Edison High School Career Center
News of Note, Scholarships, and Upcoming Events March 14, 2013

From Ms. Morris

SENIORS: FINANCIAL AID FINANCIAL AID FINANCIAL AID is your main focus after applications!!!! THE FAFSA IS FREE!!!! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT PAY TO SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA. The website you should use is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Juniors: If you are not familiar with Family Connection and the Scatter gram feature for college searches, please schedule an appointment with myself in the Career Center to discuss your plans for after high school! Please start paying close attention to your Family Connection account and checking the Career Center website frequently. Also start thinking about SAT dates and plan to take the test at least twice. **Put April 4th on your calendars for Junior Focus Day!! A day devoted to you to discuss life after high school!**

For updates on guest speakers, scholarship and admissions deadlines, follow the Edison Career Center on Twitter at @EHSCareerCenter!!

Dates to put on the calendar:

-Junior Focus Day/Junior Parent Night-Class of 2014, you're about to be SENIORS!

On **April 4th** you ALL will be participating in JFD the second half of the school day. Participate in sessions such as:
-Selective College Panel

-Admissions Panel with Marymount, Radford, CNU, WVU, Univ. of South Carolina, and George Mason

-College Admission Tests

-NCAA Eligibility

-Military

-Resume Writing

-Searching for the right College and Scholarships

-Benefits in your backyard with Northern Virginia Community College

-Essay Writing from the Writing Center

-Historically Black Colleges and Universities

-NVCC/FCPS Information Night for Students and Parents-NOVA will also be having an INFO NIGHT at Robinson Secondary School on April 16th from 6:30-8:30pm. Learn about NOVA's academic programs, the

enrollment process, and student services. Explore student activities, sports and transfer opportunities. RSVP at www.fcps.edu/is/schoolcounseling/events.shtml.

-Summer Game Institute for Kids and Teens: Where Art and Technology Learn to Play offered by the George Mason University Computer Game Design Program, offers courses in the fundamentals of Game Design, 3D Game Design, Art and Animation, Application development for iOS and Android, C++ programming, Java, and just for fun – game modding. Some courses will be eligible for credit within the Mason Game Design Program. **Students can gain hands-on experience using state-of-the-art technology, participate in team-based activities, and learn about the career opportunities in serious and entertainment game design and mobile application development.**

Each course is one week long, Monday - Friday, June 24 - August 9, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. To learn more, or to register, visit: http://potomacacademy.gmu.edu/Summer/GameDesign/GameInstitute.html or www.PotomacAcademy.org Questions? Email Vera Lichtenberg at vlichten@gmu.edu.

-Military Academy Night will be hosted at Lee High School-March 20th at 7:00pm come meet with representative from each Military Academy, as well as Congressional Members.

Scholarships:

-The NOVA Honors Program is proud to announce a new scholarship to be offered the **NOVA Honors Scholarship**. This is a highly competitive scholarship available to graduating seniors from the local area high schools. The scholarship offers full tuition for 2 years of curricular study, books, as well as some other incidental costs. Twenty students will be awarded the scholarship beginning in the Fall 2013 semester. Selected students will be mentored and advised during their two years at NOVA< working closely with a cohort of other Honors Scholars. Their advisors will help them obtain admission into a prestigious 4 year institution where they will continue their education beyond the Associate Degree obtained at NOVA. To be considered, **applications must be turned in to the Career Center by March 22nd.** Feel free to visit the Honors website http://www.nvcc.edu/academics/additional-learning-opportunities/honors/index.html for more information or visit the Career Center.

-The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Inc. of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA is awarding its annual scholarship of $12,000 this spring. Students who plan to study Environmental Sciences or a related field of study should apply. Interested seniors can download a copy of the application from the Chapter website at www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org. Applications must be mailed to the appropriate address **no later than April 1st, 2013**.

-Steve and Renie Guback Scholarship will be given to a student in a field of study focusing on a major or minor in a Communication area, communications, journalism, public relations, etc. The

scholarship award is $5,000. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. **Deadline to apply is April 1st.** Visit the Career Center or Family Connection for a copy of the scholarship.

-The Reel American Hero's Foundation-Giving Back Scholarship is available for students who have a parent who is a Wounded Soldier, Airmen, Marine, Disabled Veteran or Combat Veteran. Applicants must have completed 25 hours of volunteer community service, and a minimum GPA of 3.0. **Applications are due by April 2nd, 2013.** Visit http://www.reelamericanheroes.org/scholarship.jsp for a copy of the applications.

-The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter awards scholarships to encourage and motivate young African American men to continue their education and achieve academic success at institutions of higher learning. The KSEF awards multiple four-year scholarships in the amount of $2,000 per year. Students must apply **no later than April 5th**. Contact Hannibal Bolton, (703) 404-1892 for more information. Stop by the Career Center for an application.

-Chaenda L. Jones Scholarship Program-The Chaenda L. Jones Scholarship Program was started to foster a positive mind-set that encourages students affected by breast cancer to embody a lifestyle of excellence. One $250 book scholarship will be awarded to a student who meets the application requirements. Students must be between 17-24, and plan to attend college in the Fall of 2013 or Spring of 2014. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75. **Deadline to apply is April 10th, 2013.** Visit http://www.powerofpinkfoundation.org/educate.html for more information, applications can be found on Family Connection.

-Ira Dorsey Scholarship provides financial assistance to over one hundred young men in the Washington DC Metropolitan area. The financial assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship award of up to $1,500.00 from the endowment fund. This scholarship award is open to any male graduating high school seniors that:
1) Lives within the Greater Washington DC Metropolitan area (VA, DC, MD)
2) Possesses a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on 4.0 scale
3) Plans to attend a four year college or university
All application packets must be postmarked by Friday, April 19, 2013. Stop by the Career Center for a copy of the application.

-Mount Vernon – Lee Education Partnership Scholarship offers a $2,000 scholarship to graduating seniors who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in a business-related field. Visit http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/Education-Partnership.html to apply. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. **Deadline is April 26th.**

-Thomas Edison High School Educational Grant for Language Students is awarded to an Edison student who has demonstrated perseverance in a foreign language. The scholarship is to support the recipient's education at a two- or four-year college, university or trade school.

1. The applicant must have at least three years (10th – 12th grade) of foreign language courses in a series.
2. The applicant's overall GPA must be at least 3.00, with a GPA of 3.25 or higher for the foreign language courses.

3. The scholarship money must be used in the academic year following graduation from high school, at a two- or four-year college, university or trade school.
4. The applicant must submit a 300- to 400-word essay in the target language, describing the role of the target language in the applicant's past experience and future plan. Decisions will be made based on recommendations from the Foreign Language department.
5. The applicant should have demonstrated good citizenship at the school and/or in the community.

Applications are available on Family Connection and in the Career Center and need to be returned by April 26th, 2013.

-Omicron Kappa Kappa Scholars Scholarship-Omicron Kappa Kappa is a Reston-based chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, an international historically black fraternity. FCPS students with a 2.0 GPA and documented community service are encouraged to apply. Completed applications must be postmarked **no later than Friday April 26, 2013.** Visit: http://www.okkques.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=815817&module_id=130686 or Family Connection for a copy of the scholarship.

-Virginia State University Alumni Association, Northern Virginia Chapter (VSUAANOVA) is offering a scholarship to assist high school students from the Northern Virginia area who plan to attend Virginia State University. Visit www.vsuaanova.org for a copy of the application. Please note that the completed application must be postmarked no later than **April 30, 2013**. If you have any questions regarding this application, you can contact Gladys Pemberton, gladyspem@hotmail.com, 703-824-0663.

-National Capital Chapter Art Scholarship awards a $1000 Scholarship to a graduating senior who will be majoring in the visual arts. Applications must include four (4) color slides of art work completed with the last 2 years or a CD with four (4) pieces of your artwork. Visit http://www.nccpainters.com/ArtScholarship.html to apply. **Deadline to apply is May 1st.**

-The Auxiliary of Inova Fairfax Hospital offers healthcare scholarships to eligible persons to encourage and assist their pursuit of healthcare careers. Based on merit, $3,500 scholarships are awarded annually to students graduating from FCPS who have been accepted by a full-time, healthcare career program. Students must have a 3.0 or better, and be a US citizen. Deadline to apply is **May 1st**. Stop by the Career Center for an application.

-College Access Fairfax has 9 scholarships available online at www.collegeaccessfairfax.org. Unless otherwise noted, scholarships recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of their junior year, be a senior, U.S. Citizen, and enroll full time at a college or university.

Testing:

Next ACT Test Date: April 13th -Deadline to register without penalty is March 22

Next SAT Test Date: May 4th-Deadline to register without penalty is April 5th.

-Students looking for test prep help should take advantage to the resources available here to Edison Students. Student can check out **SAT/ACT test prep** books from the Career Center, on a first come first serve basis. Also, EHS pays for an online test prep program, Method Test Prep; students access this resource through Family Connection. Students can also go online to a website made by Edison students to receive more help. http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/testprep/index.html

-Kaplan has many practice opportunities available for free online on their website! This is a great practice resource for students who are planning to take the SAT or ACT in the next months. Visit http://www.kaptest.com/College/Getting-into-College/free-practice-tests-workshops.html to register.

-The Edison Writing Center invites all students to participate in a series of ***SAT Essay Workshops*** designed to familiarize them with the expectations of the essay portion of the SAT, expose them to successful essay responses, and guide them through a practice essay before they take the SAT. The workshops are offered during Eagle Time leading up to several of the SAT testing dates. Students should plan to attend both workshops in the series leading up to the test date and can sign up during lunch or with Ms. Jensen in the EWC (Room C-201).

For the May 4th SAT-

Tuesday, Apr 23rd: Tips and Tricks

Tuesday, Apr 30th: Practice Essay and Feedback

Have some extra time for a job?

-Lily Pad, A brand new daycare on Walker Lane in the Edison district is looking for someone who loves children who is fun, energetic and reliable to work from 3-6pm Monday-Friday. This position would be paid minimum wage, and does not require any specific education background. If you are interested please contact Pam at 703-347-7885.

-Community Pool Service Inc. is now hiring for the 2013 summer season. Lifeguarding is an outstanding opportunity for today's students as they will learn how to be responsible, safety conscious, and organized. Lifeguards will also learn customer service skills and teamwork while working at the pools. Students can attend an open house to interview, complete paperwork, and sign up for lifeguard training courses. For more information please call 301-948-2400 or 703-276-7665.

-Atlantic Pools Inc. is looking for Lifeguards and Pool Operators to work in the Northern Virginia area this summer. For more information please visit www.atlanticpoolservice.net to download an application or call 703-941-1000.

-Fairfax Public Access is home to Fairfax County's three public access channels, all viewable by county residents via Cox Cable, Comcast or Verizon FiOS TV. FBA is offering students interested in Television and Radio Production an outlet to learn, experience, and create over the summer through a 1 week Radio or 2 week Television Summer Camp for Teens 12-18. For more information contact Fairfax Public Access at 571-749-1102, jerausquin@fcac.org or visit their website at www.fcac.org.