New Additions this Week

- **2013 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest:** Would you go against the crowd to do what is right? The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites U.S. high school students to write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served after 1956. Winners can receive up to $10,000 in scholarship money. *Eligibility – Grades 9-12* For more information and to register, go to [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org). **Deadline:** January 5, 2013

- **FCC College Night:** October 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Over 240 Colleges and Universities will have representatives available.

- **University of Virginia:** Evening Program, Sunday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m., Hunt Valley Inn, Baltimore. RSVP to [www.admission.virginia.edu/uva-visits-you](http://www.admission.virginia.edu/uva-visits-you)

- **Young Arts 2013 Awards Program:** Awards of up to $10,000 in all areas of classical instrumental music, voice, jazz, dance, theater, visual arts, creative writing, photography, and cinematic arts. *Eligibility – Grades 10-12.* To apply and audition, go online to [www.youngarts.org/apply](http://www.youngarts.org/apply). Questions? Email apply@youngarts.org. **Deadline:** October 19, 2012.

- **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards:** If you’ve made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win $1,000 and a trip to Washington, DC next May and can inspire other young people to follow your example. *Eligibility – Grades 5-12, legal resident, engaged in volunteer activity as of Sept. 1, 2011,* completed application and selection by CTC selection team. To apply, go to [http://spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit) and click on the link “Apply Now” and follow the on-screen instructions. **IMPORTANT** – Once you have completed your online application, go to the “Certification” page to print out your application and deliver it to the CTC Guidance Office for review. CTC can only submit one application for state-level judging. **Deadline:** November 6, 2012.

- **Discover Duke:** Duke University admissions officers will present information and answer questions about the university, admissions process, financial, and more. Sunday, Sept. 30th at 3 p.m., Baltimore, MD and Tuesday, October 2nd at 7 p.m., Bethesda, MD. For more information and to register, go to [admiss.ugrad.duke.edu/discover-duke/](http://admiss.ugrad.duke.edu/discover-duke/)

- **UMBC Meyerhoff Scholars Program:** The Meyerhoff Program is open to all high-achieving high school seniors who plan to pursue undergraduate studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Awards range from $5,000 up to $22,000 per year. Meyerhoff Scholars must participate in and complete a six-week residential Summer Bridge Program prior to freshman year. *Eligibility – Students must have at least a “B” average in college-prep mathematics and science courses, outstanding SAT scores, a genuine interest in science, a desire to pursue a doctorate in a STEM discipline, and an interest in the advancement of underrepresented students in STEM fields.* For more information, go to [www.umbc.edu/meyerhoff](http://www.umbc.edu/meyerhoff). **Deadline:** October 15, 2012.
**Resources**

- **SAT Skills Insite:** This website is designed to assist and encourage students as they prepare to take the SAT. It gives high school students a better understanding of what is tested on the SAT. It provides real SAT questions and answers, suggestions for improvement, and guidance on how the student can sharpen their skills. It is a free online resource that is available to all students before they take their first SAT and as they prepare to re-take the SAT. Please visit: [http://collegeboard.com/satskillsinsight](http://collegeboard.com/satskillsinsight).

- **College Board Website:** You can access resources for college searches, student aid and SAT information at the following website: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

- **US Department of Education:** The US Department of Education has launched a new website that aims to motivate students with inspirational stories and information about planning, preparing, and paying for college. Designed with students' input and participation, [college.gov](http://college.gov) is a good go-to online resource for credible information about college that also provides real life experiences of peers who are already attending college. Please go to [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov) for complete details.

- **[www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com):** MeritAid.com helps students find merit-based scholarship opportunities before they apply to college. MeritAid.com is the first comprehensive web site dedicated to helping students with the college search by matching them to merit-based scholarships from across the country.

- **SchoolSoup.com:** Huge online scholarship search site. Over $32 billion in scholarships. Free of charge and completely safe – student email addresses are not sold to any third parties. Go to [www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)

- **Academic Common Market (ACM):** The Southern Regional Education Board’s (SREB) Academic Common Market (ACM) allows students to pursue degrees in selected out-of-state programs at the in-state tuition rates. Students can choose from some 1,800 degree programs from 150 colleges and universities across the South. Participating in the ACM program is easy and free, requiring only that a student be certified as a legal resident of one of the 16 member states (Maryland is included) of the SREB and be admitted to an eligible program. For more details and to review a complete list of programs available, visit the ACM website at [www.sreb.org/acm.asp](http://www.sreb.org/acm.asp) or see Mrs. Daly in the CTC Guidance Office for a brochure.

- **The Central Scholarship Bureau:** The CBS is a private nonprofit organization that provides grants, scholarships, and interest-free loans to Maryland students attending college and vocational school. CBS has been in existence since 1924 and is supported by private donors and community foundations. CBS now offers more than 20 scholarship and grant opportunities and last year awarded approximately $800,000 in student loans. For more information, visit [www.centralsb.org](http://www.centralsb.org) or email [info@centralsb.org](mailto:info@centralsb.org).

- **New Website for College-bound Students with Disabilities:** A new website – [http://www.going-to-college.org](http://www.going-to-college.org) – has been developed to help high school students learn about living college life with a disability. The site provides video clips, activities, and resources that can help students get a head start in planning for college. Video interviews with college students with disabilities offer a way to hear first-hand from students with
disabilities who have been successful. Modules include activities that will help students explore more about themselves, learn what to expect from college, and equip them with important considerations and tasks to complete when planning for college.

- **MDGO4IT Website:** [http://www.mdgo4it.mhec.maryland.gov/](http://www.mdgo4it.mhec.maryland.gov/) The newly launched website targets high school students to help with college planning and preparation. The interactive website weaves students through a virtual college campus, providing specific information on college planning, financial aid, and life on campus.

- **Frederick County Youth Action Corps (YAC):** The Frederick County YAC promotes youth service and leadership, and encourages youth to make a difference in the community. YAC is a group of dedicated middle and high school youth who are committed to service in the county. The group works closely with Volunteer Frederick, the local Volunteer Center, to help coordinate and participate in local service projects. The YAC Leadership Team meets monthly to identify community needs, then design and implement service learning projects to meet those needs. If you are interested in learning more about the YAC, please contact Stacey, Ali, or Keila at Volunteer Frederick – 301-663-5214, Ext. 2 or email YAC@volunteerfrederick.org.

- **New College Resource:** [WhatWillTheyLearn.com](http://www.whatwilltheylearn.com) rates 700+ colleges and universities on whether or not they require seven core subjects – composition, literature, foreign language, U.S. Government or History, economics, mathematics, or natural or physical science. The idea behind the website is that students typically find themselves in careers not related to their major and/or change careers up to 10 times in their lifetime, so having a solid education is critical to success. What Will They Learn believes that having students be required to take courses in the seven core subjects better prepares them to compete in the global market place, be effective leaders, and be life-long learners. Scores for each school reflects how many of each of the seven core courses are required at that institution. This is an excellent resource but keep in mind that it is evaluating ONLY whether or not the school requires courses in the seven core subjects, and not the school as a whole. Use this site as a supplemental tool when evaluating colleges and universities, not as a scoring tool to determine the overall effectiveness of the school.

- **FAFSA Resources:**
  - [FAFSA on the Web](http://www.fafsa.gov) – the official site of the FAFSA (Free Application for federal Student Aid)
  - [Student Aid on the Web](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) – In-depth information on federal student aid programs, applying for financial aid, and repaying student loans. Conduct college and scholarship searches, estimate college costs, and track and compare financial award letters
  - [College Preparation Checklist](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/cocontestrip) – explains how to prepare academically and financially for college through “to do” lists. Information about federal aid, what to do at FAFSA filing time, and looking for scholarships is included.
  - [Do You Need Money for College? Federal Student Aid at a Glance](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs) - overview of federal aid. Basic information on student eligibility, the application process, and aid programs and annual maximum amounts.
  - [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/collegedotgov) - Inspirational videos from peers, advice from current college students, etc.
Facebook at www.facebook.com/college.gov - weekly tips, info, and links, videos, etc.

- **New Crisis Hotline Online Chat Feature:** The Crisis Hotline has a new online chat feature specifically geared towards teens. It is available Monday-Friday from 4-9 p.m. The chat is designed to help students whether it is for a crisis, suicide prevention, or just a safe place to vent. Check it out at www.help4MDyouth.org.

- **The College Board Net Price Calculator (NPC):** Online tool that provides estimates of college costs for prospective students, based on a set of inputs, such as family income, size, and assets. Go to www.netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org.

**Miscellaneous**