

Seniors,

You are about one month into your senior year!! At this point your classes are in full swing and hopefully you are adjusting well to senior year. Some of you have already had your senior conference but we will be finishing those up in the next couple of weeks. Here are some helpful reminders for your senior year:

- ❖ Complete college applications and be aware of deadlines
- ❖ Request your transcripts from Parchment
- ❖ Register for SAT or ACT if needed
- ❖ Start searching for scholarships
- ❖ Maintain your grades and finish senior year strong

Once you start getting acceptance letters or scholarships, bring copies of them to the guidance office and we will add them to the senior bulletin. Be sure to stop by the guidance office if you need any help with anything.

Good Luck,

Ms. Triplet

Cardinal Ritter High School

SENIOR BULLETIN

September 2020

CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:

***As you get your college acceptance offers, tell your guidance counselor so we can recognize you in the Sr. Bulletin!*

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO CLASS OF 2021:

***As you get scholarships and financial aid award offers, tell your guidance counselor so we can recognize you in the Sr. Bulletin!*

Erika Martinez -

Project Stepping Stone Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

College Scholarships:

1. College Board - Opportunity Scholarships

- Complete a series of 6 Steps in a program created by the College Board to help guide you as you apply to college. For each step you complete, you are eligible to earn a scholarship ranging from \$500-\$2,000.. If you complete all 6 Steps, you are entered to win \$40,000.
- Click <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/> to learn more about the program.
- **Deadlines vary** for each individual step/scholarship. ***To be eligible for \$40,000, complete all steps by midnight October 31st.***

2. FastWeb - resource for scholarship searching

- Scholarship database that will match you to scholarships based on your profile. This is a FREE resource to search for scholarships that you may qualify for.
- **Learn more & create an account** <https://www.fastweb.com/>

3. WiseGeek Lifelong Learners Scholarship

- **Eligibility:** Students who've incurred or will incur debt paying for their education. Must be a US Citizen or permanent legal resident. All GPAs and majors are encouraged to apply.
- **Amount:** \$500
- **Application Deadline:** 10/31/20

- **Link:** <https://www.wisegeek.com/scholarship.htm>
- 4. McCormick & Murphy Personal Injury Scholarship**
 - The scholarship is available to all high school seniors and current college students who are planning on entering the law field.
 - \$500 (One-time award)
 - Must be attending a 4-yr college/university or 2-yr community college for Fall 2021
 - Due April 30, 2021. More information can be found here, <https://www.mccormickmurphy.com/#scholarship>
- 5. College Prep Academy - Health Field**
 - The College Prep Academy includes health career exploration, SAT/ACT prep, and life skills workshops. The Academy will be held from October 24-March 6 . **The deadline to apply is October 2, 2020.** For more information email Shaun Golden at goldentn@uindy.edu
- 6. Mortuary Science**
 - Seniors interested in studying Mortuary Science: Here is a scholarship opportunity for you. The deadline is October 23, 2020. www.NFSGL.com/scholarship
- 7. Coca Cola Scholars Program**
 - Check out scholarship opportunities through the Coca Cola Scholars program. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2020. <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>
- 8. Hispanic Scholarship Fund**
 - Must be of Hispanic heritage
 - Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students
 - Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the US, for the 2020-2021 academic year
 - US Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA)
 - Complete FAFSA or state based financial aid application (if applicable)
 - For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

*Find a list of *unusual* **scholarship opportunities**

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/unusual-scholarships/>

University *Specific* Scholarships:

1. Miami University

- a. Look here for more information about [guaranteed merit scholarships](#)
- b. Find information about their [honors programs](#) here.

2. Georgia State Honors College - Presidential Scholarship

- a. Our Presidential Scholarship program recognizes incoming first-year students who were leaders in their high schools and offers them the support and experiences that will set them up to be leaders in their careers and communities. The scholarship is valued at up to \$28,000 per year.
- b. Presidential Scholars receive the following benefits for eight semesters:
 - i. Cost of tuition, housing and mandatory student fees
 - ii. A yearly living expense stipend
 - iii. A one-time \$2,500 stipend for credit-bearing study abroad expenses
 - iv. Opportunity for a paid University Assistantship to explore research and engaging work experience on campus
 - v. Access to individualized classes and mentoring opportunities
- c. The deadline to apply is December 8, 2020
- d. Apply here, [The Presidential Scholarship](#).

3. Indiana University

- a. Check out these scholarships from IU
 - i. [IU Scholarship Opportunities](#)
 - ii. [Cox Scholars Program](#)

4. University of Indianapolis

- a. The Tomorrow's Teacher Award- This award is for first-time, full-time education students. It provides a guarantee of gift assistance from federal, state, private, and UIndy sources that equals the average of tuition and room and board at IN public institutions. This guarantee helps students minimize the need for student loans over the course of 4-years when working to obtain their teaching degree.
- b. Full-Tuition Guarantee- For 21st Century Scholars, UIndy guarantees full tuition costs will be covered through a combination of gift assistance from federal, state, private, and UIndy sources.

- c. Merit Scholarships- All first-year students that apply for admissions will be considered for merit scholarships in amounts of up to \$19,000 per year.
- d. There are many more. Check our UIndy scholarship opportunities [here](#)

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE/ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

- **University of Louisville**
 - See some of the [critical updates](#) about admissions from the University of Louisville.
 - Your [personal admission counselor](#) is eager to meet with you.
 - In September, we are providing [Virtual Cardinal Fly-by](#) events for high school and independent counselors across the country.
- **University of Southern Indiana**
 - Here is information about USI
 - [How to Visit USI?](#)
 - [USI Admission Requirements?](#)
 - [USI Housing?](#)
- **Columbia College**
 - Here are resources for any students and families looking to learn more about Columbia.
 - [Virtually Engage with Columbia](#)
 - [Revised 2020-2021 Testing Policy](#)
 - [Columbia and Affordability](#)
- **Miami University**
 - The 2020 Bridges Program is a virtual visit experience for high-achieving high school seniors from historically underrepresented populations or who are committed to promoting a deeper understanding of and appreciation for diversity. We welcome various diverse identities — racial/ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity, and socioeconomic.
 - Application Deadline: September 28, 2020
 - Students who complete Bridges and enroll on the Oxford campus for Fall 2021 will be eligible to receive the Bridges Program scholarship.
 - Visit <https://www.miamioh.edu/admission/high-school/bridges/> for more information.
- **University of Louisville**
 - Get information about each of UofL's nine undergraduate academic units here, [Academic Info Sessions](#) .

- They are also offering both [in-person visits and virtual experiences](#) this fall.
- **Washington University in St. Louis**
 - Early Decision I deadline is Nov. 1 and our Early Decision II and Regular Decision deadlines are Jan. 2. All merit scholarship applications are also due by Jan. 2.
 - All dates and deadlines, application requirements, and more information about applying for financial aid can be found [online](#)
 - For a full list of virtual opportunities, please visit our [website](#)
- **University of Indianapolis**
 - UIndy is accepting in-person visits where students are able to meet with their admissions counselor, ask questions, receive important application and financial aid information, and tour the campus. Students can schedule their visit by clicking [here](#) You can also check out our visitor guidelines [here](#)
 - UIndy is also inviting students to join them for their major preview days. These preview days allow students to see what life is really like at UIndy as they hear from admissions counselors and financial aid representatives, meet faculty, and more. Students who attend a preview day, apply and are accepted to UIndy, and file their FAFSA by January 1, 2021, will receive a \$250 book award. You can learn more about the \$250 book award and check out a list of our preview days [here](#)
- **University of Notre Dame**
 - This summer ND hosted [Virtual Preview Days](#) , a week-long event that included application workshops, student panels, and student perspectives. Students are encouraged to visit the website to watch the sessions on demand to learn more about Notre Dame. Students can also visit our [website](#) for additional opportunities to connect with ND virtually!
- **University of Pennsylvania**
 - Check out the [Visit Penn](#) website and [YouTube Channel](#) for more information and resources about Penn.
- **University of Chicago**
 - [Wednesday, 9/23 at 7 p.m. CDT: Parent Panel](#) – Join us for a conversation with the parents of UChicago first-generation college students to learn about the impact a college education can have on families.
 - [Saturday, 10/24 at 11 a.m. CDT: First Generation Faculty at UChicago](#) – Tune in to hear from first-generation faculty at the University of Chicago and learn about their perspectives and experiences in academia.

- [Wednesday, 11/11 at 7 p.m. CDT: Navigating Success](#)
 - From a child's first step to a first step on the moon, "firsts" serve as a valuable reminder of limitless possibilities. Join us for a celebration of firsts big and small, and learn about your next steps along the way!
- **Western Kentucky University**
 - Head for the Hill - this event includes live presentations from academic departments and you can interact with faculty. Students should RSVP at <https://www.wku.edu/headforthehill/index.php>
 - DiscoverWKU - this events has a live Q&A session with your local WKU admissions counselor as well as financial assistance. Students should RSVP at <https://www.wku.edu/discoverwku/index.php>
- **Rutgers University**
 - Open House from Your House - Virtual event
 - Join from the safety and comfort of your own home. Hear from current students and faculty on what it's like to be a Scarlet Raider.
 - Pick a date that works for you
 - Monday, September 21st 6-8 PM
 - Saturday, October 17th 10 AM-12 PM
 - Wednesday, November 18th 6-8 PM
 - Save your Spot at <https://www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/forms/EventsRegister2.aspx?id=101007>

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS:

This year college reps are meeting with students through Zoom to share information about their school. All presentations are on Wednesdays so they will not interfere with classes. Students can sign up on their classroom google page and the link will be sent to them before the presentation. Sign ups end the afternoon before the presentation.

- ❖ Hanover College – September 23rd at 10:00 am
- ❖ Holy Cross College – September 30th at 10:00 am
- ❖ University of Notre Dame – September 30th at 11:00 am
- ❖ Valparaiso University – October 7th at 9:00 am
- ❖ Ohio State University – October 7th at 10:00 am
- ❖ Franklin College – October 7th at 1:00 pm

SAT TEST AND REGISTRATION:

The SAT will be offered on Wednesday, October 14th at Cardinal Ritter! Yes, this is the real, actual SAT that you would normally take on Saturday! You will need to turn in a permission slip with the test fee included (\$52) to the guidance office by October 1st. If you are in the free and reduced lunch program, the cost is \$4. No late forms will be accepted, so make sure to turn yours in early to reserve your spot! See Mrs. Thomas in guidance with questions.

School code is **151658**

Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat> for more information and registration.

ACT TEST AND REGISTRATION:

School code: **151658**

Visit <http://www.act.org> for more information and registration.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

-FAFSA Application Opens: **October 1st 2020**

-FAFSA Day @ Ritter: **October 13th, 2020 4-7 PM**