

# Seton Guidance Corner

October 27, 2022

## The Advanced Placement (AP) Program

The AP Program is designed by the College Board to provide motivated and academically prepared high school students in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level. The two components of the program are AP courses and AP exams. Although Seton does not offer AP courses, students do have the opportunity to take the AP exams. AP exams are scored on a 5 point scale, and a score of 3 or higher corresponds to a passing grade in a comparable college course. Most colleges and universities will grant college credit and/or advanced placement for successful AP exam scores (consult individual colleges for their policies). Earning college credit or advanced placement can allow students more flexibility to double major, study abroad, or graduate early. Participating in the AP Program can also help students to stand out in the college admissions process. For additional information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/AP-QA.pdf>.

The 2023 AP exams are administered in May, but the registration deadline is **November 14**. For a list of AP exams offered as well as for registration and payment information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/AP-Registration-2022-23.pdf>. Contact Mrs. Reyes with questions. ([smreyes595@gmail.com](mailto:smreyes595@gmail.com), 703-331-3587).

## Christendom College Open House and Early Action Deadline

Christendom College invites high school students and their families to a Fall Open House scheduled for Saturday, November 19, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Meet President Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, experience a class with a Christendom professor, take a tour of campus, learn about financial aid offerings, and more. To register, visit <https://www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/>.

In addition, with a waiting list the past two years and record enrollment, potential applicants are encouraged to apply and submit all required items (application and essay; high school transcript, letter of recommendation, and official CLT/SAT/ACT score report) by December 1. Students will receive a decision by Christmas and have a head start on applying for need-based financial aid. To apply, visit to [www.christendom.edu/apply](http://www.christendom.edu/apply).

## HOBY 2023 Leadership Program for Sophomores

Sophomores are invited to apply as 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 HOBY 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).

## 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 **John Paul the Great Catholic University**.

Year Founded: 2003  
Number of Students: 264

Location: Escondido, CA  
Number of Majors: 4

John Paul the Great Catholic University was founded in 2003 with a focused mission to prepare entrepreneurs and experts in communications media and the creative arts to evangelize the culture. The University's specialized curriculum and strong Catholic formation contribute to its growing impact and reputation.

Students can major in business, communications media, or the humanities, with unique concentrations related to screenwriting, producing, animation, game development, graphic design, and more. The University combines the best of a Catholic college with the hands-on skill learning of a technical and arts school devoted to evangelization. A BFA in Visual Arts will be available in fall 2023. Minors are also available and include philosophy and theology.

The University offers over 15 student clubs to include art, film, gaming, improv, surf, dance, writing, and sports.

Class schedules are structured around daily Mass, and Confession and Adoration are also offered daily. John Paul the Great Catholic University has a mix of faithful Catholic liberal arts and majors in business and "new media" forming graduates who are prepared to "impact culture for Christ."

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

## Scholarship Opportunities

### 2022-23 American Legion Post 10 Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical contest (a Constitutional Speech Contest) begins at the post level on December 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Post 10 in Manassas. The winner has the opportunity to advance to the district, regional, and national finals for a chance to win \$25,000. Entries must be submitted by Monday, December 5. To enter the Post 10 Oratorical contest, email Post 10 Americanism Chair, John Shaw, at [johnrshaw1@gmail.com](mailto:johnrshaw1@gmail.com). For contest details and rules, click [here](#). To access a brochure for the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, click [here](#).

### "A Daring Path" Scholarship

Eligibility: All high school students.

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: October 31, 2022

<https://calvinrosser.com/scholarships/a-daring-path-scholarship/>

### Design Thinking Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 31, 2022

[https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11010/design\\_thinking\\_scholarship](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11010/design_thinking_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.*