



A Note from Your Academic Dean

Congratulations to the first member of our Class of 2016 to be accepted into a University! Daniel Coats was accepted into Old Dominion University and the University Scholars program and was offered a \$12,000 scholarship. Congratulations Daniel!

New date for Christian College Fair:
25 accredited Christian college and universities will be attending!

Thursday, November 12: 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Financial Planning Workshops at 9:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.
Hosted by: Norfolk Christian
255 Thole St, Norfolk, VA 23505

Please go to
<http://www.myblueprintbarcode.com/Registration/EventSelectForState?StateName=Virginia> to print a barcode for the event.

Upcoming Test Dates			
Registration Date	Late Registration	Test	Test Date
		SAT	Nov. 7
Nov. 5	Nov. 23	SAT	Dec. 5
		ACT	Dec. 12
Dec. 28	Jan. 12	SAT	Jan. 23

Please note: Jan. 23 is the last time you can take the current version of the SAT.

Possible SCAM Alert:

In October one of our families alerted me that they had received an official looking letter with their child's name on it urging them to make an appointment with College Admissions Assistance for help determining college admissions eligibility and financial aid eligibility. Please know that Summit did not provide any student information to this company. The family was proactive and a couple of quick searches online alerted them that this appears to be a scam, or at the very least a company with many complaints. Please note the company has a very legitimate looking website. A quick look at the Better Business Bureau reveals 117 complaints against this company. Please do your own personal research before dealing with any company that is trying to help you get your child into college or trying to help your child with financial aid.

Another note: The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form that each student will need to fill out during his or her senior year is FREE. If you are asked for credit card info when filling out the form you are at the wrong site. www.fafsa.gov is the correct site

Other helpful hints:
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams-dont-pay-for-fafsa>

“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.” Isaiah 30:21



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How do I visit a college?

There will not be a school-sponsored trip this fall. Please organize a trip with your family, or gather a few families to explore together. Start by searching the college website. Many colleges offer special days or weekends for prospective students and their families. I am providing a few examples here, but I won't usually. There are far too many colleges out there for me to even attempt to inform you about their open houses, etc.

Liberty University offers several options:

<http://www.liberty.edu/undergrad/index.cfm?PID=21167>

The next College for a Weekend (CFAW) will be November 5-8. This is a great opportunity for you to experience what college will be like at Liberty University.

James Madison University offers two large academic open houses in the fall. The next one is Saturday, November 14.

<http://www.jmu.edu/admissions/openhouses/index.shtml>

Discover Regent Day on November 13. If you attend you can have your application fee waived.

https://www.regent.edu/acad/undergrad/admissions/events/register.cfm?event_id=1

How can I save time in the application process?

The Common Application – This application allows you enter all of your information once and share it with all of the schools to which you are applying. The common application is free, but each school *may* have their own application fee. www.commonapp.org

See this YouTube video for more information on the final steps of submitting your Common Application and payment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2pAIdqvUws&feature=youtu.be>

How can I save money on applications?

Look for colleges that are waving application fees.

Example: Houghton College, a Christian Liberal Arts College in New York is waving the application fee if you apply by November 6, 2015. <http://www.houghton.edu/admission/applying>

See this article (it's a year old) for colleges that were offering free applications in 2014. Maybe the one to which you want to apply still is.

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/the-39-top-colleges-without-application-fees>

Another list of colleges with no application fees:

<http://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/colleges-with-no-undergraduate-application-fee/1681/>

Scholarship Opportunities (You don't have to be a senior for all scholarships):

American Legion High School Oratorical Contest (high school students under age 20):
<http://www.legion.org/oratorical/contests>

For Grades 8-12: "We the Students Essay Contest" opened to students age 14 to 19.
<https://www.billofrightsintstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/>

<http://www.scholarshipsharing.org/>

See link bellow for an excellent scholarship opportunity for classical students for a "full-ride" scholarship at Grove City College in Pennsylvania. **Deadline to apply is November 15:**
<http://www.gcc.edu/futurestudents/financialaid/Trustee-Scholarship-Program/Pages/default.aspx>

Scholarship Search Engine:
<http://www.fastweb.com/>

Scholarships from the Insurance Industry:
<http://www.obrella.com/resources/insurance-scholarships/>

100 scholarships will be awarded to Young Entrepreneurs ranging form \$2,000 to \$25,000:
<http://www.NFIB.com/YEA>

University of Michigan, Gloria Wille Bell and Carlos R Bell Charitable Trust Scholarship: an \$80,000 scholarship over four years, only for residents of Virginia. Go to <https://bellscholarship.org/> for details.

GE-Reagn Foundation Scholarship Program <http://www.reaganfoundatio.org/scholarships>

FREE source for college planning and financial information:
<http://www.collegeboundstudents.org/>

Colleges Visiting Summit:

Day	Date	College	Location	Time
Tuesday	Nov.3	Regent University	Café	Lunch
Friday	Nov. 6	Radford	Café	Lunch