

# Seton Guidance Corner

September 21, 2023

## NASA Opportunities for Virginia High School Students

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium provides free NASA-related programs for Virginia's high school students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The programs have an interactive online STEM learning experience and are highlighted by a seven-day residential summer academy at NASA.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Virginia Space Coast Scholars focuses on the current missions flown or managed by NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore. <http://vsgc.odu.edu/spacecoast/>. Application deadline is October 16.

11<sup>th</sup> AND 12<sup>th</sup> Grades - Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars focuses on NASA's human spaceflight missions and the Journey to the Moon and on to Mars. Students can earn up to five free dual enrollment college credits. <http://vsgc.odu.edu/VASTS/>. Application deadline is October 24

## Cardinal Newman Recommended Colleges with ROTC Programs

Serving our country is a noble calling, and several faithful Catholic colleges help put students on the path for careers in the military. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is offered at a number of recommended colleges, sometimes in partnership with other local universities, and include:

Belmont Abbey College (Belmont, NC)

Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)

The Catholic University of America (Washington D.C.)

Franciscan University (Steubenville, OH)

University of Dallas (Dallas, TX)

University of St. Thomas-Houston, (Houston, TX)

Walsh University (North Canton, OH)

[\(https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/popular-majors-sports-and-activities-at-newman-guide-colleges/\)](https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/popular-majors-sports-and-activities-at-newman-guide-colleges/)

## NOVA's Advanced Manufacturing and Skilled Trades Programs

Interested in the trades? Northern Virginia Community College offers applied technologies programs for students to master technical skills which helps prepare them for full-time employment. Trades Programs include Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Architecture Technology; Automotive Technology; Construction Management Technology; Data Center Operations; Engineering Technology; and Welding. For more information, visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/pathways/advanced-manufacturing-and-skilled-trades/index.html>.

## Guidelines for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation

Whether you need a Letter of Recommendation for college, a military academy, or scholarships, click [here](#) for helpful information on requesting an LOR.

## College Financial Aid Night at Battlefield High School

Where: Battlefield High School Auditorium

When: Monday, October 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: 15000 Graduation Dr. Haymarket, VA 20169

The seminar will be led by The College Funding Coach which was founded in 2002 to help families better understand the complex strategies for paying for college and make higher education more affordable. Seton families are invited to attend and no pre-registration is necessary.

## Upcoming College Visits at Seton

Thursday, September 21 – Thomas Aquinas College

Tuesday, September 26 – University of Dallas

Monday, October 30 – The Catholic University of America

## CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

**CLT Test Date – October 14** (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – October 9

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

**SAT Test Date – November 4**

Registration Deadline – October 5

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

**ACT Test Date – October 28**

Registration Deadline – September 22

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Aspire Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: September 30, 2023

<https://app.goingmerry.com/scholarships/aspire-scholarship/19298>

### Don't Text and Drive Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: September 30, 2023

<https://app.goingmerry.com/scholarships/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship/18664>

### Heisman High School Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: October 17, 2023

<https://heismanscholarship.com/>

### Accountability and Morality Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: October 31, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17199/accountability-and-morality-scholarship>

### Dustan Biegler Memorial Scholarship

For high school seniors planning to attend a trade school.

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: November 1, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/25435/dustan-biegler-memorial-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.*