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# PAUL VI GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

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## SENIOR APPLICATION PROCEDURES

In order to serve each senior needing to have applications processed, it is imperative that everyone adheres to the following procedures.

All college applications turned in to the registrar for processing must be accompanied by a transcript request form and the \$3.00 transcript fee. Only those students who have a signed permission slip on file will have transcripts released.

Be sure that all the required supporting material is with the application including essays, activities resumes, teacher evaluation forms, mid-year report forms, etc.

Leave at least two weeks for the application to be processed and still make the deadline. Don't forget to add several days for the U.S. mail. If you want the application processed and mailed before the December school vacation, the completed packet must be at the registrar's office on or before the **guaranteed mailing deadline of November 26**. This is the Monday after Thanksgiving. Applications received after that date may not be mailed until January.

*Any application that must be received by December 1 for priority consideration, such as for Rutgers University, must be at the registrar's office on or before November 16.*

## ATTENTION SENIORS!!!

Be on the look out for emails from your guidance counselor with updates regarding college and career planning. Emails will include important information on various subjects, such as deadlines, scholarship information, and financial aid. Take advantage of this opportunity to stay in touch with your counselor and feel free to email any questions that you may have.

## FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Rich Woodland, the former Director of Financial Aid at Rutgers University, Camden College of Arts and Science, will present a financial aid workshop at Paul VI on December 11. The program is entitled "Paying for College" and addresses the

guidelines for filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents will be given a copy of the FAFSA and guided step-by-step through the completion of the document. Since all need-based aid is determined by this form and every college requires the FAFSA, it is very important that the form be completed correctly. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

## FINANCIAL AID CONSULTANTS

At this time of the school year seniors and their parents are often bombarded with information about financial aid seminars, consultants and services. The New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators has issued information aimed at helping those seeking financial aid to avoid unnecessary costs or outright scams. There are distinct differences between these private consultants and the aid professionals employed in the Financial Aid Offices on college campuses.

The reason that private consultants offer "free" seminars is to build a client base. The initial presentation is always free, but follow up consultations are not. Clients are charged hundreds or even thousands of dollars, despite providing no evidence that these consultants help families get aid that they wouldn't have received anyway. Some consultants are unscrupulous and of questionable ethics, showing families how to beat the system and qualify for aid that is really intended for families in very different situations. In some cases, consultants and their clients have been convicted of defrauding the Federal Government.

A family using a consultant should ask the following questions:

- Where did the consultant receive his/her training in financial aid policies and procedures?
- Has she/he ever had a job that included actually awarding financial aid?
- How does the consultant know about the aid policies at different colleges?
- If a consultant advises a family to maneuver their assets to increase eligibility, what safe guards are they taking to guard against unforeseen results, such as increased tax liability?
- If the consultant completes the family's FAFSA, is he/she willing to sign it as required by law?

***Families should also avoid any web site that charges a fee to file the FAFSA, as this form is free.***

In contrast, the financial aid professionals at colleges are the ones who make the aid decisions every day and are fully trained in how aid works ethically and legally. Their advice and help is always free.

## GET NOTICED: TEN COLLEGE ESSAY TIPS

The October/November issue of the FastWeb Student Bulletin listed the following tips to help seniors with their application essays.

- Don't "recycle" essays. An essay that sounds like it has been used before will blend with everyone else's.
- Captivate your audience. Make your essay engaging and memorable. Include a quick, enticing intro; make the reader want to finish reading it.
- Be yourself. Choose a topic that is meaningful to you. Use your own voice. Show off a side of yourself that your application doesn't; don't simply write what you think an admissions office wants to hear.
- Accentuate the positive. When writing about a personal experience, emphasize how the experience changed you for the better.
- Write in the active voice. Doing so will make for a clearer, more concise essay.
- Don't overextend. Your essay isn't a term paper. Stay focused on the topic.
- Ask people for input. Whether it's a teacher, counselor, friend or parent, ask someone you respect for some candid feedback.
- Leave time for rewriting. Look for weak or dull spots and spelling and grammatical errors. Never let your first draft be your final draft.
- Revise, reword. Improve on your first draft through various rewrites. Read the essay aloud to find awkward sentences or problems.

## FINANCIAL AID FLASHES

Mrs. Robinson is Paul VI's scholarship chairperson. Information about various scholarship opportunities will be posted on the bulletin board outside the guidance office and on the Paul VI web site.

Listed below are some of the current scholarship opportunities.

**Name:** Moose International Youth Awareness Program  
**Deadline:** Orientation this Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 11:00 am  
**Location:** 2425 S. White Horse Pike (Lindenwold Moose Lodge 435-9883)

**Name:** Commerce Bank American Dream Scholarship  
**Deadline:** Apply online from November 1, 2007 through December 15, 2007  
**Apply:** www.commerceonline.com/americanream

**Name:** McKelvey First Generation Education Scholarship  
**Deadline:** December 1, 2007  
**Apply:** www.mckelveyfoundation.org/mckelvey/

**Name:** Paul Hausser Scholarship Award  
**Deadline:** December 10, 2007  
**Apply:** www.njyouthsoccer.com//awards/phmsf.pdf

**Name:** Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program  
**Deadline:** December 14, 2007  
**Type:** Nomination  
**Apply:** To learn more, see your guidance counselor.

**Name:** Beneficial Scholars Essay Program  
**Deadline:** December 14, 2007  
**Apply:** For further details, including the essay question and rules, visit www.thebeneficial.com and click on "Beneficial Scholars Program 2007 Essay Contest" in the top right corner.

**Name:** The Henry Bean Presidential Scholarship (College of the Holy Cross)  
**Deadline:** January 15, 2008  
**Apply:** www.holycross.edu/departments/classics/website/index.html

**Name:** Mensa Education and Research Foundation  
**2006-2007 Scholarship Essay Contest Entry Form**  
**Deadline:** January 15, 2008  
**Apply:** To download and print an official entry form, via the Internet go to: www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships

**Name:** James Madison University merit-based Bluestone Scholarship Program  
**Deadline:** January 15, 2008  
**Apply:** No additional application is required for the Madison Achievement Scholarships. Students will be reviewed using their application for admission to JMU.  
To apply, visit www.jmu.edu/admissions/scholarships

**Name:** Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship Program  
**Deadline:** February 1, 2008  
**Apply:** www.sva.edu

**Name:** Bel Canto Institute's Summer Program  
**Deadline:** February 1, 2008  
**Apply:** Applications online at www.belcantoinst.org

- Name:** National Co-op Scholarship Program  
**Deadline:** February 15, 2008  
**Apply:** For a scholarship application and to complete your application online visit: [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu)
- Name:** The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year  
**Deadline:** March 3, 2008  
**Apply:** To download the nomination form visit, [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and click on “Programs/Events” then “Education Aids” and then “Scholarships.”
- Name:** 2008 High School Programming Contest  
**Deadline:** Competition on Friday, April 18, 2008  
**Apply:** Registration is free: [www.cs.njit.edu/contest/](http://www.cs.njit.edu/contest/)

### YOU'RE INVITED

Many colleges and schools invite prospective students and their parents to Open House programs. Below are listed some of these opportunities. In some cases, it is necessary to pre-register for the meeting. See the bulletin board outside the Guidance office for details on these and other programs.

- Lafayette College**  
*Multicultural Visit Day*  
 Date: Friday, November 16, 2007  
 Time: 8:30 am  
 Register: [www.lafayette.edu](http://www.lafayette.edu) and click on “Admissions” and then “Visiting Campus” or call (610) 330-5100.
- Felician College**  
 Date: Saturday, November 17, 2007  
 Time: 9:00 am  
 Register: (201) 559-6131  
*Student For A Day*  
 Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2007  
 Time: 9:00 am  
 Register: (201) 559-6131
- Drew University**  
*Inside Drew*  
 Date: Saturday, November 17, 2007  
 Register: [www.drew.edu/cla/admissions.aspx?id=792](http://www.drew.edu/cla/admissions.aspx?id=792)  
 Or call (973) 408-3739
- Saint Peter’s College**  
*Fall Open House*  
 Date: Saturday, November 17, 2007  
 Time: 10:00 am  
*Spring Open House*  
 Date: Saturday, April 19, 2008  
 Time: 10:00 am  
 Register: [www.spc.edu](http://www.spc.edu) or call (888) 772-9933
- Manor College**  
*Open House/Career Day*  
 Date: Sunday, November 18, 2007  
 Time: 11:00 am  
*This event will also feature seminars on Career Planning and FinancialAid.*  
 Register: [www.manor.edu](http://www.manor.edu) or call (215) 884-2216
- Delaware College of Art and Design**  
*Campus tour and portfolio review*  
 Date: Friday, February 22, 2008 and Saturday, April 26, 2008  
 Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Register: (302) 622-8000 Call to register for one of these dates or to arrange an individual tour if these dates are not convenient
- Rowan University**  
 Date: Saturday, December 1, 2007  
 Time: Group tours begin at 10:30 am and 12:00 pm  
 Register: No appointment is necessary for the campus tour
- Temple University**  
 Date: Saturday, December 1, 2007  
 Time: Information Session: 10:00 am – 11:00 am,  
 Campus Tour: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Complimentary lunch to follow in freshman dining hall  
 Register: [www.temple.edu](http://www.temple.edu)
- Rutgers School of Business-Camden**  
 Date: Saturday, December 1, 2007  
 Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
 Register: [www.business.camden.rutgers.edu](http://www.business.camden.rutgers.edu) or call (856) 225-6800
- Millersville University**  
*Department of Music*  
 Music Auditions are held on Tuesday during the school year, call to reserve your audition time.  
 (717) 871-2061

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING

It is the responsibility of each college-bound student to find out what standardized tests are required by the colleges to which he/she is applying. This information is readily available in the catalogs and online. Registration materials for the SAT and the ACT are available in the Guidance Office or you can apply online.

Paul VI's CEEB code for these tests is 310-473. Listing this number in the appropriate space of the registration form allows Paul VI to get a copy of the scores and include them on the transcript. In many cases colleges are willing to accept the scores from the transcript. Other colleges insist that the scores come directly from the testing agency. Check the individual college catalogs for this information. The test dates and registration deadlines for each test are listed below.

Test Date	Test	Regular	Late Registration (a fee applies)
Jan. 26, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 26, 2007	Jan. 4, 2008
Feb. 9, 2008	ACT	Jan. 4, 2008	Jan. 5-18, 2008

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Attention all students!** Check the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office and monthly Guidance Newsletter for job opportunities in the area.

Company: Margolis Edelstein

Address: 216 Haddon Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Westmont

Position: File clerk

Hours: Anytime between 12:00pm until 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday  
(At least 3 hours per day, but no more than 5 hours per day)

Pay rate: \$7.50

Job Description: Filing, getting coffee and water for clients, relieving receptionist, straightening up kitchen, closing files, miscellaneous tasks may also be asked of you

Contact information: Charmaine D. Whitten, Office Manager, 856-869-6730  
cwhitten@margolisedelstein.com

Company: The Ferrara Law Firm

Address: 601 Longwood Avenue, Cherry Hill

Position: Part-time student willing to work several days after school on clerical tasks

Contact information: Michael A. Ferrara, Jr., 856-779-9500

mferrara@ferraralawfirm.com

Company: Phelan Hallinan & Schmieg

Address: 400 Fellowship Road, Suite 100, Mt. Laurel

Position: Part-time file room clerk

Hours: After school until 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday, with additional hours over school breaks available to hard-workers

Pay rate: \$7.15 per hour

Contact: Corey Woolson, 856-813-5500 Ext. 7543