

# Seton Guidance Corner

December 12, 2024

## **The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of the National Honor Society - Membership Eligibility Requirements**

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) is a student run service organization. Membership eligibility requires full-time status for sophomores, juniors or seniors who have a cumulative GPA of at least 92.5% from classes taken at Seton, no more than four demerits and no suspensions since the beginning of this school year and no more than eight demerits and no suspensions during the prior year. Notification of eligibility takes place in February at which time students complete an application and schedule an interview with the NHS Faculty Council. Students selected on the basis of their scholarship, character, leadership and service record are formally inducted into the NHS in April. Membership requirements include tutoring, assisting with school functions, chairing an NHS sponsored event, supporting NHS work throughout the year and attending monthly meetings.

## **NOVA's Guaranteed Admission Agreement Program**

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) offers transfer programs that lead to an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. The Guaranteed Admission Agreement program is available to all our students who graduate from NOVA and meet the agreement requirements of the college or university. The program gives students an opportunity to save thousands in tuition costs. For a list of participating colleges and universities and for more information, visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/apps/transfersearch/gaasearch.aspx>.

## **Education Programs offered at Cardinal Newman Recommended Colleges**

Education programs are offered at Aquinas College, Ave Maria University, Belmont Abbey College, Benedictine College, The Catholic University of America, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Holy Angel University, University of Dallas, University of Mary, University of Navarra, University of St. Thomas, and Walsh University. <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college/>

## **2025 Virginia Summer Residential Governor's School**

Virginia Summer Residential Governor's School provides current gifted sophomores and juniors with intensive educational experiences in Agriculture; Humanities; Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Medical and Health Sciences; and through mentorships in Marine Science and Engineering. Students live on a college or university campus for up to four weeks during the summer. During this time, students are involved in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, and research with noted scholars and other professionals. Consideration is given to students' academic records, standardized test scores, extra-curricular activities, honors and awards, creativity, original essays, and teacher recommendations. Tuition ranges between \$975 and \$1750. While this is a fairly involved process, it has the potential of being a valuable experience. For more information, click [here](#). Please email Mrs. Guyant at [cguyant@setonschool.net](mailto:cguyant@setonschool.net) by tomorrow Friday, Dec. 13, if you are interested in applying.

## Reminder - 2025-26 FAFSA is Now Available

Filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the key to getting financial aid for school (federal, state, and school aid to include merit scholarships). To access the FAFSA application, visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. For assistance in completing the FAFSA, visit <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/fafsa/fafsa-guide/>.

## Seniors, Don't Forget...

January 1st is the application deadline for many colleges. If you need to request your high school transcript to meet this deadline, please email Mrs. McIntyre ([tmcintyre@setonschool.net](mailto:tmcintyre@setonschool.net)) by Friday, Dec. 20, before Christmas break.

## BigFuture Scholarship Program

Students in the Classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027 are eligible for BigFuture Scholarships in the amounts of \$500 and \$40,000 each month. Students can earn entries in drawings for scholarships by completing steps to plan for college. The sooner students start and the more steps they complete, the more chances they have to win. The scholarships awarded can be used at two- and four-year institutions. For more information and to get started, visit <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships?excmpid=vt-00285>.

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

**CLT Test Date – January 25** (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – January 16

Click [here](#) to register.

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

**SAT Test Date – March 8**

Registration Deadline – February 21

Click [here](#) to register.

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

**ACT Test Date – February 8**

Registration Deadline – January 3

Click [here](#) to register.

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

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Path to Success Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 31, 2024

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18879/path-to-success-scholarship>

### United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: January 17, 2025

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12734/united-states-jci-senate-foundation-scholarships>

### Breanna Coleman Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: January 24, 2025

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/27824/breanna-coleman-memorial-nursing-scholarship>

### Dolly Parton Songwriters Award

Amount: \$20,000

Deadline: February 15, 2025

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/27353/dolly-parton-songwriters-award>

*\*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.*