



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, 2009-2010 Update

Members of the Class of 2010 continue to receive those coveted college acceptance letters. The administration, faculty and staff are very happy and proud of the girls' accomplishments thus far. Congratulations to **Melissa Allen** upon her acceptance to Salem State College, Bridgewater State College, and Pace University; to **Rachael Bennett** upon her acceptance to Anna Maria College, Thomas College, Franklin Pierce University, New England College and St. Leo University; to **Lisa Carr** upon her acceptance to the University of Rhode Island; to **Lauren Connolly** upon her acceptance to Anna Maria College; to **Casey Corbett** upon her acceptance to Bridgewater State College and the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; to **Rebecca Cronin** upon her acceptance to St. Anselm College, Salve Regina University, and Sacred Heart University; to **Julia Gilligan-Corsetti** upon her acceptance to Stonehill College, Emmanuel College and St. Anselm College; to **Meagan Grimm** upon her acceptance to Colby-Sawyer College, Curry College and Johnson & Wales University; to **Jillian Hardy** upon her acceptance to Curry College, Newbury College, Mt. Ida College and Southern New Hampshire University; to **Danielle Heinsohn** upon her acceptance to Fairleigh Dickinson University; to **Cynthia Hession** upon her acceptance to Stonehill College, Boston College, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Fairfield University and the Commonwealth College; to **Sarah Houston** upon her acceptance to Lynchburg College, Roanoke College, Bridgewater State College, High Point University, Merrimack College and Sacred Heart University; to **Mairead Kean** upon her acceptance to Providence College; to **Briana Keeley** upon her acceptance to the University of Rhode Island, Salve Regina University, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield University and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; to **Ashley Kelleher** upon her acceptance to the University of Hartford; to **Ani Keverian** upon her acceptance to Sacred Heart University and Utica College; to **Mary Rose Largess** upon her acceptance to Catholic University of America, Mass Maritime Academy, the University of New Hampshire and SUNY Maritime; to **Maeve Lawlor** upon her acceptance to St. Anselm College, St. Michael's College, Stonehill College and Emmanuel College; to **Brianna Marin** upon her acceptance to Castleton State College; to **Sarah McGaffigan** upon her acceptance to Westfield State College, the University of Rhode Island, Quinnipiac University and the University of New Hampshire; to **MaryKate McNerney** upon

her acceptance to Bridgewater State College, Salem State College Fitchburg State College and Assumption College; to **Victoria Milano** upon her acceptance to St. Anselm College, the University of Rhode Island, the University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Fairfield University, the University of Connecticut, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Sacred Heart University; to **Gabrielle Mobayed** upon her acceptance to the University of Hartford, the University of Tampa, the University of Rhode Island, Assumption College, Hofstra University and the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; to **Michelle Morganelli** upon her acceptance to Anna Maria College and New England College; to **Mackenzie Mulhern** upon her acceptance to St. Leo University; to **Christine Murphy** upon her acceptance to Gonzaga University, Santa Clara University and Loyola University, Chicago; to **Stephanie Romero** upon her acceptance to Johnson & Wales University, the University of Rhode Island, Cazenovia College, and Lasell College; to **Katherine Shea** upon her acceptance to Bridgewater State College, Assumption College, Merrimack College, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, St. Joseph College, CT, Sacred Heart University and Roger Williams University; to **Alexis Tice-Alarcon** upon her acceptance to Assumption College; to **Erin Treseler** upon her acceptance to the University of Hartford; to **Katherine Willard** upon her acceptance to Old Dominion University; and to **Esperanza Wilson** upon her acceptance to the University of Connecticut, Fordham University, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Sacred Heart University, Seton Hall University and Stonehill College. It should be noted that several girls have been awarded renewable merit and community service scholarships from the various colleges. Congratulations!

Scholarship News

Students should be checking out various scholarships at this point. There are a number of **Town Scholarships**—Boston, Brighton, Dedham, Newton/Waltham/Watertown, West Roxbury; **Foundation Scholarships**—Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America (Juniors only), the National Kidney Foundation, Siemens Foundation; **Organization Scholarships**—Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, AFL/CIO, Mass State Fireman's Association, Order of the Sons of Italy, Genzyme Corporation, the Toyota Community Scholars Program; **College Scholarships/Alumnae Scholarships**; **Talent Scholarships**; **Scholar-Athlete Scholarships**; **Essay Contests**, etc.

Dates to remember

National School Counseling Week

FEBRUARY 3

Incoming Grade 9 Acceptance letters mailed

February 4

PTA—12:30 to 2:30 & 6:00 to 8:00 pm

February 8, 9

Grade 7/8 Interviews

February 12

Grades 7 & 8 Acceptance Letters mailed

February 15-19

Winter break

February 24

Registration due for NEW grade 9 Students

March 3

Accepted Student Info Night—7:00

March 16

Mandatory Junior Info Night



Happy Valentine's Day ! February is Heart Month

*"Be friendly and helpful"

*"Be considerate with the feelings of others"

*"The greatest gift is a portion of thyself."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

*"If you would be loved, love and be lovable."

—Benjamin Franklin

It's hard to believe that Semester Exams are over and that we are already beginning the second half of the year! Over the past few weeks, we have observed students working hard to prepare for exams, so we hope that the students are pleased with their performance.

Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students: Ms. Reilly has already begun meeting with each 8th grade student and her parent(s)/guardian(s) regarding the transition into 9th grade. Some of the topics to be discussed at this meeting include course selection for next year, quality points and class rank, and community service. Please contact Ms. Reilly by phone at (617) 969-2260 ext. 48 or by e-mail at mreilly@mountalverniahhs.org to select an appointment slot. Ms. Brandt will be assisting with these meetings during the month of February. Beginning in March, Ms. Brandt will be conducting these meetings and will be filling in as the 7th and 8th grade counselor while Ms. Reilly is on maternity leave.

Junior students and parents: During the second semester, Mrs. O'Rourke will be the guidance counselor for the 11th grade students. She will begin the college process with them, kicking it off with Junior Information Night on March 16th. Please direct any questions regarding college and academics for the junior students her way.

We would also like to remind 9th and 10th grade parents about the partnership between Mount Alvernia High School and Summit Educational Group. This program is intended to provide students with a comprehensive SAT preparation program. Beginning on Monday, March 1st, Summit will offer a 3-session program which will provide the 9th grade students with an introduction to the PSAT and SAT. Students will learn mathematics focused SAT strategies, in addition to performing timed tests simulating examination situations. The program will take place at Mount Alvernia and the cost is \$65.00. Starting on Monday, March 29th, 10th graders will have the opportunity to take a practice PSAT test and then participate in a 3-session course for PSAT and SAT preparation. This course will cover key test taking strategies specific to the PSAT and SAT and will cost \$80.00.

As always, we welcome you to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Reilly
Guidance Counselor 7, 8

Ms. Brandt
Guidance Counselor 9, 10