

PAUL VI GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

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ATTENTION SENIORS!!!

Now is the time to review your college acceptances and financial aid awards. Be sure to compare financial aid packages in your decision-making process. If you have any questions, please see your Guidance Counselor. When you are positive you will not enroll at one or more of the colleges to which you were accepted, please notify those colleges that you have selected another college. Keeping colleges abreast of your plans might enable those colleges to admit someone else. If you know which college you will attend, send your tuition deposit and follow all other instructions for admitted students.

If you are still undecided as to which college to attend, use the month of April to revisit the colleges to which you were accepted. Colleges often have special programs for accepted students at this time.

According to the statement of Students' Rights and Responsibilities issued by the National Association of College Admission Counseling, seniors have until May 1 to notify all the colleges to which they've applied of their final decisions. This allows the students and parents to consider the financial aid offers from all colleges to which a student is considering.

However, your decision on which offer to accept must be postmarked by May 1.

Important Message To All Seniors:

Make sure you bring in your acceptance and scholarship letters to the guidance office. If you fail to do so, this information will **NOT** be included in the graduation program.

SENIORS ATTENDING CAMDEN COUNTY IN FALL 2008

Please note that you must take the Camden County College Placement Test prior to enrolling in classes.

Testing is performed on a walk-in basis. You may begin the test at any time within the following walk-in hours (allow 2 ½ – 3 hours to complete the test).

To take the College Placement Test you will need to bring, a photo ID and a pen or pencil. Calculators and dictionaries are NOT permitted:

Effective: January 2 - December 22, 2008

	Blackwood Library 2nd fl.	Camden City College Hall 117	Cherry Hill Room 104
Monday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm		
Tuesday	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	12:30 pm- 3:00 pm	
Wednesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	12:30 pm- 6:00 pm	
Thursday	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm		
Friday			
Saturday			9am –10am

IMPORTANT NOTE: *If you have taken the SAT's and scored a 530 or higher in Math and a 540 or higher in Critical Reading, you will be exempt from taking the placement test. Only official test scores can be used for exemption.*

For more detailed information and sample tests go to:
<http://www.camdencc.edu/Testing/placementtest.htm>

TIPS FOR A BETTER COLLEGE VISIT

College-bound juniors should plan to visit the schools in which they are interested before the time comes to apply. A good campus visit can be a deciding factor in the process of choosing the right school. Spring of junior year and the summer before senior year begins are two of the best times for these visits. The most important thing to remember when planning these trips is to call the college ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

Most colleges are only too glad to help you make arrangements for a campus visit. They often have open houses scheduled for juniors throughout the spring and summer months or they will set up an individual appointment with an admissions counselor, financial aid counselor and the chairman of the department to which you will apply. In some cases, they will even provide overnight accommodations and/or a meal, but they need prior notice for this. Duquesne University published the following tips to make your campus visit more effective.

1. **Be Prepared** - Research each college prior to your visit and prepare some questions for your guide. Don't waste time on questions that can be answered in the catalog.
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 3. **Be Yourself** - Dress comfortably, but neatly; be relaxed and friendly; participate in the conversation.
 4. **Make An Appointment** - If this is not a special Open House program, be sure to call ahead for an appointment. This will ensure that the admissions staff has someone ready to meet with you.
 5. **Be On Time**
 6. **Don't Try To Do Too Much** - If you try to see more than one or two colleges per day, you will not get an accurate perception of those institutions.
 7. **Make Notes** - Write down your thoughts and impressions as soon after the visit as possible. A chart and rating system can help with comparisons.
 8. **Meet People** - Ask to talk to students and professors. Be brave and have lunch at the dining hall.
 9. **Observe Everything** - Notice whether or not classrooms, the library, residence hall rooms, dining halls and recreation areas are well maintained and functional.
 10. **Don't Wait** - Don't put off your college visits until it's too late to get to them all. If possible, make your visits before you apply, so you can determine if you and the college are a good match.
2. Ace the entrance exams. Get ready for the SAT and/or ACT by working on the practice tests early. Become familiar with the kinds of questions asked. Develop test-taking strategies and pace yourself.
 3. Do volunteer and community work. Volunteering can give you incredible life experiences.
 4. Finish high school academically strong. You're not over the hump yet, so don't let down on the studying. Earn the best grades you can in the most challenging curriculum you can handle.
 5. Practice for your interview and college application essay. Begin thinking now of what you're going to say and write. Research the college before the interview. Be ready to answer and ask intelligent questions. Brainstorm an original topic for your application essay. Outline what you want to include. Write several rough drafts.
 6. DON'T WAIT – get started now.

GUIDELINES

- All requests for a change in course selections for the '08-'09 school year must be accompanied by a signed parent note. The note must include the student's name and the name of the course and course number to be dropped as well as the course to be added. All requests for course changes must be received in the Guidance Office by May 31, 2008. Requests received after that date will not be honored. Please note that when you return to school in September there will be no course changes.*
- The last SAT of the school year is scheduled for June 7. Regular registration for this test date ends on May 6. **All juniors are required to take the SAT in their junior year.** The last ACT will be administered on June 14, with regular registration closing on May 9. Register online for these tests as soon as possible to avoid last minute problems with the websites. Very often Web traffic on the last day of registration causes a backlog at the sites.
- Now is the time to investigate ROTC programs. Information is listed at the following web sites:
Army – www.armyrotc.com
Air Force - www.afrotc.com
Navy/Marines – www.nrotc.navy.mil

BUILDING A GREAT COLLEGE RESUME

Spring is the season for juniors to get serious about their college research and campus visits. *How can you make yourself a more attractive candidate for admission?* Fast Web offers the following suggestions.

1. Take a rigorous academic course load. Take courses that challenge and expand your horizons. College admissions counselors look at the quality and breadth of an academic record in addition to the grades earned.

- All issues of the Paul VI Newsletter are available on the Paul VI website. Go to www.pvihs.org, click on Guidance and read the latest issue or peruse a back issue.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. Jaime Robinson is Paul VI's scholarship chairperson. Information about various scholarship opportunities will be posted on the PVI website. The most recent scholarships are listed below. If you have any questions see Mrs. Robinson in the Guidance Office.

Name: Fred M. Stavely Memorial Scholarship
Deadline: April 11, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Leigh Fucetola Scholarship
Deadline: April 15, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Gloucester County College Scholarships
Deadline: Varies
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: WISS Edward W. O'Connell Memorial
Deadline: April 23, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Marie Fleche Memorial Library
Deadline: April 28, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Camden County School Counselors Association
Deadline: April 30, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: South Jersey Golf Association Scholarship
Deadline: April 30, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Waterford Township Woman's Club, Inc.
Deadline: April 30, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Quotes for Cash District Program
Deadline: April 30, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Patrolman Daniel J. Calabrese, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Deadline: May 2, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Pinnacle Community Award
Deadline: May 7, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Runnemedede's Teachers' Scholarship
Deadline: May 9, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: Clementon Fire Company Scholarship
Deadline: May 16, 2008
Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIR

The New Jersey National College Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Thursday May 1 from 9:00 am – 11:45 am at the Convention and Exposition Center in Edison, NJ. Representatives from more than 400 colleges will be available. ***We encourage all sophomore and junior students and parents to attend.***
www.nacacnet.org

OPEN HOUSE/COLLEGE NIGHTS

Many colleges and schools invite prospective students and parents to open house programs. Below are some of the most recent opportunities. In some cases, it is necessary to pre-register. ***Please note that these are not all of the open houses available. Be sure to check with schools of your choice to see when they will be hosting open houses.***

Date	College/University/Program
Sat., April 12 & 26 1:00 pm	SUNY Oswego Saturday Information Programs Call 315.312.2250 or visit: www.oswego.edu/visit

Sunday, April 13 10:45 am	Manor College Open House/Career Day Call 215.884.2216 or visit: www.manor.edu
Sunday, April 13 12:30 pm	Hallmark Institute of Photography Call 413.863.2478 or visit: http://hallmark.edu
Saturday, April 19 9:00 am	Widener University Open House High School Juniors Call: 888.WIDENER or visit: www.widener.edu
Sunday, April 20 1:00 pm	College of Saint Elizabeth Call 800.210.7900 or visit: www.cse.edu/campusvisits.htm
Sunday, April 20 12:00 pm	William Paterson University Call 973.720.2125 or visit: www.wpunj.edu
Monday, May 5 7:00 pm	Penn State To register visit: admissions.psu.edu/infoprograms
Wednesday, May 7 6:30 pm	Technical Institute of Camden County Call 856.767.7002 or visit: www.ticareers.com

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

The following is a list of summer programs offered for high school students at various colleges and universities. Additional information is available in the Guidance Office or on the college website.

- ◆ **Drexel University's Pre-Law Summer Institute**
Dates: June 23, 2007 – June 28, 2008
Registration deadline: April 25, 2008
To download an application: www.drexel.edu/em/law
Ph: 215.895.1LAW

- ◆ **Drexel University's Camp LeBow summer program.** Various programs are offered through Drexel University's LeBow College of Business. www.drexel.edu/em/summer/lebow.html
Session Dates:
Camp XChange – June 23 – 27
Camp Impact – June 23 – 27
Startup! – July 14 – 18
Camp Business – TBA

- ◆ **Adventure Ireland: High School Students, Ages 12 – 18**
Dates: July/August
For more information visit: www.adventure-ireland.com

- ◆ **Otis College of Art and Design Four-Week Summer College Prep Program**
Dates: July 7 – August 1, 2008
www.otis.edu/soa

- ◆ **Pace University's Summer Scholars Program** is an intensive college experience, with a selective course of study designed for exceptional sophomores and juniors.
Dates: July 12 – 19, 2008
Registration deadline: June 20, 2008
To download an application: www.pace.edu

- ◆ **The Hugh N. Boyd Journalism Diversity Workshop at Monmouth University**
Dates: July 13 – 25, 2008
Registration deadline: April 20, 2008
Apply on line at: www.journalismdiversity.org

- ◆ **Marist College Pre-College Summer Fashion Experience for High School Students in Fashion Design + Merchandising**
Dates: July 13 – July 26, 2008
For more information call: 845.575.3226 or visit:
www.marist.edu/summerinstitutes/fashion

- ◆ **Elizabethtown College Music Camp (Formerly Lancaster County Music Camp)**
Dates: July 13, 2007 – July 19, 2008
Registration deadline: June 15, 2008
For further information visit: www.etown.edu/lmc

- ◆ **Millersville University Summer Foreign Language Camps**
Dates: French and Spanish Camps: August 3 – August 9, 2008
German Camp: July 27 – August 2, 2008
Registration deadline: April 25, 2008
For more information call: 717.872.3526