

# MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



September 2017

 New/Updated Information

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/11 Wabash College at MVHS
- 9/12 Lilly Scholarship Deadline
- 9/13 Vincennes University at MVHS
- 9/19 S. Illinois College at MVHS
- 9/20 Univ. of Indianapolis at MVHS
- 9/22 Registration deadline for October 28 ACT at MVHS
- 9/25 College Go Week
- 10/1 Greater Evansville College Fair, 1:30-3:30 pm, USI PAC Arena
- 10/1 2018-19 FAFSA submission begins
- 10/1 Wells Scholarship nomination deadline
- 10/11 PSAT at MVHS
- 10/12 End of first grading period
- 10/19 Financial Aid Night, 6:00 pm, Media Center
- 10/28 ACT at MVHS
- 11/1 IU priority admission application deadline
- 11/9 Junior parent night, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- 11/21 College Day Program
- 11/27 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Deadline

## 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 27, 2017. Additional information is also available in the Counseling Office.

### Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Posey County ([Additional Information](#))

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will provide full tuition and required fees at any Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The online application can be accessed at the link above, and the deadline to apply is September 12, 2017.

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***Applications for other local scholarships will become available in January 2018.***

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### Scholarship and Financial Aid Web Sites

- [Indiana College Costs Estimator](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Sallie Mae Bank](#)
- [FinAid](#)
- [GoodCall](#)
- [Scholarship Hunter](#)
- [Fastweb](#)

Church or religious affiliated organizations, minority serving organizations, credit unions, trade unions, and parents' employers may also offer scholarships.

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

Students may apply for the FAFSA from October 1, 2017, through March 10, 2018, for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2018.

Students and parents will

sign in using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). A step-by-step guide for creating your FSA ID can be found at the [INvested Indiana web site](#).

**MVHS will host a Financial Aid Night on October 19, at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center.** A representative from USI will present information and answer questions to help students and parents complete the 2018-19 FAFSA.

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***Don't forget to check out the [Guidance/Counseling Haiku page](#).***

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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!



The month of September has been designated as College Go! Month. College Go! Week is September 25-29, and College Application Day is September 29. The Indiana college/universities listed below are offering application fee waivers during this time.

Grace College	College Go! Month
Huntington University	College Go! Week
Indiana State University	College Go! Month
IU East	College Application Day
IU Kokomo	College Application Day
IU Northwest	College Application Day
IU Southeast	College Application Day
IUPU-Columbus	College Go! Month
IUPU-Fort Wayne	College Go! Week
Marian University	College Go! Month
Vincennes University	College Go! 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 Cost Calculators

Each college and university in the United States is required to have an updated college cost calculator, which indicates accurate current prices and fees for colleges. Use this tool to determine the cost of the schools you are considering. Many use the [college cost calculator](#) supplied by the College Board.

### 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. Juniors can also take a college visit during the spring semester with the same approved guidelines.

## 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 25, 2018)
  - 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))

## Greater Evansville College Fair 2017

The University of Southern Indiana will host the Greater Evansville College Fair in the PAC Arena on Sunday, October 1, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Over 60 colleges and universities will be present. This year, students can register at <http://gotocollegefairs.com/> and provide their basic information and interests. This process will generate a personalized barcode that students print out or display on their phone and bring to the fair. This will eliminate the need to fill out information cards at every table.



## 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 \$75 (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.

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 questions](#)



## MVHS Testing Registration Deadlines

October 28 ACT – September 22

December 2 SAT – November 2

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### **SAT at MVHS**

December 2 and May 5

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

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### **ACT at MVHS**

October 28, February 10, and  
April 14

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>

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## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **AES Engineering Scholarship**

Students submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the question: “When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?”

*Amount of Award:* \$500

*Deadline:* October 6, 2017

Submit essay to [scholarship@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarship@aesengineers.com). Be sure to include your full name as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plans for next year.

### **Drive Now TXT L8R Social Media Contest**

Use your creativity and social media savvy to spread the message about the dangers of texting and driving. Winners will receive scholarships to help pay for post-secondary education. Post either a photo or video on a social media platform of your choosing that conveys the message of the “Drive Now TXT L8R” campaign in a completely original and creative way.

*Amount of Award:* up to \$5,000

*Deadline:* April 30, 2018

*Additional Information:* <http://in.gov/dol/2760.htm>

### **Toyota TeenDrive365 Video Challenge**

Learning to drive is one of the coolest times for a teen. But facts have shown it can be extremely dangerous. You have the power to inspire your fellow teens, maybe better than a teacher or a parent can, because you know what messages will be the most powerful. Create a 30-60 second video for your fellow teen drivers that highlights the importance of safe teen driving.

*Amount of Award:* up to \$15,000

*Deadline:* February 23, 2018

*Additional Information:* <http://www.teendrive365inschool.com/teens/video-challenge>