Saturday Academy

Congratulations to the Class of 2020

What’s UP:

- **Summer Program** - going Virtual.
- GRADUATION CEREMONY: Virtual Ceremony
- New York Senior Trip: Postponed - TBD
- SENIORS: Accepting Applications for SIBS (Summer Institute for Bridge Students).

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- Opportunities for Internships/Scholarship opportunity
  - The Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program’s 2020 scholarship competition. (see your counselor)
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  - Scholarship Search Tips
  - FAFSA Completed! Now What?
  - Register for MDCAPS (Maryland Financial Aid System)
- Online Graduation Ceremony will be held June 3, 2020.
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Tutoring Available By Appointment Only:
Tutoring will be conducted by appointment over Google Hangouts during the week. Appointment link on home page. If the hours available do not work, please email the tutor and try to schedule a different time.

See list above. 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.

Hints for studying remotely:
- https://online.osu.edu/5-tips-online-student-learning-success
- https://achievevirtual.org/8-tips-to-help-you-succeed-in-online-high-school/

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](#)

- **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](#) “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](#).

- Become a Student Ambassador by contacting Dr. Kinard at [bkinard@umd.edu](mailto:bkinard@umd.edu).

- **Senior Graduation Ceremony** will be held online.

- **Senior Trip to NYC! (June 5-7, 2020):** Postponed until further notice

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