

Seton Guidance Corner

January 18, 2024

Opportunity for Junior Girls – Virginia Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary's (ALA) Girls State is among the nation's most respected educational programs of government instruction and leadership development for U.S. high school students. This year, Virginia Girls State (VGS) will be held at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, from Sunday, June 16 through Saturday, June 22. ALA Manassas Unit 10 has been allocated seven delegate slots. Applicants must be a current junior, and candidates for VGS are chosen through an interview process conducted by the ALA Manassas Unit 10. Once an application is received and reviewed, the applicant will be notified of the date, time, and place for an in-person interview. Candidates are evaluated based on their leadership abilities and interest in government, service to others, and academics. Contact Mrs. Guyant at cguyant@setonschool.net by Monday, February 19 if you are interested in applying. Successful completion of the program is recognized by employers, service academies, and university admission boards. For more information, visit vagirlsstate.org.

Best Week Ever Summer Program at Christendom College

Rising high school seniors are invited to apply to Christendom's Best Week Ever Summer program. The highly acclaimed program offers participants a unique educational, cultural, spiritual, and fun-filled experience. Each year, more than 300 students take part in the program, and leave campus with a new appreciation for the liberal arts, Catholic culture, true friendship, and the beauty of God's creation evidenced in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.thebestweekever.com>. In addition, Seton students are offered a \$400 discount with code SETON200 when applying.

Trades Fast-Track Information Sessions at Laurel Ridge Community College

These free information sessions are open house-style events with introductions to a variety of fast-track, career-training trades professions. The first session is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fauquier Campus. The second session is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Middletown Campus.

Learn more about:

- HVAC Courses
- Heavy Equipment Operator Training
- Construction Project Management
- Plumbing Courses
- Electrical Courses
- Mechatronics Program
- Welding Courses
- Apprenticeship
- Funding Options and More

To register, visit <https://laurelridgeworkforce.com/courses/trades-and-apprenticeship/trades-information-sessions/>.

The Cardinal Newman Society's Essay Scholarship Contest

This opportunity is for high school seniors, and the winner will be awarded \$5,000 toward the cost of attending one of the institutions recommended in The Newman Guide. For details and eligibility, visit <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/the-newman-guide/essay-scholarship-contest/>. Application deadline is February 20, 2024.

Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program at GMU

The nationally known Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program (ASSIP) provides transformative research opportunities for high school and undergraduate students. Selected participants work one-on-one with faculty researchers at George Mason University and collaborating institutions using state-of-the-art technology across many disciplines.

As part of the 8-week (June 18-Aug. 9) full-time internship, students will:

- Gain hands-on experience using cutting-edge sophisticated equipment and technologies
- Develop and exercise scientific writing and communication skills
- Explore STEM career choices through discussion forums and meetings with role models
- Develop and exercise creative skills, crucial to performing innovative research

There is no charge required for students to participate in the ASSIP except for the \$25 application fee. For more information and to apply, visit science.gmu.edu/assip. Deadline to apply is February 11.

Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology

Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology (BLAST) offers a three-day summer experience for rising 9th and 10th grade students and is designed to increase student interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). BLAST provides a residential opportunity and includes innovative hands-on sessions and demonstrations that seek to motivate and inspire students for STEM studies and careers. BLAST is free of charge for students who are selected to participate. For more information and to apply, visit <https://vsgc.odu.edu/blast/about-the-program/>. Application deadline is February 1.

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – February 15 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – February 7

Click [here](#) to register.

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

Digital SAT Test Date – March 9

Registration Deadline – February 23

Click [here](#) to register.

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

ACT Test Date – April 13

Registration Deadline – March 8

Click [here](#) to register.

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

Scholarship Opportunities

Flavorful Futures Scholarship

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: January 31, 2024

<https://app.goingmerry.com/scholarships/flavorful-futures-scholarship/21306?>

Richard G. Zimmerman Journalism Scholarship

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: February 18, 2024

<https://app.goingmerry.com/scholarships/richard-g-zimmerman-journalism-scholarship/7345?>

AMS Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: March 14, 2024

<https://www.cfnova.org/scholarship/ams-opportunity-scholarship-fund>

**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.*