and fortify your academic edge. This is a six-week coeducational program involving in-depth problem solving, computer applications/skills, laboratory experiments, and technical writing – all in a university environment. Further details can be found in a brochure located in the Guidance Office or by visiting the PAVE website at <https://pave.vanderbilt.edu>.

#### **Jobs:**

**Continental Pools Incorporated** is seeking employees for this summer. Visit [www.continentalpools.com](http://www.continentalpools.com) or email [AbbeyM@continentalpools.com](mailto:AbbeyM@continentalpools.com) about joining their team and becoming a lifeguard.

U.S. Aquatics is recruiting lifeguards for this summer. You must be at least 15 years of age and a good swimmer. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Please call 301-210-4211 ext. 107 to set up an interview.

**DRD Pool Management** is hiring for summer positions as lifeguards, pool managers and field supervisors. Please call 800-466-7665 for more information.

**Pinnacle Energy** is expanding their marketing department. Part-time marketing representatives are needed. No selling involved, simply schedule appointments with interested homeowners for a free estimate on one of the many home improvement projects. Guaranteed base salary plus bonuses, no experience needed. If you have a pleasant personality and enjoy talking to people this could be the perfect part-time job for you. Flexible schedules are available, call today to arrange an interview. Call 410-796-8311, extension 105 and ask for Mr. Frank.

#### **Scholarships - Nominations:**

**Frostburg State University:** The Music Scholarship Audition day is Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Shimer College:** Michel de Montaigne Scholarship. Go to [www.shimer.edu](http://www.shimer.edu) for further information.

**Towson University:** Full scholarships for Science and Math Students. For application forms and information, [www.towson.edu/fisherscholarships](http://www.towson.edu/fisherscholarships).

**Westminster College:** Several merit-based scholarships available. Visit [www.westminster.edu/future](http://www.westminster.edu/future).

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**Abbott and Fenner Scholarship:** Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the website: [www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm). There will be a \$1,000 winner. Deadline is 6/19/10.

**AES Engineers:** Answer one of the essay questions on website [www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm). The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by the essays that are submitted. The award is a \$500 scholarship, deadline date is October 8, 2010.

**Baltimore Community Foundation:** Common Scholarship application for 12 scholarships. The application may be accessed at [www.bcf.org](http://www.bcf.org).

**Best Buy @ 15™:** Scholarship program deadline 2/15/10 for students involved in volunteer community service or work experience. Visit website to apply on-line at [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships).

**Big Sun Scholarship:** The Big Sun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. They are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student in the amount of \$500. The deadline is June 24, 2010. Please visit their website at [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com) to learn how to apply.

**National Society of Black Engineers – Alumni Extension:** African-American students seeking to pursue undergraduate degrees in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. An essay is necessary and must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2010.

**Chinese-American Citizens Alliance Scholarship:** National Essay Contest, Saturday, March 6, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Chinatown, Washington, D.C. To register, please contact Thomas Lee by February 20, 2010.

**CollegeBound Foundation:** Scholarship applications for three different scholarship opportunities administered by the CollegeBound Foundation are available in the Guidance Office. The **Leslie Moore Scholarship Foundation** was created to help those in financial need to attend college. This Foundation will award \$2,500. The **Managerial and Professional Society (MAPS) of Baltimore Merit and Service Award Scholarships** offers \$1,000 to dues-paying MAPS members. The **SHERO Scholarship** awards scholarships from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to young women needing financial assistance.

**Common Black College Application:** Go to [www.eduinonline.com](http://www.eduinonline.com) for more information. You can apply to 34 colleges and universities for a one time fee of \$35.

**Federal Water Quality Association 2010 Scholarship Program:** Students preparing for careers in environmental protection should apply for the \$2,000 scholarship award. Application and further information regarding essay are available in the Guidance Office. The deadline date is Monday, April 19, 2010.

**HEART Scholarship Committee:** The Association of Retired Howard County Public School Personnel (HEART) is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship for graduates who are planning to enter the field of education. Applications are available in the Guidance Office, with a deadline of April 1, 2010.

**Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, Inc.:** African-American students who are graduating this spring and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher are eligible for this scholarship. The application and criteria can be downloaded at their website, <http://hcfleca.community.officelive.com>, or check in the Guidance Office.

**Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarships:** For students who require financial assistance, must fill out an application and submit an essay prior to the March 1, 2010 deadline.

**Jewish Community Services:** Are you a Jewish student from a single-parent home? Are you a Jewish student with a diagnosed learning disability? The Jewish Community Services is sponsoring a scholarship program based on academic performance, extracurricular and community activities, and financial need. The application deadline is March 31, 2010. Visit [www.jcsbaltimore.org](http://www.jcsbaltimore.org) or stop by the Guidance Office for further information.

**Tom Joyner Foundation:** Accepting applications for "Full Ride" scholarship for a student planning to attend a Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) in the fall of 2010. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 23, 2010, with the winner announced April 2, 2010.

**Maryland PTA:** The Maryland PTA is offering a \$500 scholarship to graduates who are planning careers in education and need financial assistance can pick up application materials from the Guidance Office. Applications are due by March 15, 2010.

**National Maritime Intelligence Center:** Featuring Blacks in Government Scholarship Program (NMIC-BIG) is accepting applications from high school students. A complete application package must be submitted to the scholarship committee to later than March 1, 2010. The package must consist of a scholarship application form, a written essay, an official high school transcript, a completed certification of academic standing form, and at least one personal recommendation.

**The Polish Heritage Association of Maryland** is providing several \$1,500 scholarship grants to students for the academic year 2010-2011. You must have at least two Polish ancestors. Selection will be primarily made on the basis of financial aid, and then focus on academic standing, leadership potential and pride of Polish Heritage. Applications must be completed and postmarked by March 31, 2010. Applications are available in the Guidance Office or on their website at [www.pha-md.org](http://www.pha-md.org).

**Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year:** Recognizes outstanding 12<sup>th</sup> grade athletes for the SAMMY 2010 Award. You can nominate yourself, or seek a nomination from Atholton. Twenty five winners will receive a \$7,500 college scholarship from the Milk Processor Education Program, an invitation to attend a SAMMY 2010 awards weekend, and an opportunity to be pictured in a congratulatory Milk Mustache ad in a June 2010 edition of USA Today. The deadline date is March 5, 2010. Applications will only be accepted online at [bodybymilk.com](http://bodybymilk.com).

**Earl Slacum Scholarship:** Any former Rockburn Elementary School student, with a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA is eligible for this \$500 scholarship. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter, Inc. Scholarship Program:** Merit based, essay required. Application forms and information: [www.columbiamdsmas.org](http://www.columbiamdsmas.org), and in Guidance Office.

**Other College Information/Open House Dates:**

**College of Notre Dame:** Class visit day, Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. You can visit classes, meet faculty, tour the campus, questions answered, and have lunch. RSVP, call 410-532-5330.

**SchoolSoup:** Searching for a scholarship? SchoolSoup is one of the largest scholarship databases in existence. Go to [schoolsoup.com](http://schoolsoup.com) for your scholarship opportunity.

**United States Military Academy:** West Point is offering their Summer Leaders Seminar 2010, May 29 – June 4 or June 5 – 11. To apply, students should visit [www.Admissions.WestPoint.edu/](http://www.Admissions.WestPoint.edu/) - and fill out the application form online prior to April 1, 2010.

**Virginia Military Institute:** Open House dates: Feb. 19-20, 2010, March 5-6, 2010, and April 9-10, 2010. For Open House registration: [www.vmi.edu](http://www.vmi.edu).

**West Virginia Wesleyan:** Bus trip February 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> leaving from Baltimore, MD (White Marsh park & ride). Students will be able to visit the campus, meet faculty members, stay overnight with a current student, and hear an admission and financial aid presentation. Please apply online for free application, or paper application (fee) from Guidance. Student must submit a counselor recommendation form as well as a permission form signed by a parent or guardian.

**Widener University:** The Philadelphia Section of the Society of Women Engineers and Widener University are co-sponsoring a one-day Engineering Mini-Camp for girls in grades 9 – 12. The camp, to be held Saturday, February 6, 2010, on Widener University's Chester campus, will bring girls who have an interest in science/math/technology together with practicing women engineers and female engineering students. Funded by corporate donations, the camp is offered free of cost. Enrollment is limited to a maximum of 150 girls, on a first-come basis. Additional information and on-line registration are available at [www.widener.edu/minicampgirls](http://www.widener.edu/minicampgirls).