



Scholar Talk

NEW for 2012-2013 FAFSA Application

Important Dates:

- ⇒ **12/19-21/2011** Winter Service Project Dates:
Log on to www.doodle.com to schedule your service site and day
 - ⇒ **1/9/2012** Winter Workshop For Freshmen 8:30-12:30
 - ⇒ **1/10/12** Winter Workshop for Sophomores (2nd year scholars) 8:30-12:30
 - ⇒ **1/11/12** Winter Workshop for Juniors (3rd yr. scholars) 8:30-12:30
 - ⇒ **1/12/12** Winter Workshop for Seniors (4th or 5th yr scholars) 8:30-12:30
- **ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING****
- ⇒ **1/1/12** first day to update your FAFSA
 - ⇒ **1/15/12** final day to submit your unofficial transcript to CollegeBound

Beginning February 1, 2012, students and parents who have completed their 2011 IRS tax return will be able to Link to the IRS and transfer their Tax Return information to their FAFSA. This is a fast easy way to apply for financial aid and will satisfy most of the student financial aid verification requirements. The CollegeBound Foundation highly recommends the use of IRS Data Retrieval during the initial filing or when subsequent corrections are made to your 2012-2013 FAFSA.

We realize that many applicants will not have their Federal Tax Returns completed by the FAFSA priority application deadline of February 15. These applicants can use "estimated income" information on initial FAFSA and return to FAFSA on the web for corrections once their tax returns are completed. Selecting and linking to IRS database will simplify and expedite the processing of your financial aid application and the Student Financial Aid Office urges applicants to choose this option.

Unfortunately, the Data Retrieval Process cannot be used in the following circumstances and applicant will have to submit Tax Return Transcript and W2s.

- When paper FAFSA is completed
- Filed married filing separately Return
- Filed Amended Return
- Filed Foreign Return
- Marital status changed after December 31
- Changes to IRS Data Retrieval information on FAFSA

How to Obtain Tax Return Transcript from IRS

Applicants who do not use FAFSA-IRS Data Retrieval option via www.irs.gov or who retrieve IRS data but change it, will be required to provide an IRS Tax Return Transcript and copies of W2s to Student Financial Aid Office. Copies of your Tax Returns will no longer be accepted.

Care Package Day



Ms. Holley and the Williams (Proud Parents)

Recently many caring parents and dedicated CollegeBound staff took the time out to pack, organize, and ship plentiful care packages to CollegeBound freshman scholars all around the state. The packages included toiletries, school supplies, dorm room needs, soups, and of course junk food. The freshman were very thankful of this small token to help get over the midterm hump.

The CollegeBound Foundation would like to thank the following parents for helping to make a student's semester a little

brighter.

- Ms. Belinda Richardson
- Mrs. Chanel Smith
- Mr. Larry Smith
- Mrs. Claudia Williams
- Mrs. Tisheona Wilson
- Mrs. Mavis Jackson
- Mrs. Victoria Smith
- Mrs. Sharon Cromwell-Stevens
- Mrs. Cheryl Dodson
- Mr. Haywood Williams
- Mrs. Stacey Holley



The Smith's and Ms. Jackson hard at work

CollegeBound In Office!



On November 7 former CollegeBound scholar and St. Mary's College of Maryland graduate Brandon Scott was elected to the Baltimore City Council. Brandon won the District 2 seat with 90% of the vote. Brandon is a Democrat.

Fantastic Freshmen!

These Freshman are making moves and are making the most of their first semester by getting involved on campus



Donyetta Pitford (Towson)-
Member of the Sage Club and
Jams Modeling Club



Terrance Thweatt (St. Mary's)-
Black Student Union



Chavette Shaw (Bowie)-Founding
member of Bowie State's "First
Ladies"-a group dedicated to helping
female students progress.



James Price (McDaniel)-
Intramural Basketball



Jasmine Bazemore (St.
Mary's)- Black Student
Union & Volleyball Club



Shawn Henson (Frostburg)- Shooting
guard for the Frostburg University
Bobcats basketball team



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Notes to our Scholars

Hey Scholars,

Congratulations on nearing the end of your fall semester! We hope you are looking forward to the holidays and spending time with your families. We would like to give you a few ideas on how to spend these next few months... just in case you didn't have any plans!

- Search internships www.internshipfinder.com
- Spend time with family & friends
- Read a great book - www.alibris.com
- Work - www.snagajob.com
- Take college courses
- Work out - www.dailymotion.com/video/xc7amu
- Volunteer - www.volunteermaryland.org

And when you are done, be sure to share your stories & experiences with us!

Enjoy,

Michael Thornton
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For some this is your first year on a college campus, and for others, your last. I encourage you to take responsibility for your own academic success by preparing for papers, tests and exams and by remaining engaged in class. Although school can be overwhelming remember that it is a privilege to be able to spend your time learning- take advantage of it and have fun!

Please let us know about your accomplishments and experiences along the way. We get our ideas for newsletter topics from your stories and ideas and we would love to feature you in an upcoming issue. Have you started or joined a student club? Planned to study abroad? Started a new internship or job? Gotten an awesome GPA after struggling initially? We love to get scholar updates and we want to share information that is relevant to you! As always, if you have any questions regarding your scholarship or grant, feel free to contact me at any time. It is a pleasure to support you and **GOOD LUCK** on your final exams!!!!

Deana Carr-Davis
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