

# The Senior Scoop

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## College Representatives to Visit MHS

October brings a slew of college representatives into the building. Take advantage of an easy way to connect with admission representatives.

Seniors interested in attending one of these sessions must sign up in the Guidance Office prior to the scheduled visit and obtain permission to attend from the teacher in whose class the visit is scheduled to take place. Students should look at the list very carefully as to avoid missing the same class period numerous times.

Currently the following visits have been scheduled:

October 3	Becker College	12:00
October 4	Lyndon State College	9:45
October 5	Western New England University	10:30
October 5	Fashion Institute of Design	12:00
October 6	Holyoke Community College	9:30
October 11	Merrimack College	9:00
October 11	US Navy	10:30
October 12	Worcester State University	9:00
October 12	Eckerd College	10:00
October 12	Army National Guard	10:30
October 14	Castleton State College	12:00
October 17	Roger Williams University	10:00
October 19	Salem State University	9:00
October 19	Springfield College	10:00
October 21	UMASS Lowell	8:00
October 24	Framingham State	8:00
October 24	Eastern CT State University	9:15
October 24	University of New Hampshire	10:30
October 28	UMASS Boston	1:15
November 8	Suffolk University	8:30
November 8	College of the Holy Cross	9:30
November 15	US Air Force	10:30
November 15	Sacred Heart University	12:00
November 18	Lasell College	1:00



## Essay Writing Workshop Offered

Do you need help writing your essay for your college application? Are you not sure what topic to write about? The Counseling staff will host an essay writing workshop on Friday, October 14 during SAP in the cafeteria.

The focus of the workshop will be on effective ways to create a high quality essay. Topics discussed will include:

- What makes a good essay
- What colleges look for in an essay
- What to avoid putting in the essay
- Selecting a topic

If you are interested in this opportunity please sign up in the Counseling Office before October 12.



## Test Registration Reminder

It's still not too late to take advantage of the upcoming college entrance tests.

### SAT

November 5 - deadline - October 7  
December 3 - deadline - November 3  
January 21 - deadline - December 21

### ACT

December 10 - deadline - November 4



## October Scholarship Listing

### Horatio Alger Association

October 25, 2016

The Horatio Alger Association scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. For more details and to apply, please visit: [www.scholars.horatioalger.org](http://www.scholars.horatioalger.org).

### Most Valuable Student Scholarship

November 30, 2016

Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen may apply for an MVS scholarship. For details and to complete an application, visit [www.enf.elks.org/mvs](http://www.enf.elks.org/mvs).

### Boston University Trustee Scholarship

December 1, 2016

Must attend Boston University. For more information please visit: [www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee).

### Massachusetts Elks Scholarship, INC.

February 1, 2017

The program offers grants to students demonstrating financial need, scholarship aptitude, and good citizenship. Please see the Counseling Office to obtain an application.

### Big Y Scholarship

February 1, 2017

All Big Y scholarships recognize **academic merit and achievement**. They are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the **Big Y market area**. Applications can be printed from the Big Y website: [www.bigy.com](http://www.bigy.com). Under the Services then the community tab. The scholarships are located at the bottom of the page.

### Wace National CO-OP Scholarship Program

February 15, 2017

To qualify for this scholarship, students must: Have a high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or better; Apply and be accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutes. Please see application for participating Colleges & Universities. To obtain an application, please visit [www.waceinc.org](http://www.waceinc.org).



## Making the Most of a College Open House

Are you planning on attending a college open house in the next few months? If so, what should you do to prepare? Here is a list of things to plan for:

- ◆ Be sure to inform the college you plan on attending so you get all the details about where to park and register and what to expect during the program.
- ◆ Arrive early to ensure you find the school, park and be on time for the opening presentation.
- ◆ Remember that hundreds of people attend open house programs, so there may not be time for individual questions, interviews or indepth discussions with school personnel.
- ◆ Take advantage of the numerous people who are available to ask questions that are critical to whether or not you continue to express interest in the school.
- ◆ Remember that Open House programs are a marketing event to encourage you to apply. Try to see things and ask questions that may not be part of the planned program. Leave no stone unturned.

## Financial Aid Night Is Set

Need help filling out the financial aid forms? Confused about what form to file? Do you have questions about how to report your income?

Linda Dagradi from the Massachusetts Financing Authority (MEFA), will answer questions about the financial aid process on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafetorium. She will also give an overview about how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Scholarship Service's PROFILE®. The PROFILE® worksheet is currently available in the Guidance Office or online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). This form is usually only required by more selective private colleges. Check the college's publications to determine if it is a requirement.

Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend. A packet of financial aid information will be provided for each family that attends. For more information in the meanwhile contact the Counseling Office.



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