Senior Bulletin
October 1, 2016

General Announcements

You don't need to change yourself. Ever. You need to come home to yourself. And that changes everything!
-Scherer

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### Fall 2016 College Visits

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- For more information on any of these college visits, please visit the Counseling Center.

- Check the bulletin board outside of the Counseling Center for any last minute visitors that were scheduled after the Senior Bulletin was sent out.

- Please note that if any student wishes to attend a visit, he or she must sign up in the Counseling Center at least one day in advance.

- If you are signed up for a visit during a scheduled class period, you MUST first go to your classroom to receive a College Visit pass from your instructor.

- Upcoming college rep visits will be tweeted as a reminder to students. Follow us @BurrisCounselor.
The Common Application

• The common application is shared by a diverse group of over 500 colleges and universities, in the United States and around the world.
• Contact Tania Rachkoskie at trachkoskie@commonapp.org or make a trip to the NACAC Conference exhibit in Indianapolis.

*If you are unable to access the links in this document, copy and paste them into your internet browser.*

Don’t forget that Senior Profiles are due to the Counseling Center **October 28**, but if you would like a recommendation from Mrs. Maugherman she needs your finished profile but this Friday, **October 7th, 2016**.

**Purdue University**

• The Purdue Women in Engineering Program would like to invite you to a free daylong engineering program geared toward high school seniors called Seniors Exploring Engineering at Purdue (SEE Purdue), on **Monday, October 17, 2016**. The program is geared toward women in their senior year of high school with an interest in engineering. An optional reception on Sunday evening will be held. Take advantage of this opportunity to visit, explore, and research all the facets of engineering! If interested, register online early at: [www.purdue.edu/WIEP](http://www.purdue.edu/WIEP) and look under “News and Events.”
• Registrations are due by **Monday, October 10, 2016**

• Contact Information:
  - wiep@purdue.edu
**NC State University Open House**

- **Saturday, October 15, 2016; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- Open House is a great way to gather information about the wide variety of resources available to students at NC State University. There will be many activities taking place during Open House. To get an idea of what to expect, you can check out the website.
- Register for the open house at [https://admissions.ncsu.edu/sites/open-house/](https://admissions.ncsu.edu/sites/open-house/) [https://wolfpaw.ncsu.edu/openhouse.asp](https://wolfpaw.ncsu.edu/openhouse.asp)

**Butler University**

- **Saturday, October 22, 2016**
  - Attend a day visiting Butler with an informational fair, Q & A with current faculty, staff, and students, lunch, a campus tour and much more! All students interested in any field are welcome! Check-in starts at 8:00 am followed by a wide variety of options of your choosing until about 4:00 pm.
  - For more information and registration, visit [https://adm.butler.edu/portal/open-house](https://adm.butler.edu/portal/open-house)

**Franklin College**

- **Saturday, November 12, 2016**
  - Franklin College will hold an open house day on November 12th and will be offering on-site admission at this event. Students who apply by Dec. 1 will be considered for top scholarships. FC is now also on the Common App.

**University of Indianapolis High School Day**

- **Saturday, November 5, 2016**
  - This will be an opportunity to learn more about the University of Indianapolis from faculty, staff, and current students. Preregistration is recommended but not required, and everything, including lunch, is free.

**Marian University**

- **Saturday, October 8, 2016**
  - Fall Preview Day
- **Saturday, February 18, 2017**
  - Blue and Gold Day

Register now for any of these events by emailing campusvisit@marian.edu, calling 800.772.7264, or visiting [www.marian.edu/EventDaySignUp](http://www.marian.edu/EventDaySignUp)
1. **Its Almost Always A Good Time To Visit:** College admission offices typically have reduced hours during vacation periods in the school year, but they are generally willing and able to give campus tours all the time. Visiting during the school year is preferred, so that you can see the campus in use. Every college website is different but there is usually a link somewhere in the Admission section called “Visit”, or “Visiting Campus”. This typically explains the hours that the Admission office is open, and might even have an online calendar that will let you sign up in advance for your visit.

2. **Sign Up In Advance For Your Visit:** The best way to get the full experience of a visit is if you attend the official information session and take a formal tour. There are some benefits to registering for a visit. By registering, it lets the college start a file on you. Colleges track “demonstrated interest”, and visiting their campus is a very tangible form of demonstrating your interest in their school. Students who demonstrate more interest are more likely to be admitted than otherwise identical students who demonstrated less interest.

3. **Bring A Camera And Take Lots Of Pictures:** You will likely visit more than one campus during your college search so it may get confusing trying to remember the characteristics of each college, such as which college had the biggest library and which had the coolest dormitories. If you take a lot of pictures during your tour, it will help you later on when you are deciding where to apply or whose admission to accept.

4. **Ask Questions:** During a campus visit, you will typically have an information session of about an hour’s duration during which a member of the Admission Office will give you a presentation about the college. The presentation is aimed at students and parents and it is important to ask questions if you are confused about the information given! As an added bonus, introduce yourself when you ask the question, so you can demonstrate even more interest. After the information session, there will be a bathroom break before the tour. At that time, go up to the presenter, shake her/his hand, and thank them while making sure that they know your name and where you are from. It is a great way to stand out from the crowd!

5. **Dress Nicely, But Wear Your Most Comfortable Shoes:** It may be
tempting to wear your most comfortable clothes, but you should treat a campus visit like a business trip. You don't need to dress up, but a skirt or nice slacks for girls, and khakis and a collared shirt for boys will help show that you are serious about your visit. Footwear wise, sneakers are fine so long as they are comfortable. You will probably be walking for over an hour on your tour and may cover a couple of miles of footpaths, steps and various buildings.

6. BONUS – Have A Bite To Eat: Generally the information session and tour combo will be either in the late morning or early afternoon. You should get some lunch on campus. Since you will probably be eating in the dining hall for the first year, and you will be paying a lot for the privilege, it will be good to sample the cuisine in advance. Often the Admission office can give you and any traveling companions (parents, siblings) vouchers for the main dining hall; unfortunately this might not be an option during a vacation. You might have to call in advance to ask for cafeteria vouchers, but it is well worth the trouble. Besides getting some free food it will give you a good chance to observe campus denizens in their natural habitat. Watch how the students interact: do they seem happy? Careworn? You might pick up lots of valuable clues about like on campus while enjoying your meal.

• Independent Colleges Indiana: Answers to Qs About College
  31 school-day series of videos answering frequently-asked questions about college from students and parents. Videos show questions from students and parents as well as videos from ICI students and staff answering these questions. Students will also have the opportunity to win scholarships of $5,000. See the 31 Questions and Answers for yourself on [www.indianacolleges31.com](http://www.indianacolleges31.com).
**Hugh O’Brian Youth Advanced Leadership Academy**

- Be immersed in a college-level curriculum that enhances self-knowledge and leadership development while facilitating positive social change.
- Experience a leadership-learning environment that fosters project management skills and a year of support from ALA project coaches.
- Craft a one-year project action plan around a specific service or social enterprise.
- Earn up to 3 college credits from George Mason University.
- Juniors and seniors can register directly for the Advanced Leadership Academy at [www.hoby.org/programs/advanced-leadership-academy/](http://www.hoby.org/programs/advanced-leadership-academy/)
- July 2017

**Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Global Student Leaders Summit**

- Immersive Cultural Tour and Leadership Conference
- Spend a week traveling and learning through the International Tour Program as well as providing students from a variety of countries the opportunity to attend HOBY programs from our international affiliates.
- July 22-29, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois
- For more information, visit [www.hoby.org/programs/international-programs/](http://www.hoby.org/programs/international-programs/)

**Last Chance:**
If you would like to take the SAT or ACT one last time before applying for college, now is the time to sign up! Registration bulletins are available in the counseling center or you can register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for SAT and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for ACT. Below are upcoming dates to test. Some colleges will accept updated scores to add to application files. Check to see if your colleges allow this.

**SAT:** November 5, 2016  (Registration Deadline: October 7), December 3, 2016 (Registration Deadline: November 3)

**ACT:** December 10,  (Registration Deadline: November 4), February 11 (Deadline: January 13)
Scholarship Tips
Everyone should have a resume (create one online at www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/career). No resume yet? Create a list of accomplishments to help identify your strengths and be prepared to complete a scholarship application.
Does your list of accomplishments look a bit short? Be a leader in the classroom and in activities that you’re already involved in, or join an activity to make a difference. Talk to teachers, your school counselor and students you know who have received scholarships to get their advice.
Use these tips to find money for college:

1. FILE THE FAFSA: By filing the FAFSA, you may automatically qualify for some scholarships
2. SEARCH: Scholarship opportunities are available through your college counseling office and online at www.FastWeb.com. Also check in your community, at local businesses, employers and at your place of worship. Look at the organization’s goals and see if you are a good fit for the scholarship. Do you meet the criteria?
3. WATCH DEADLINES: Follow all directions and complete the application on time. If the scholarship requires letters of recommendation, provide plenty of time – at least two or three weeks – for your teacher, coach or employer to write a glowing letter.
4. ASK FOR HELP: Ask a teacher, parent or friend to brainstorm ideas and to proofread your application and essay.
Scholarships, Awards, and Financial Aid

This section provides you with a comprehensive list of scholarship and Financial aid information with a listing of the school, criteria, and deadline that relate to the scholarship.

• If you are interested in any of the following scholarships, please circle the scholarship(s) of interest, write your name on top of this sheet and bring it to the Counseling Center. We will then provide you with the appropriate information. Please note that many of the websites listed under certain scholarships contain all of the information you will need.
• Scholarships are listed in order of due date.

2016 Award for Aspirations in Computing

Award: Each Affiliate Award winner receives recognition at an award event, an engraved award for both her and her school, scholarship and internship opportunities, access to a peer network of technical young women in the NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Community, and various other prizes – computing resources, gadgets, sponsor swag, and more. Each winner receives $500 in cash from NCWIT. Bank of America also presents winners with a laptop computer, a trip to attend the Bank of America technology Showcase and Awards Ceremony in Charlotte, North Caroline on March 3-5, 2017.

Criteria: Any high school female in grades 9 through 12 is eligible to apply if she attends a high school in the U.S. or is a U.S. citizen attending a high school in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or on a U.S. military base. She also must have a U.S. Tax Identification or Social Security Number.

Deadline: Students can begin an application at https://www.aspirations.org/user/register. Applications must be submitted by November 7, 2016.

IU Provost’s Scholarship

Award: Minimum Award: $1000, Maximum Award: $8000
Criteria: In-State Incoming Freshmen
Deadline: To be considered for these scholarships, submit a complete application for admission (including official test scores and transcript) by November 1, 2016. Students who meet the November 1 deadline may submit updated SAT and/or ACT
scores until **January 15, 2016** for additional scholarship consideration. For more information about scholarships at IU, visit [https://scholarships.indiana.edu/scholarships/achievement/](https://scholarships.indiana.edu/scholarships/achievement/)

**IU Dean’s Scholarship**

**Award:** Minimum Award: $1000, Maximum Award: $8,000

**Criteria:** Out-of-State Incoming Freshmen

**Deadline:** To be considered for these scholarships, submit a complete application for admission (including official test scores and transcript) by **November 1, 2016**. Students who meet the November 1 deadline may submit updated SAT and/or ACT scores until **January 15, 2016** for additional scholarship consideration. For more information about scholarships at IU, visit [https://scholarships.indiana.edu/scholarships/achievement/](https://scholarships.indiana.edu/scholarships/achievement/)

**Cooke College Scholarship Program**

**Award:** Up to $40,000 per year for college

**Criteria:** Students must be a current high school senior. They must demonstrate financial need. They also need to have a minimum SAT combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1200 or above, ACT composite score of 26 or above, and GPA of 3.5.

**Deadline:** The application deadline is **November 30 at noon**.

**2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

**Award:** $1000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May

**Criteria:** Students must be a legal resident of one of the 50 states of the United States or the District of Columbia. They need to have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least within the last 12 months and complete an application and submit it to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by **November 8th**.

**Deadline:** Applications can be filled out online at [http://spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com). Applications must be submitted by **November 8, 2016** followed by a nomination by your school principal or an organizational leader by **November 18**. For more information, visit the website above.

**Central Michigan University Leader Advancement Scholarship**

**Award:** $8000 over four years ($2000 per academic year)

**Criteria:** Students are eligible to apply if they carry at least a 3.0 high school grade point average, apply for admission to Central Michigan University, and demonstrate qualities such as integrity, self-confidence and a desire to lead.

**Deadline:** Students must complete the online scholarship application by **November 15**. The online application can be found at
Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition

**Award:** Full Tuition

**Criteria:** Trustee Scholars rank at the top of their classes and demonstrate exceptional leadership in their schools and communities. Scholarship recipients are selected by a faculty committee from a competitive pool of applicants. The Trustee Scholarship is a supplement in the Common Application.

**Deadline:** Students must apply by December 1, 2016 information can be found at www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee

John R. Emens and Aline B. Emens Scholarships

**Award:** These awards are for eight semesters at Ball State University and are subject to an annual review of the student’s leadership activities and academic progress.

**Criteria:** Students must be a high school senior who has actively participated in and provided leadership for academic and extracurricular activities in their high school and local community.

**Deadline:** Letters of nomination from a high school counselor, principal, or teacher will be accepted from now until December 31, 2016. After the nomination is received, an application will be sent, and must be returned to Cindy Ervin at the Office of Student Affairs in AD 238 before January 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Harold Ellison Scholarship Fund

**Award:** The value of this scholarship includes the amount of in-state fees for full-time enrollment plus room and board charges for a double occupancy and a twenty meal plan in one of the standard Ball State University residence halls. Renewable for eight semesters.

**Criteria:** Recipients of these scholarships will be selected on the basis of distinguished academic performance; special skills and talents in the fine and performing arts, writing, or athletics; and leadership and participation school and community activities. Candidates must be awarded the Presidential Award Scholarship from Ball State University to be considered. Candidates must also include a letter of nomination by Mrs. Maugherman to include with their application. This scholarship normally will be for a maximum of 8 academic semesters, subject to annual review by the selection committee.

**Deadline:** Please request a nomination by January 13, 2017. Applications
can be found in the Counseling Center and must be returned to:
First Merchants Trust Company
P.O. Box 1467
Muncie, IN 47308

By February 1, 2017.

REMEMBER...
This is only a small list of the hundreds of scholarships that are available. We encourage you to browse www.fastwebs.com or check out individual college websites for corresponding scholarships. Once on the university’s home page, click on Prospective Students or Financial Aid or Scholarships in order to view available information. If you have specific colleges or universities in mind and are still having trouble, please contact us at the Counseling Center for further assistance.

Helpful Admissions Tips:
From Purdue University

This section contains helpful information about decision release timelines, application deadlines, scholarship and honors college deadlines, and more.

• Decision Releases
  o Students can expect an admission decision about 12 weeks after their application & all required materials have been submitted. Decisions will be released on Fridays starting October 21, at 5:00.
We do not send paper letters for any decision other than admit, but all students have access to a copy of their decision letter via their online application portal. When a decision is made, all students receive email notification, which includes a reminder of their application login credentials.

November 1: Scholarship and Honors College Deadline
- Merit-based scholarships, Honors College Consideration, and Applications for: Computer Science, Nursing, Veterinary Tech. majors are all due Nov. 1

A Letter from Mrs. Maugherman

Dear Seniors and Parents,

I have spoken to most students in person, but I wanted to remind you that Thursday, October 20, 2016, will be my last day at Burris. Many of you indicated that you would like my help with your college applications, and I am happy to do that. Please submit your Senior Profiles to me by Friday, October 7 (this Friday!) if you would like me to write a letter of recommendation for you. If you do not need a letter of recommendation from me, it is fine to wait until the end of October (10/28/16) to submit it to the Counseling Center. Remember that your teachers use the Senior Profile to help them write letters for you, and the Scholarship Nomination Committee uses them as well.

As I prepare to move on to a new job, I just wanted to tell you how much I have enjoyed working with you. I wish you all the most wonderful and happy of futures, and look forward to hearing about where you end up for college, and what you do later in your lives. Leaving my students is the hardest part of what is otherwise an exciting new adventure, and I will miss you all very much.

Take care of yourselves and each other,
Julie Maugherman

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