|  |
| --- |
|  |
| Junior/Senior News~ November 2020 |
|  |

Marbury High School



|  |
| --- |
|  |
| Important Upcoming Dates/Announcements:   **1st nine Weeks Ends**  November 9th    **Veteran’s Day**  *School Closed*  November 11th    **Report Card**  November 18th    **Anti-Bully Week**  November 16-20    **E-Learning Days**  November 23rd-24th      **Virtual College Visits!!!!**  ***(See MHS website)***  University of Montevallo-Anytime  Southern Union State Community College  Nov. 12th @5 pm  Nov. 18th @ 6 pm |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |

Did you know November is National Scholarship Month? During this month, we prioritize discussions about **free** **financial aid**, a key component of pursuing and affording college. We challenge you to build awareness of scholarships and grants, free aid that doesn’t need to be paid back.

Join one of two upcoming webinars to learn how to find scholarships for college: [November 11 at 12PM](https://salliemaebank.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=salliemaebank&service=6&rnd=0.5022321268027621&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fsalliemaebank.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b00000004e8ea46d289c47c2c0e860a2fe7992a8868a30f085a08e8576c976aaae1e99a5e%26siteurl%3Dsalliemaebank%26confViewID%3D174658310929125013%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAASnf5JLDB89BRaFnNbww7YEkbZJkvBfSLGWsG6yMyHwVg2%26) and [November 12 at 7PM](https://salliemaebank.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=salliemaebank&service=6&rnd=0.7058822314835811&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fsalliemaebank.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b0000000431cfe47854cd4e2473f575408bc67b5059833d0c965ee9a887cb65334e714866%26siteurl%3Dsalliemaebank%26confViewID%3D174658417520020707%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAQbyPJc-bqQF2NQUtAh0Dmg7Ik1-wgbrBgFLCZI52sqDg2%26).

Students can find scholarship opportunities through databases like:

* [CollegeGreenLight.com](http://collegegreenlight.com/)
* [Bigfuture.org](http://bigfuture.org/scholarship-search)
* [Fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com/)
* [GoingMerry.com](https://www.goingmerry.com/)
* [SallieMae.com](https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/)

In addition to scholarships, students can apply for grants such as the Pell Grant by completing their [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa). Did you know that close to 60% of students in Alabama qualify for a full or partial Pell Grant? The current maximum Pell Grant award is $6,345 per year and can be used towards technical and academic programs.

We’ll talk more about the Pell Grant and other aspects of financial aid during our **Advanced FAFSA webinar tomorrow, November 5 at 11AM.**It will build upon the topics discussed in our [FAFSA 101 webinar](https://youtu.be/Ch_qPMTilK4) and cover some of the more complicated parts of the application. [Register here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TSZJtHlURAqhRIIAfsUPTw)!

Have questions? Email us at [algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org](mailto:algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org) or call our Help Desk at 334.316.6155.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Scholarship** | **Deadline** |
| Rev. Dr. A.W. Watkins Scholarship | February 28, 2021 |
| The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation | January 5, 2021 |
| Countdown to College Scholarship | January 6, 2021 |
| The Smith Scholarship Foundation | January 15, 2021 |
| Tenaska Alabama Partners, L.O. Scholarship | February 12, 2021 |
| Max 4 Kids Scholarship | February 12, 2021 |
| Electric Cooperative Foundation Scholarship | February 14, 2021 |

**Scholarships Available Now!!!!! Check out the MHS website!!!!**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
| HIGH SCHOOL RESUMES |
|  |

Ordering Transcripts

\*Go to Parchment.com, click Sign up and follow the onscreen instructions to register

\*Click Transcripts

\*Find your high school, select it and click Save & Continue

\* Sign the Transcript Request Form

\*Select the Destination of the transcript

\*Enter your payment details and click Submit.

## 



**YOU GOT ACCEPTED- Now What?**

**1. Be Graceful-** College admissions can be a touchy subject, especially around fellow classmates. You should be proud of your acceptance, but be aware that not everyone got into the schools you did. A “safety” to you could have been someone else’s dream school.

**2. Send Thank You Notes-** Getting into college isn’t a one-man job, so be sure to write some thank you cards to your teachers, counselors, admission counselors, and anyone else who helped you along the way. Let them know you appreciate everything they’ve done for you!

**3. Compare Colleges**- If you’re at the stage in your admissions where you’re between schools, it’s important to get more information. Consider things like financial aid packages, housing, what the school offers to your major/career study, and how you feel about the school overall. Another great option, if possible, is to revisit (or visit) some of the schools that you’re really stuck between now and see if you still feel the same way. The opinions that you had a couple years ago (or even a few months ago) can vary from how you feel now, so take another look at things!

**4. Get Involved**- One of the best ways to stay up to date with your college’s deadlines, events, and everything else in between is its class facebook group. Since it’s full of other potential freshmen, you can also get a feel of what the incoming class will be like. Likewise, you can often find student blogs and publications online. And, if visiting a college isn’t possible, you can also get in touch with its admissions office and see if you can talk with a recent graduate or current student regarding any questions you have.

**5. Accept Your School (and Reject the Rest)**- Once you’ve accepted an offer of admission, it’s super important to let any other schools who offered you admission that you’ve decided not to attend. Once the school knows, they can offer your spot/financial aid to another student. Don’t delay on rejecting colleges you especially know that you have zero interest in!

**6. Stay on Top of Paperwork**- I honestly missed a few deadlines that I shouldn’t have. Once I received my early action acceptances, I figured that was that until the end of my senior year (I was so painfully wrong). Keep up to date with your school’s website, emails, and updates, so you know when to turn paperwork in by, whether it be housing requests, financial aid, inoculations, deposits, or really anything else that your college may throw at you.

**7. Start Packing**- While I don’t actually mean that you should whip out your suitcase and start throwing all of your clothes in, it is important to start making your list and stocking up on necessities. Buying or ordering all of your stuff at the beginning of the school year often comes with more stress, less time, and a big bill. Talk to your parents and future roommates about microwaves, mini-fridges (my student apartment has a grand total of four and a full-size fridge to boot), and other things that can most definitely be shared. Start buying some necessities now and put them away for later (face wash, toothpaste, pens, laundry detergent, etc). You can also start listing out things that you want to pack now and may forget later, like a small toolkit, earplugs, or a stapler—all very useful things, by the way.

**8. Avoid Senioritis**- Acceptance to a school is, more often than not, a conditional offer, which means they can rescind their offer if they feel the need to. Colleges will want to see your final transcript (often before you can finalize your registration for classes), so keep working! If you’re taking any classes that can count towards college credit, stay on top of them! It can be amazingly useful to have more credits under your belt when you go to college, especially if your college has a credit cap. You may also get small bonuses like being able to register before other freshmen if you have enough credits.

**9. Enjoy Your Last Months at High School**- With so much going on, the last months of high school can come and go before you know it. Take the time to enjoy being a senior (and the free textbooks that come with that), your friends who may go to opposite ends of the country or world, and family. This is the finale of your high school career! Have fun, and enjoy what’s left of it!