Pre-College Programs – Upward Bound

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PCP Weekly News – March 21, 2020

UPDATE

The University is operating in a partial online environment as of March 18, with reduced operations the week of March 23, 2020. Starting March 30, 2020 and continuing at least to April 10, 2020, all classroom instruction will be conducted virtually. Click here for more information.

For all policy relating to the: Coronavirus
PreCollege Programs follows the same policy as the UMD.EDU Health Center website
For specific information, see:
https://health.umd.edu

Saturday Academy will be online: March 28th

Saturday Academy to Move To Virtual Space
Please click on the links below for more information.

- Due to the current health crisis, all classes will be held online starting on 3/28/20
- Now Accepting Applications for 2020 Summer Residential Program! Summer Medical Forms Also Available Here. Register ASAP
- GRADUATION CEREMONY: June 3, 2020 at 6:30pm - 8:30 pm in the Stamp Student Union, Colony Ballroom
- SENIORS: Now Accepting Applications for SIBS (Summer Institute for Bridge Students). Apply by April 25, 2020
March 21, 2020

Spring - 2020
Next Saturday Academy,
Session 9
*9 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

* There will be no General Assembly during Online Sessions

In this edition of PCP News:

❖ Opportunities for Internships/Scholarship opportunity
  o The Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program’s 2020 scholarship competition. (see your counselor)
  o Southern Management Leadership Program

❖ Seniors & Senior Parents
  o Scholarship Search Tips
  o FAFSA Completed! Now What?
  o Register for MDCAPS (Maryland Financial Aid System)
  o Senior Graduation Ceremony (June 3, 2020)
  o Senior Trip to NYC! (June 5-7, 2020): More information coming soon!

Parent volunteers are encouraged to assist in the office weekdays during this crisis.
Please contact the appropriate committee chair to sign-up.

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Saturday Academy Tutoring Available By Appointment Only:

Main office telephone – 301-405-6776
www.precollege.umd.edu
Select tutors will be available after classes and during the week. Tutors are able to connect with students via email, phone calls or video calls (e.g., FaceTime). Please contact tutors directly. See list below. If you are a student with a GPA below 2.5, tutoring is mandatory.

Please visit the programs website to schedule your appointment with a tutor

Opportunities for Internships/Special Programs

- The Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel announces its 2020 scholarship competition. In order to help defray the college expenses of some of our outstanding TRIO students for the 2020-2021 school year, we plan to award scholarships in the amount of $1000. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, March 20, 2020. The winners will be announced at the MEAEOPP Conference. Only Juniors may apply.

Seniors & Senior Parents/Guardians:

- **Scholarship Search Tips:** Now that most college applications have been submitted, this is a great time to shift your attention to researching and applying for scholarships. Here are some tips:

  1. Register and complete a profile for College Greenlight, a free scholarship database that both students and parents can use. Visit [www.collegegreenlight.com](http://www.collegegreenlight.com)
  2. Find out your high school's process/method for distributing scholarship information (email list, bulletin board, binder in the Counseling Office). Be sure to check regularly for updates.
  3. Share scholarship information with your peer or parent network. If you come across a scholarship that you are not eligible for, chances are someone you know may be able to apply. Ask those in your network to also share scholarships with you.

  **Article:** [13 Tips for Winning College Scholarships](http://www.collegegreenlight.com)

- **FAFSA Completed! Now What?** Senior and parents/guardians: After you complete the FAFSA, please monitor your email for a confirmation message letting you know that your FAFSA was “successfully submitted”. The confirmation email should include the following:
  a. Student’s estimated family contribution (EFC)
  b. An estimate of federal grants or loans you will receive

Please review this email carefully and forward it to your Upward Bound Counselor. View this [website](http://www.collegegreenlight.com) “After the FAFSA: What Happens Next?”

- **Register for MDCAPS:** The second step to get money for college is for students to register for the Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS). Students can register at the MDCAPS [website](http://www.collegegreenlight.com).

- Student Ambassador applications are available on the website under forms

- **Senior Graduation Ceremony - June 3, 2020** at 6:30 pm., Colony Ballroom. Tickets for graduation can be purchased for friends/family members of graduates through your Upward Bound Counselor at target schools and/or during Saturday Academy. The cost per ticket is $10. Tickets will not be sold at the door the day of graduation. Anyone attending the ceremony **MUST** have a ticket, however, no children under the age of 5 will be allowed to attend.

- **Senior Trip to NYC! (June 5-7, 2020):** A deposit is required to secure your space. Forms will be available by March 7, 2020.
Parents

We would like to hold a PTSO Committees meeting on the Zoom platform. Please contact Dr. Kinard for more information.

If there are other ideas or concerns that you would like to share during these difficult times, please email Dr. Kinard at bkinard@umd.edu

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