



The Guardian

"Like trees, we have our common roots,
but our growth is very different." Nancy Wood

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News from the Guidance Department

The College Search, 2010-2011 Update

I remember reading in one of the college view books that college is more than just the four walls of a classroom—that it is probably the most significant time of a young person's life. Indeed, the relationships and experiences will never be repeated. A new level of self-discovery is embraced and a deeper sense of community is developed as the "home away from home" scenario takes root.

In a few short months, the members of the Class of 2010, bursting with curiosity, excitement, a sense of adventure, and a "wee bit" of uncertainty, will begin this new stage of life's journey as they reach for the sky and make a rainbow happen. The administration, faculty and staff are very happy and proud of the girls' accomplishments thus far, and congratulate them as they continue to receive those coveted college acceptance letters.

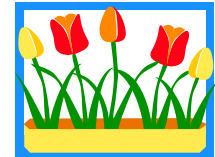
Congratulations to **Melissa Allen** upon her acceptance to Westfield State College, Wagner College, Manhattanville College, Quinnipiac University, Hofstra University and Fairfield University; to **Lauren Connolly** upon her acceptance to Fitchburg State College and Sacred Heart University; to **Andrea Conroy** upon her acceptance to Fairfield University, University of Mass, Amherst, Commonwealth Honors College, and Boston College; to **Casey Corbett** upon her acceptance to St. Leo University; to **Rebecca Cronin** upon her acceptance to Northeastern University; to **Margaret DeMoura** upon her acceptance to Providence College, Fairfield University, Catholic University of America and University of Mass, Amherst; to **MaryKate Duggan** upon her acceptance to University of Rhode Island and Emmanuel College; to **Helen Eustice** upon her acceptance to Salem State College and Suffolk University; to **Chelsey Ferstler** upon her acceptance to Middlesex Community College; to **Caitlin Flanagan** upon her acceptance to University of New Hampshire, Suffolk University, Stonehill College, Salve Regina University and Fairfield University; to **Krystelle Ghanem** upon her acceptance to Curry College; to **Mary Elizabeth Gibson** upon her acceptance to Anna Maria College, Iona College, Columbia College Chicago, Franklin Pierce University, Suffolk University and Long Island University; to **Julia Gilligan-Corsetti** upon her acceptance to Mount Holyoke College; to **Meagan Grimm** upon her acceptance to Southern New Hampshire University and Roger Williams University; to **Eva Haschak** upon her acceptance to Bridgewater State College and Uni-

versity of Mass, Boston; to **Jillian Hathaway** upon her acceptance to Assumption College, University of Maine, Orono and Plymouth State College; to **Sarah Houston** upon her acceptance to Westfield State College; to **Mairead Kean** upon her acceptance to Fairfield University; to **Ashley Kelleher** upon her acceptance to Gwynedd-Mercy College, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, St. John's University and Quinnipiac University; to **Ani Keverian** upon her acceptance to Mass College of Pharmacy; to **Mary Rose Largess** upon her acceptance to University of Mary Washington; to **Brianna Marin** upon her acceptance to Worcester State College; to **Sarah McGaffigan** upon her acceptance to University of Mass, Amherst and Roger Williams University; to **Gabrielle Mobayed** upon her acceptance to Quinnipiac University, University of Connecticut, University of Scranton and the University of Mass, Amherst; to **Michelle Morganelli** upon her acceptance to Becker College; to **Mackenzie Mulhern** upon her acceptance to University of Mass, Lowell; to **Stephanie Romero** upon her acceptance to Framingham State College; to **Siobhan Ryan** upon her acceptance to Sacred Heart University, Assumption College, Roger Williams University, University of Mass, Lowell and University of Mass, Boston; to **Alexis Tice-Alarcon** upon her acceptance to Fairfield University and Salve Regina University; to **Danielle Trahon** upon her acceptance to University of Mass, Amherst; to **Erin Treseler** upon her acceptance to Catholic University of America, Bridgewater State College, Salem State College, Syracuse University, Salve Regina University and University of Mass, Amherst; to **Katherine Willard** upon her acceptance to Towson University and Radford College; to **Esperanza Willson** upon her acceptance to Northeastern University and Cornell University; and to **Amy Zahlaway** upon her acceptance to Emmanuel College, Northeastern University, Simmons College, Suffolk University, Worcester State College, Roger Williams University, Sacred Heart University and University of Mass, Boston. The best of Luck to those seniors waiting to hear from their final group of colleges.

The College Search, 2010-2011

The Junior Information Night took place on March 16th and the College Search, 2010-2011 is now underway. Juniors are encouraged to attend the National College Fair at the World Trade Center on April 27th at 6PM. **Parents of the Class of 2011 must schedule a mandatory appointment with Mrs. O'Rourke now or in the Fall.**

Dates to remember



April 27
National College Fair—World Trade Center **6PM-9PM**

April 10
Semi-Formal

April 15
New Student Orientation 5:30

April 28—Foundress Day
Senior Exemptions Announced
Senior Good-bye

April 29
Senior/Junior Prom

May 1
Memorial Mass
SAT I & II

May 3-7, 12, 13
Senior Final Exams
AP Testing

May 17
Senior Banquet

May 19
Senior Symposium

May 20
Baccalaureate Mass-7:00

May 22
Graduation Day-1:00

"Education for a woman is the first step toward achieving equality and liberation. She must learn about herself, her sexuality, her body, her abilities, and her potential to contribute to society as an active, productive, human being in order to achieve her goals."

-University of Mary Washington

It is hard to believe that the fourth quarter has begun and we are already planning for next year! Students should begin thinking about courses for next year. Over the next few weeks, I will begin to call down students in grades 7, 9, and 10 to talk about course selection. Sophomores should plan to pick their courses for next year keeping in mind that junior year is the most important year for college bound students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your daughter's course selection.

Reminder to 8th Grade Parents and Students: Throughout the month of April, I will continue to meet with each 8th grade student and her parent(s)/guardian(s) regarding the transition into 9th grade. Among the topics to be discussed at this essential meeting include course selection, quality points and class rank, National Honor Society, and community service. Please contact me at (617) 969-2260 ext. 49 or by e-mail at sbrandt@mountalverniahhs.org to select an appointment slot.

Also underway are PSAT and SAT preparation courses for grades 10 and 11. Sophomores should plan to take SAT Subject Tests in June if they are planning to apply to a school that requires them. Sophomore students should consider taking the Biology, the Mathematics Level I, and/or the United States History SAT Subject Tests if they plan to major in a subject that requires coursework in these areas.

For those students who may be looking for something to do this summer, there are a number of high schools and colleges in the area offering a variety of summer programs. Summer is a great time to explore and develop new areas of interest or to strengthen academic skills. Information regarding some of these programs is posted on the second floor bulletin board. I encourage students to stop by and check out these opportunities when they have a chance.

I will be filling in for Megan Reilly, guidance counselor for grades 7 and 8, for the remainder of the year, while she is on maternity leave. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 969-2260 ext. 49 or by email at sbrandt@mountalverniahhs.org.

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