

# MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



August 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/23 College Go Week
- 9/27 Southeastern Illinois College at MVHS
- 10/1 2020-21 FAFSA submission begins
- 10/1 Wells Scholarship nomination deadline
- 10/6 Greater Evansville College Fair, 1:30-3:00 pm, USI
- 10/8 Murray State & IUPUI at MVHS
- 10/10 Marian University at MVHS
- 10/16 PSAT at MVHS
- 10/10 End of first grading period
- 10/21 University of St. Francis at MVHS
- 10/22 Financial Aid Night, 6:00 pm, Media Center
- 10/26 ACT at MVHS
- 10/28 Brescia University & UE at MVHS
- 10/29 Vincennes University at MVHS
- 11/1 IU priority admission application deadline
- 11/5 UE at MVHS
- 11/20 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 11/26 College Day Program
- 12/7 SAT at MVHS

## SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

### Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship ([Apply Online](#))

Each year, the Elks National Foundation awards over \$2 million in Most Valuable Student scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide. Applications will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Apply online at [enf.elks.org/mvs](http://enf.elks.org/mvs) by November 5, 2019. Additional information is also available in the Counseling Office.

### Prudential Spirit of Community Award ([Apply Online](#))

Applications are now open for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, honoring students for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service.

If you have volunteered over the past year, you are eligible to apply at <https://spirit.prudential.com/>.

Additional information is available in the Counseling Office.

### University of Southern Indiana B/MD Scholarship ([Additional Information and Application](#))

The purpose of the B/MD program at USI is to increase the number of physicians providing medical services to residents of southwestern and southern Indiana and to increase opportunities for residents in the southwestern and southern portions of Indiana, to obtain education and training at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Students eligible to apply must have an SAT score of 1280 on a single test or an ACT composite of 27 and a cumulative high school GPA of at least a 3.5/4.0. The application deadline is December 1.

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***Applications for most local scholarships will become available in December or January. See the last page of this newsletter for other scholarship opportunities.***

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### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Students may apply for the FAFSA from October 1, 2019, through April 15, 2020, for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2020. Students and parents will sign in using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). **MVHS will host a Financial Aid Night on October 22, at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center.**

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***Ivy Tech will be hosting FAFSA sessions on November 3 and February 23 at 2:00 p.m.***

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## SELECTING AND APPLYING TO COLLEGE

### Parchment Accounts

All seniors must create a [Parchment](#) account to request transcripts be sent to the college(s) of their choice. Click [here](#) to view a video tutorial on ordering your official transcript.

### Free College Applications!

College Application Week is September 23-29. College Application Day is September 28. The Indiana college/universities listed below are offering application fee waivers during this time. The complete list can be found at <https://learnmoreindiana.org/educators/classroom-materials/#admissions-info>

Huntington University	College Application Week	
Indiana State University	College Application Month	
IUPUI – Columbus	College Application Week	
IU Southeast	College Application Week	
USI	College Application Week	
Vincennes University	College Application Month	
Wabash College	College Application Month	

### Questions to Consider When Choosing a College

- What are class sizes?
- Is there a freshman orientation or transition to college program?
- What is the graduation rate?
- What percentage of students graduate in two/four years, depending on the program?
- What kind of student activities or organizations are on campus?
- What do students like best about this college?
- What academic or other support is offered such as free tutoring, a writing lab, counseling
- Other factors: small campus, large university, community college, living at home

Use the “[My College Choice](#)” worksheet to compare colleges/universities you are considering.

### College Visits

Seniors have two days to visit college campuses. The deadline for approved MVHS college visits is May 1. Students need to pick up a [college visit form](#) from Mrs. Martin in the guidance office and follow the guidelines regarding attendance.

### Greater Evansville College Fair 2019

The University of Southern Indiana will host the Greater Evansville College Fair in the PAC Arena on Sunday, October 6, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Over 60 colleges and universities will be present. Students can register at <https://www.strivescan.com/>.

## THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit online or paper application to the college/university.
2. Request a transcript be sent to the college/university using your [Parchment](#) account. (See instructions to the left.)
3. Request that ACT and/or SAT scores be sent to the college/university when registering for the exam.
4. Things to have on hand when you apply:
  - GPA and class rank
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - Social Security Number
  - Email address
  - Parents' information (workplace, address, phone, etc.)
  - Dual credit (CAP) information (course number and dates enrolled)
  - AP course information, if applicable
  - Graduation date (May 22, 2019)
  - Counselor's email address:

A-R: Mrs. McCloud  
([mcccloudtr@mvschool.org](mailto:mcccloudtr@mvschool.org))

S-Z: Ms. Walker  
([walkerkn@mvschool.org](mailto:walkerkn@mvschool.org))

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## NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

The NCAA has implemented [online registration](#) for those students wanting to play Division I or Division II athletics in college. Use your [Parchment](#) account to request that your transcript be sent to the NCAA. The cost is \$90 (waivers are available for those who qualify). You must have your SAT/ACT scores sent directly from ACT or the College Board to the clearinghouse if you are going to play Division I or Division II athletics. Academic requirements include the following:

- Complete 16 core courses, including 10 before your senior year
- Minimum GPA in core courses must be a 2.3
- Seven of ten core courses must be in English, math, and science.

## SAT AND ACT TESTS

These exams are designed to assess what you learned in high school and what you need to be successful in college. When deciding which test to take, be sure to check with the college/university you are planning to attend to see which test is required or recommended. Many colleges/universities will accept both the SAT and ACT. Be sure when you register for the SAT or ACT that you indicate the colleges/universities to which you would like for your scores to be sent.

The SAT and ACT are both given at MVHS (See dates to the right). Both exams can also be taken in Evansville on additional dates. On test day you must bring your calculator, admission ticket, and picture ID.

### SAT Features

- Top score is 1600
- Four sections: reading, writing and language, math, and essay (optional)
- Total time: 3 hours (3 hours 50 minutes with essay)
- No penalty for wrong answers

Free SAT practice tests and other tools are available at the [Khan Academy](#) web site.

### ACT Features

- Top score is 36
- Five sections: English, math, reading, science, and essay (optional)
- Total time: 2 hours 55 minutes (3 hours 35 minutes with essay)
- No penalty for guessing
- Has an interest inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests and career options

[Free ACT Practice \(https://academy.act.org/\)](https://academy.act.org/)

## Senior Conferences

Guidance counselors will be meeting individually with all seniors.

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### **ACT at MVHS**

*October 26, February 8, and  
April 4*

*School Code 152-460*

*Test Center 164-330*

*Register at*

<http://actstudent.org/>

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### **SAT at MVHS**

*December 7 and May 2*

*School Code 152-460*

*Test Center 15-580*

*Register at*

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

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## MVHS Testing Registration Deadlines

October 26 ACT – September 20

December 7 SAT – November 8

## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### 4-H Youth in Action

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders who are 4-H members or alumni between the ages of 16-19 in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living & STEM. Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story, an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni and recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar. For more information and details, please visit the scholarship provider's website. *Amount of Award:* up to \$5,000. *Deadline:* October 21, 2019. *Additional Information:* <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>

### Army ROTC Scholarships Army

ROTC information is available at <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>.

### Association of School Psychologists Scholarship

Each year the Indiana Association of School Psychologists awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Indiana high school senior planning to pursue studies in psychology or a related field. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://iaosp.wildapricot.org/page-1862824>. *Deadline:* March 1, 2020. **Coca Cola Scholars**

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding 150 deserving students with a \$20,000 scholarship. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/ccsf>. *Deadline:* October 31, 2019.

### Hagan Scholarship Foundation

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship for high achieving, self-motivated students. The scholarship provides up to \$6,000 each semester, for up to eight consecutive semesters, to help recipients graduate college debt free. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://www.haganscholarships.org/#>. *Deadline:* November 15, 2019.

### Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Programs

These scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Amounts of Awards and deadlines vary. *Application/ Additional Information:* <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

### Marine Officer ROTC Program

For more information about the Marine Officer ROTC Program, the Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship, and the General Pedro Del Valle Leadership Scholarship, visit <https://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/officer.html>

### Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides 200 high-achieving high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education the opportunity to earn a renewable scholarship of up to \$7,500 each year for four academic years. In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship. *Amount of Award:* up to \$7,500/year for four academic years. *Deadline:* November 30, 2019. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://www.in.gov/che/4680.htm>.

### **National FFA Scholarships**

Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. Both FFA and non-FFA members are eligible.

*Application/Additional Information:* <https://www.ffa.org/localengagement/scholarships/>

### **Naval ROTC Scholarships**

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship is available to students who are U.S. citizens, physically qualified by Navy standards and meet a minimum SAT or ACT score requirement. *Additional Information:*

<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/> or call 1-800-NAV-ROTC.

### **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**

The NSDAR awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English. *Application/Additional Information:*

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships> *Deadline:* February 15, 2020.