

# Seton Guidance Corner

October 13, 2022

## **The First Step to Finding the Money You Need for College: Completing the FAFSA**

Join experts during a virtual presentation for helpful tips and information in completing the FAFSA.

<https://salliemabank.webex.com/salliemabank/lsr.php?RCID=fe5e1c88ea06e8b5a479e5289a1fbe6e>

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the single most important thing students can do to get money to help pay for college. Colleges and universities use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid including grants, scholarships, educational loans, and work-study programs. Therefore, even though the FAFSA is technically the application for federal aid, students still have to fill it out to receive state and college-sponsored financial aid as well.

Don't forget, the federal government and many states award financial aid on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is wise to submit the form sooner than later. Also, no matter what your financial situation, you are encouraged to complete the FAFSA. You can access the application here: [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

## **HOBY 2023 Leadership Program for Sophomores**

Sophomores are invited to apply to be Seton's ambassador at the 2023 Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Program that will be held June 2-4, 2023, at James Madison University in Harrisonburg. The leadership development program was founded in 1958 and is designed to help high school sophomores recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. Although there is a cost to attend (\$270), this is a great opportunity to develop or enhance leadership skills as well as strengthen your student resume which can be valuable when applying to colleges, military, and trade schools. To apply and be considered to attend as Seton's ambassador, please email Mrs. Guyant at [cguyant@setonschool.net](mailto:cguyant@setonschool.net) by November 10. For more information about the program, visit [www.vahoby.org](http://www.vahoby.org).

## **Fast Track Dual Enrollment at Franciscan University**

Fast Track Dual Enrollment allows high school students to earn college credit through online classes at Franciscan University. To be eligible for the Fast Track program, you must be at least 16 years of age and have completed your sophomore year with a GPA above 2.4. For more information, visit

<https://online.franciscan.edu/programs/fast-track-dual-enrollment/>.

## **The Cardinal Newman Society's First-Ever Virtual College Fair**

**Tuesday, October 18 (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)**

Register and learn about the advantages of choosing a faithful Catholic college at The Cardinal Newman Society's First-Ever Virtual College Fair. In addition, learn about unique scholarship opportunities (***you could win a \$1,000 scholarship simply by attending!***); chat with admission representatives from each college; and attend live presentations. For more information and to register, visit

<https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/cardinalnewman-registration>.

## Upcoming College Visits at Seton

Thursday, October 13 – Franciscan University

Tuesday, October 18 – Catholic University

Thursday, October 20 – Thomas Aquinas College (New England)

Students are encouraged to stop by the table in the main entrance lobby during lunch and take advantage of this great opportunity to meet with visiting admissions representatives and ask any questions they may have (i.e. admission requirements, majors, scholarships, financial aid, sports, etc.).

## Cardinal Newman Society – Recommended Catholic Colleges

Over the next several weeks, the Seton Guidance Corner will highlight a recommended college by the Cardinal Newman Society. This week's feature is **Christendom College**.

Year Founded: 1977

Location: Front Royal, VA

Number of Students: 539

Number of Majors: 7

Christendom College was founded by Dr. Warren Carroll in 1977 as an alternative to secular trends in Catholic higher education. What was then a little-known secret in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia is now a national model of faithful liberal arts education and Catholic formation.

Christendom provides a liberal arts education with an extensive, 86-credit core curriculum, including six Catholic theology and six philosophy courses. Students can also concentrate in seven majors and earn B.A. degrees in Classics, English, History, Philosophy, Mathematics, Political Science and Economics, and Theology as well as M.A. degrees in Theological Studies. Many students study a semester in Rome, continuing their core courses in residences just 30 minutes from St. Peter's Basilica.

There are nearly 30 clubs and activities including choir, drama, writing, boxing, debate, swing dance, tennis, and swimming. In addition, there are 10 varsity sport teams and intramurals.

Class time is set aside daily for Mass, and students have access to daily Confession, Adoration, Rosary, and Liturgy of the Hours. Feast days are often marked with special celebrations. Many alumni have found religious vocations, including more than 100 priests.

(<https://www.christendom.edu/> and <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college/>)

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship

Competition open to all high school seniors who are planning careers in government service.

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: January 15, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10091/washington-crossing-foundation-scholarship>

### Lands' End School Starboard Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: January 19, 2023

<https://www.landsend.com/starboard-scholarship/>

*\*Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*