

# PHHS SENIOR NEWSLETTER

November 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES

November 7-No School

November 8-Emory and Henry Visit  
@ 2 pm

November 9-VHCC Lunch Visit

November 16-VPT for students  
planning to attend VHCC

November 18-JMU Abingdon Event  
@ Food City Corporate Support  
Center 1-3 pm.

November 22-24-Thanksgiving  
Break

December 1-Virginia Tech  
Application

December 8-Last Day of Elite  
Learning Courses

## GETTING STARTED

Each month you will receive an email and/or a newsletter that will inform you of scholarship opportunities that may be of interest. For scholarship applications that are available in the guidance office you may email Mrs. Baker to let her know your interest and a packet will be ready for you by the end of the school day. Some scholarships will have a link to the necessary website and the scholarship application will be filled out on line. Please be sure to include my name and email address for those scholarships that ask for school verification.

You will need to send both your high school transcript and college transcript when applying for college. Please come by guidance for a VHCC Transcript Request Form. I will be happy to fax this to VHCC. Students attending Emory and Henry will need to request their transcripts from E&H when grades are posted at the end of the Fall Semester.

## GOALS AND PLANS

This month you should set a goal for narrowing your college choices. I highly encourage you to visit each college. Find out if there is an open house or schedule a tour with the admissions office. Look at each college's application because they are all different! Create a calendar with when applications are due and make note of when you submit the application. Some colleges want you to fill out the Common Application while others have their own online application. Do NOT try to rush through the application process. Some require an essay-please ask someone to proof read them for you. This is the first and possibly only impression the college will have of you.

Please do not wait until the last minute to ask for letters of recommendation. Ask us to provide your teacher/administrator with a copy of your Senior Activity Page. If you have not completed one, I highly encourage you to do so. Stop by guidance for a form. Also, provide the name of the college/university you are applying or description of the college to your recommender.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid helps students and families pay for college. You must fill out your FAFSA by college set **Priority Deadlines**. Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to fill out your FAFSA. This is a free service. Even if you and your family do not think you will receive financial aid, it is still important for you to complete the FAFSA. Some scholarships and loans ask for your EFC number (Expected Family Contribution) on the applications.



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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing

Due Date: November 6

Senior females who demonstrate an outstanding aptitude and interest in IT/computing and leadership ability should apply online at [www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award).

## Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Due Date: November 7

Students who have participated in community service activities and have made a difference in the community over the past year are encouraged to apply. Apply online at [www.spirit.prudential.com](http://www.spirit.prudential.com).

## Jefferson Scholarship

Due Date: November 10

The Jefferson Scholarship provides full tuition, fees, and a living stipend for four years of undergraduate study at UVA, plus a number of enrichment benefits including a study abroad. PHHS may nominate one Senior for this scholarship. If you are planning to apply to UVA please see Mrs. Baker.

## The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program

Due Date: November 14

This scholarship offers up to \$40,000 per year to high achieving academic seniors who plan to attend a four-year college/university. You need to have at least an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, SAT combined math and reading score of 1200 or above or ACT composite score of 26 or above, and demonstrate significant unmet financial need. Apply online at [www.jkcf.org/scholarshipprograms/collegescholarship](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarshipprograms/collegescholarship).

## AXA Achievement Scholarship

Due Date: December 15

Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2500, \$10000, or \$25000 scholarship. They are looking for a student with ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and have the ability to succeed in college. Apply online at [www.us.axa/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html](http://www.us.axa/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html).

## Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship

Due Date: December 15

The Burger King Scholars program helps Burger King Employees and high school seniors continue their education. This \$1000 scholarship values students with integrity, high standards, entrepreneurial spirit, good citizenship and education. The scholarship portal will open on October 15, 2017 and close December 15, 2017. Apply online at [www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars](http://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars).

## Foot Locker Scholarship

Due Date: December 15

Student athletes and those who are interested in athletics are encourage to apply for this \$20,000 scholarship. You must be planning to go to a four year college or university. Apply online at [www.footlockerathletes.com](http://www.footlockerathletes.com).

## JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Due Date: January 4

Students are encouraged to write an essay describing an act of political courage by a U. S. elected official who served during or after 1917. This scholarship offers between \$10,000-\$20,000 for college expenses. Please visit [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org) for official requirements.

# SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED

GE-Regan Foundation Scholarship Program

Due Date: January 4

Each year, 20 college bound students who excel in leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are selected to receive a renewable \$10,000 scholarship. Apply online at [www.reganfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.reganfoundation.org/scholarships).

The Gloria Wille Bell & Carlos R. Bell Scholarship Program

Due Date: February 1

This scholarship is for the University of Michigan for Virginia residents. This scholarship provides up to \$80,000 for students who attend the University of Michigan. Apply online at [www.bellscholarship.org](http://www.bellscholarship.org).

Virginia Mayflower Society Scholarship

Due Date: March 19

To be considered for this scholarship you must meet one of the following criteria: A Virginia resident, related to a Virginia resident, and/or a member or related to a member of the Virginia mayflower Society. You must have at least a 3.0 GPA. For more information come by guidance or visit [www.virginiamayflower.org](http://www.virginiamayflower.org).

SunTrust Scholarship

Through May 14

The SunTrust \$500 Scholarship is open now to any senior. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 28-May 12. Students can enter once during each two week drawing online at [www.suntrusteducation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes](http://www.suntrusteducation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes).



# SAT AND ACT DATES

**SAT**     [sat.org/register](https://sat.org/register)     **\$46 or with writing \$60**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
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December 2	November 2
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March 10	February 9
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May 5	April 6
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June 2	May 3
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## Contact

**CATHERINE BAKER, SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR**

[cbaker@wcs.k12.va.us](mailto:cbaker@wcs.k12.va.us)

**ACT**     [act.org](https://act.org)     **\$46 or with writing \$62.50**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
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December 9	November 3
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February 10	January 12
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April 14	March 9
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June 9	May 4
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July 14	June 15
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**High School Code: 470948**

**\*\*Male seniors within 18  
years of age must register  
with the selective service at**

**[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)**