

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



October 2017

 New/Updated Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/11 PSAT at MVHS
- 10/12 End of first grading period
- 10/16 UExplore Engineering Program, 6:00 pm
- 10/19 Challenge Leadership
- 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
- 11/29 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 12/2 SAT at MVHS
- 12/19 Final Exams
- 12/20 Final Exams, End of Semester 1

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SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Navy ROTC Scholarship

The Navy ROTC Scholarship will provide the following:

- Full tuition and all mandatory fees at a NROTC affiliated college or university
- Stipend (\$750) for textbooks
- Three summer cruises
- Subsistence allowance (\$250-\$400/month)

The application deadline is January 31, 2018. Additional information can be found at <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>.

Hagan Scholarship Foundation

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide, *need based, merit scholarship* for high achieving students who will require financial assistance to attend college.

Scholarships will pay up to \$5,000 each semester. The application deadline is November 15, 2017. Additional information and application is available at <https://haganscholarships.org/>.

Applications for local scholarships will become available in January 2018.

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. Apply online at enf.elks.org/mvs by November 15, 2017. Scholarships are available in the Counseling Office.

Web Sites

- [GoodCall](#)
- [Scholarship Hunter](#)
- [Fastweb](#)

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

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.

Ivy Tech Associate Accelerated Program (ASAP)

Additional Information: <https://www.ivytech.edu/asap/>



The Associate Accelerated Program at Ivy Tech Community College allows students to earn a two-year degree in just 11 months and then transfer those credits directly toward a four-year degree at the college/university of their choice. That means students can earn a bachelor's degree in just three years, saving valuable time and money.

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.

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)

S-Z: Ms. Walker
(walkerkn@mvschool.org)

Many schools have a priority application deadline of November 1 to be eligible for scholarships

UExplore Engineering Program

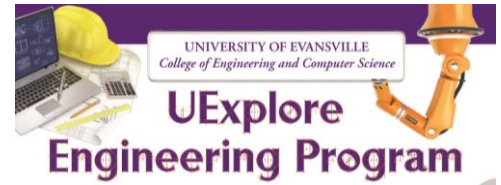


Orientation, Monday, October 16, 2017, 6:00-7:00 pm

Cost: \$50

Additional Information: <https://www.evansville.edu/uexploreengineering/>

UExplore Engineering is an exciting opportunity to increase the understanding for high school students of the fields of civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering, and computer science. Students will participate in exciting activities during the school year at the University of Evansville campus. These activities are designed to help students learn about careers in engineering and to give them a chance to participate in hands-on projects. Other dates for the program are *October 16, November 6, November 27, January 22, February 19, March 12, April 2, and April 23.*



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

[Free ACT practice questions](#)

- 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

MVHS Testing Registration Deadlines

December 2 SAT – November 2

February 10 ACT – January 12

SAT at MVHS

December 2 and May 5

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

ACT at MVHS

October 28, February 10, and
April 14

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>
