

Seton Guidance Corner

November 10, 2022

Introducing Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum

Opening its doors this fall in Hagerstown, Maryland, (one block from historic St. Mary's Church) the Collegium advertises as:

- The only four-year college specifically dedicated to embracing tradition
- The most affordable private college in the country
- A classical liberal arts program with an integrated work component
- A deep experience of Catholic faith formation

For more information, visit www.the-collegium.org. For tours, visit www.the-collegium.org/interviews-and-visits. For admissions, visit www.the-collegium.org/admission-process-and-application.

Upcoming College Visit at Seton

Tuesday, November 15 – Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

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 the visiting admissions representative and ask any questions they may have (i.e. admission requirements, majors, scholarships, financial aid, sports, etc.).

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was a 19th-century member of the Daughters of Charity who started the first free Catholic school for girls in the United States in Emmitsburg, Maryland. To honor Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's dedication to accessible, quality education, Mount St. Mary's is offering a new scholarship opportunity. The scholarship is awarded to students who graduate from a Catholic high school and demonstrate a commitment to the Mount's mission statement "As a Catholic University, Mount St. Mary's graduates ethical leaders who are inspired by a passion for learning and lead lives of significance in service to God and others." Academic achievement, community service, and financial need will be used to by the scholarship committee to select the recipients. Award amounts will range from \$1,000-10,000 per year. To apply, visit https://admission.msmary.edu/register/?id=5225163a-7e77-4030-83cd-6e3e78c6ee0d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ug_app_deadline&utm_source=slate

VCU – College of Engineering Guaranteed Admission

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Engineering guarantees admission for all graduating high school seniors who rank in the top 10% of their classes and are degree-seeking, first-year students applying for the first time. For fall 2023, standardized test scores are not required for admission to VCU College of Engineering. Any applicant who has test scores and would like them to be considered may still submit them. For more information regarding guaranteed admission to VCU's College of Engineering, visit https://egr.vcu.edu/admissions/guaranteed-admission/?utm_source=rec&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2022&utm_campaign=lfc_blast.

Virtual Event: Scholarships—Finding Free Money for College

Here is a great opportunity for students and families to learn key tips on applying for scholarships, how to create a winning scholarship essay, and more. To access the 30 minute presentation, visit <https://salliemabank.webex.com/salliemabank/lsr.php?RCID=cec54ce5a4ecc6d8c2209146aa5478dc>.

In addition, it's National Scholarship Month! From puppeteering to duck calling, to potato farming—there are scholarships out there for everyone. Click [here](#) to access the scholarship engine mentioned in the presentation and sign up to get personalized matches for the potential to save thousands on college costs. Students also have a chance to win \$1,000 just by registering.

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 **Thomas Aquinas College**.

Year Founded: 1971 & 2019

Two Locations: Santa Paula, CA & Northfield, MA

Number of Students: 355 (CA) & 159 (MA) Number of Majors: 0

Thomas Aquinas College (TAC) was founded in 1971 by Catholic professors devoted to the Catholic faith and study of original writings by the greatest minds of Western culture. The campus nestled in the hills east of Los Angeles capped enrollment to preserve the small-college environment. However, faced with growing interest, a second campus was opened in the hills of Northfield, Massachusetts, in 2019.

There are no majors, no academic departments, no textbooks, and no lectures. TAC is unique among American colleges and universities offering a faithfully Catholic education comprised entirely of the Great Books and classroom discussions. All students progress through the same liberal arts degree which is roughly equivalent to a double major in theology and philosophy and a minor in mathematics.

Students can choose from a number of extracurricular activities offered in both music and theater programs. Sports programs include soccer, basketball, volleyball, and ultimate Frisbee. Both campus locations offer options for many outdoor activities—hiking and skiing in New England and hiking and beaches in California.

Nearly all students are Catholic and enjoy a strong spiritual life on campus, including daily Mass when classes are not scheduled and Extraordinary Form Mass on most days. There is daily Confession, Rosary, and Liturgy of the Hours. More than 10 percent of alumni have entered religious life.

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

Scholarship Opportunities

NRA Youth Essay Contest

The theme for the essay is "What Does the Second Amendment Mean to You?"

\$1,000 Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2022

<http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

**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.*