

## **COUNSELING CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 13, 2009

### **The Software Applications I Credit by Exam is scheduled on Saturday, January 9, 2010**

at Long Reach High School.

Any junior or senior has the option of establishing credit for Software Applications I by taking and passing this exam. A student may take the exam as long as the student meets all of the following criteria: is not currently enrolled in Software Applications I, has not previously enrolled in the course, and has not taken the Credit by Exam in the past 12 months.

Registration is online at [www2.hcpss.org/bcms](http://www2.hcpss.org/bcms).

The online registration will begin on Thursday, October 22, 2009, and will close when all of the seats have been allocated. No registrations will be taken after Thursday, December 10, 2009. Seating for this exam is limited. Questions should be directed to Sharon Kramer either through email at [skramer@hcpss.org](mailto:skramer@hcpss.org) or by phone at 410-313-6797.

### **County Wide NCAA Night**

November 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

**Long Reach High School, Columbia, Maryland**

**The second annual County Wide NCAA night will be hosted by Long Reach High School. A brief overview of NCAA eligibility rules along with various coaches from Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, HCC, and an alumni student athlete panel will provide breakout sessions for parents and students. All county residents are encouraged and welcome to attend.**

#### ***Division I***

**Kelly Berger – UMBC - Women's Lax**

**Jemal Griffin – Univ. of Maryland – Football**

**Matt Gitterman – UMBC – Track/Cross Country**

**Mike Gottlieb – Towson - Baseball**

#### ***Division III***

**Matt Hatton – McDaniel – Men's Lax**

**Pending – Coaches for Basketball and Baseball**

#### ***Community College (JUCO)***

**Diane Schumacher – Athletic Director**

**Steve Musselman – HCC – Track/Cross Country**

**Mike Jones – HCC – Men's Lax**

**Tiffany Stewart – HCC – Women's Basketball**

**This event is sponsored by Howard County Student Services.**

**The Glenelg Counseling Center will host an information session on Financial Aid & Scholarships on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Mrs. Patty Williams, Director of Financial Aid at McDaniel College along with Ms. Moira O'Malley,**

**School Counselor will present on the financial aid process and scholarship information. Parents of seniors and juniors are strongly encouraged to attend.**

**Seniors November's Scholarship Bulletin is now available in the Counseling Center.** Stop by today to get your copy.

**The Princeton Prize in Race Relations** Each year the Princeton Prize in Race Relations, a program sponsored by Princeton University, seeks to honor students in grades 9-12 who are doing outstanding work in their schools or communities to advance the cause of race relations. The Baltimore Area Local Committee of the Princeton Prize invites students to apply for a \$1,000 cash award for the 2009-2010 school year. Winners will also be invited to an all expense paid trip to Princeton University at attend the Princeton Prize symposium on Race in the spring of 2010. Students will discuss race relations with Princeton University professors and community leaders in workshops and lectures, and they will be recognized for the work they have done. Applications and more details about the program can be found at [www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize](http://www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize) The application deadline is January 31, 2010.

### **SO... YOU WANT TO MAJOR IN MUSIC?**

A helpful information evening is planned to get you started on your journey to the college of your choice. It will be held at River Hill High School on Monday, November 23 at 6:30 pm. M. Joseph Fischer, band director at River Hill High School and Andrew Spang, band director at Folly Quarter Middle School will be presenters. There will be a panel discussion that will include Amy Hairston, choir director at River Hill High School, Rosemary Lather, Orchestra Director at River Hill High School, Richard McCready, director of Music Technology, River Hill High School and Joan Orcutt, President of the Howard County Parents for School Music. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**STEM Start Program(formerly Engineering Pathways Program)** is an exciting program for high school students, who are in the summer before their senior year, interested in majoring in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).~ The program is designed to enable you to turn your interests and ideas about your future into reality.~ The program is open to any qualified students with a special emphasis on students from backgrounds underrepresented in the fields of math and engineering. It is important to have strong skills in many academic areas to succeed in STEM majors and careers.~ It is also especially important to have a broad understanding about the field along with hands on experience, and strong math skills.~ All of these skills will be covered in a summer First Year Experience (FYEX) course.~ Howard Community College's STEM Start will prepare you for college level work and allow you the opportunity to pursue college coursework during your high school senior year.

**How is STEM Start different than my high school studies?**

Your high school studies are very important.~ STEM Start does not replace them, but will provide you with a broader knowledge of the STEM fields, accelerate your mastery of required math, and teach you the college-level study skills essential to being a STEM major.~ These are just some of the advantages you will have:

*Learning Community* -You will be an important member of a STEM learning community with students who share your interest.

*Career Development and Decision Making course*- During the summer before your senior year, you will enroll in HMDV 120, specifically designed to investigate career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.~~

*Enrichment Activities* - Visit NASA, meet with engineering professors and professionals, and so much more!~

*Earn credit while still in high school*:~ Interested students may choose to take college level coursework at HCC during their senior year.~ Eligible students may register for HCC's precalculus sequence, so that they are college calculus ready by the time they finish high school.

**What other benefits are there for participating in STEM Start?~**

Besides the fact that you will have a great time working with other students who share your goals for the future, you will also have:

*Faculty and Staff Engineering Focus* - An excellent experience working with faculty and staff free to focus on helping you enter a college STEM program.

*Competitive Edge* - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics are competitive fields. Participation in STEM Start will give you a great beginning!

**What are the costs for the program?**

Students will pay Howard Community College's tuition, fees, and cost for books.~ Please consult <http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/pay/index.html> for tuition and payment information.

**Are scholarships available?**

All participants will receive full or partial scholarships for the HMDV 120: Career Development and Decision Making course. All participants will be considered for scholarships for college level coursework taken during the senior year.~ An emphasis is placed on assisting students who take HCC's pre-calculus sequence and for those with demonstrated financial need, and those who are underrepresented in engineering programs and the engineering field.~

**When will I be in class?**

Participants will take the HMDV 120 course in Summer 2010.

Summer 2010 HMDV 120 will meet June 28- July 23, M-F, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Who is eligible for this program?**

To be accepted into STEM Start you must meet the following requirements:

current high school junior

interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM)~

overall GPA of 2.8 or higher

B average or above in all high school mathematics courses

current enrollment in Algebra 2 or higher and currently earning a B or higher

willingness to participate in program activities

**What are the application requirements?**

Submission of the following by the March 1, 2010 priority\* application deadline.

STEM Start application

A letter of recommendation from both your science and mathematics teachers.(additional letters are welcome, but not required)

High School Transcript

Copy of 2009 tax documents

All applications submitted after March 1 will be considered on a rolling basis if space is available.

**How do I get more information about STEM Start?**

Talk with your high school guidance counselor

Call HCC's High School Voicemail - 410-772-4599

Contact HCC's High School Info e-mail - [hsinfo@howardcc.edu](mailto:hsinfo@howardcc.edu)

HCC Web site - [www.howardcc.edu/admissions](http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions); select Current and Graduating High School Students from sidebar

***Interested in helping to start a group for teens touched by cancer in Howard County?***

For anyone who has a family member or friend who has/had cancer

Looking for teens to serve on the steering committee

Student-led under the guidance of the Claudia Mayer Cancer and Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

Contact Kelly Schwab [kschwabfam@verizon.net](mailto:kschwabfam@verizon.net)

**Announcing the "Rising to the Occasion" book tour stop in Columbia, MD.**

The men of *Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Tau Pi Chapter in Columbia, MD* are extending a special invitation to Glenelg staff, students, children, sports teams and all other Howard County youth for an inspirational and fun presentation presented exclusively to them.

Mr. Thabiti Boone is a former basketball star with the New York Knicks and currently works in their community outreach programs promoting youth responsibility, accountability and development.

Mr. Boone will have books available and New York Knicks paraphernalia for the youth participants.~

Where:~~~~~ LifeChange AME, Slayton House, Wilde Lake Village Center

When:~~~~~ Sunday, November 15, 2009 – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Cost:~~~~~ Free – Refreshments will be served