

**DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

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2016 – 2017 SAT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
*October 1	September 1
*November 5	October 7
*December 3	November 3
*January 21	December 21
March 11	February 10
*May 6	April 7
*June 3	May 9

*Given at Dorman

- Register online at www.collegeboard.com
- Dorman's School Code 411-842
- Dorman High School SAT Test Center Code 41-345
- Cost: (no essay) \$45; (plus Essay) \$57

2016 – 2017 ACT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 10	August 5
*October 22	September 16
*December 10	November 4
*February 11	January 13
*April 8	March 3
*June 10	May 5

*Given at Dorman

- Register online at www.actstudent.org
- Dorman's School Code 411-842
- Dorman High School ACT Test Center Code 174810
- Cost (no writing) \$39.50; (plus writing) \$56.50

SC Test Prep
SAT/ACT Prep Classes
PSAT Cram Session: Sunday, October 2 & 9 2pm – 5pm
Winter SAT/ACT Classes: November 13, 20, December 4, 11,
January 8, 15 2- 5pm
For class prices and Sign up: www.SCtestprep.com
Contact: 864.909.1846 or info@scetestprep.com

**TESTING – Wednesday, October 19
PSAT & ASVAB**

During First and Second Periods

SOPHOMORES: All sophomores will take the PSAT. PSAT is Pre-SAT. COST: FREE for sophomores/paid for by district.

JUNIORS: Juniors may take the PSAT or ASVAB

PSAT: (Practice SAT) Student's junior year is the only time that they may qualify for the National Merit Competition.

COST IS \$16. Students register by paying \$16.00 in Guidance.

ADVANTAGE: *Inexpensive way to practice for the SAT*

ASVAB: Comprehensive career exploration tool.

Cost: FREE; Register in Guidance.

ADVANTAGE: *Gives good career info; required for military entrance; does NOT commit students to military.*

Students register for the ASVAB in the Guidance Office.

SENIORS: May take ASVAB

See Info/Advantages above.

Students register for the ASVAB in the Guidance Office.

2016-2017 SCHOOL DATES

September 14	Interims
September 21	DHS College Fair 2:00pm
September 26	5:00pm-6:00pm Open House; 6:00pm Senior Scholarship Meeting
October 10	1 st & 2 nd Period Nine Weeks Test
October 11	3 rd & 4 th Period Nine Weeks Test
October 12	End of First Nine Weeks
October 13	Second Quarter Begins; College Application Day
October 19	PSAT
October 20	College Application Day
October 21	Staff Development
October 25, 26	10 th & 11 th Grade Make Up Pictures
October 27	College Application Day; Senior Make Up Pictures
October 28	Senior Make Up Pictures
November 8	Election Day Holiday
November 11	Interims
November 14	6:00pm Parent Financial Aid Workshop
November 21 & 22	ASPIRE for Sophomores
November 23 – 25	Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Early GRAD Meeting
December 14	1 st & 2 nd Period Exams
December 15	3 rd & 4 th Period Exams
December 16	Students Dismiss at Noon
December 19 – 30	Christmas Break
January 2	Staff Development
January 3	Second Semester Begins
January 23	5:30pm Junior Parent Meeting
February 3	Interims; Teacher Recommendation Registration Closes
February 6	Student Registration Opens
February 17	Student Registration Closes
February 20	Staff Development
February 28	ACT for Juniors
March 6	1 st & 2 nd Nine Weeks Test
March 7	3 rd & 4 th Nine Weeks Test
March 8	Third Quarter Ends
March 9	Fourth Quarter Begins
March 10	Report Cards
March 17	Staff Development
March 23	WorkKeys (Juniors)
April 3 – 7	Spring Break
April 20	Interims
April 29	Prom
May 16	9:00am Senior Honors Day Program
May 18	Senior 3 rd & 4 th Period Exams
May 19	Senior 1 st & 2 nd Period Exams
May 23	Senior Clearance
May 25	Graduation; 1 st & 2 nd Period Exams
May 26	3 rd & 4 th Period Exams
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday



If you would like a copy of this bulletin emailed to you then email Mrs. Polson at polsonsb@spart6.org.

College Open House Dates

Clemson University will host on-campus visitation events: Fall Blitz/October 7 and Spring Blitz/April 13-14; April 17-18. Registration and information is available at www.clemson.edu/visit.

Converse College Open House dates are **September 23, October 8 and April 23**. Register online at www.converse.edu/PreviewDays.

Duke University is having its first ever **Discover Duke Program** at Riverside High School on **Thursday, September 29** from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. This information session will cover university life, admissions, financial aid and even feature a local alumni panel. Registration can be found here: <https://admiss.ugrad.duke.edu/portal/discover-duke>.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology will host an information session on September 20 at 6:30pm at Charlotte Country Day School, Cannon Campus. For information go to www.mitadmissions.org/visit/travel.

North Greenville University Open House dates are **September 17, November 5 and March 24**. Register for a visit at www.ngu.edu/openhouse or call 864.977.7001.

Washington University in St. Louis will host an Admissions Information Session on **Sunday, September 11** from 4 – 5 pm at Greenville Marriott, One Parkway E., Greenville. For additional information call 1.800.638.0700.

College Visits at Dorman

Admissions Counselors from the colleges listed below will be outside the cafeteria in the College, Career and Fine Arts Center to meet with students on the following dates/time.

Thursday, September 8	North Greenville University	11:30am-1:30pm
Friday, September 9	Converse College	11:30am – 1:30pm
Thursday, September 15	Vanderbilt	2:30pm
		in the Coffee Shop
Friday, September 30	Duke	1:00pm – 1:45pm
		In the Coffee Shop

NEW for 2016 - Students can begin filing their FAFSA on October 2016 using their 2015 tax information.

DHS Financial Aid Friday **November 4**

Sponsored by Spartanburg Methodist College
Spartanburg Methodist College Financial Aid/Admissions representatives will be in the C Wing Career Office from 11:30am – 1:45pm to assist students and parents with the financial aid process. If you need help with your FAFSA make sure you bring a copy of your parents' taxes.

NOTE: You can get help with your FAFSA even if you are not going to SMC.

You must bring:

- The Social Security Numbers for the parents or guardians AND the student
- OR your Alien Registration Numbers (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your most recent federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
- A recent Bank Statement
- Records of untaxed income

For more information about filling out the FAFSA, visit www.fafsa.gov.

Other Opportunities:

Prudential Spirit of Community Award (sophomores - seniors) This award is for students that have made a difference through volunteering. If selected students could win \$1000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, DC. Students must apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Mrs. Polson (polsonsb@spart6.org) will be your certifier. **Deadline: November 8**

***United States Senate Youth Program Scholarship Competition** (Junior & Senior Student Council Members)
Dorman High School may submit **one** junior or senior student council member to compete to be one of South Carolina's delegate to the USSYP Program in Washington DC on March 4 – 11. Junior and senior student council members must also meet the following requirements: 1) minimum 3.0 GPA; 2) strong performance in social studies; 3) extensive knowledge of current events; and 4) knowledge of the state and federal governments' political systems. **Interested students must see Mrs. Polson in the Guidance Office by September 13.**

Free Workshop
for parents and students
Life After High School
WHAT'S NEXT?

The Series @Spartanburg County Library,
151 S. Church St., Spartanburg

- Saturday, Sept. 24 @ 4:00pm
- Saturday, October 22 @ 3:00pm
- Saturday, November 5 @ 3:00pm

For More Info: myscholarprep@gmail.com
www.scholarconnections.com

ATTENTION JUNIORS

LEDA-Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America
Each year LEDA recruits 100 qualified high school juniors who show leadership potential but may lack the exposure & support needed to apply to selective colleges.

SUMMER INSTITUTE June 2017 – August 2017: Students attend free seven-week summer program at Princeton University
COLLEGE GUIDANCE June 2017-June 2018: Students receive personalized college guidance.

COLLEGE SUCCESS June 2018 through college: Students receive continued support through college and beyond.

Eligibility:

- Rank in top 10%
- Family income of less than \$66,000
- Enrolled in the most rigorous courses offered
- Highly motivated & involved

Information and application available online at www.ledascholars.org/application.

Deadline to apply: December 12

Attention: ALL 10th grade Creative Writers, Ballet Dancers, Actors, Musicians, and Visual Artists!

A representative from the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities in Greenville will be on campus to talk about their summer and residential programs on **Friday, September 23rd from 11:45am-1:30pm outside the C wing cafeteria.**

Dorman High School College Fair
Wednesday, September 21
2:00pm – 3:00pm

College and Career Center
College Admission Counselors from South and North Carolina will be present to answer questions.

Scholarships

**Denotes New Scholarship*

(Seniors as you receive scholarships – please bring your award letter to Ms. Polson in Guidance so that we can list in the Senior Awards Day Program.)

Clemson University Lyceum Scholarship (seniors) This renewable \$2500 scholarship is for students accepted to Clemson that are interested in becoming part of a cohort that studies the moral, political and economic foundations of a free society. Information and application is available at www.clemson.edu/capitalism/lyceum.html. **Deadline: Priority deadline is December 8** - after December 1 application are considered on a rolling basis through **May 1**.

Converse College Performing and Visual Arts Scholarships (seniors) Students planning to attend Converse and major in the arts are encouraged to sign up for an audition or portfolio review on November 8; January 20 (music only); February 10; March 3. Talent-based scholarships are awarded through this event. **Register online at www.converse.edu/SOAScholarships.**

Davidson College John Montgomery Belk Scholarship (seniors) This scholarship is for seniors interested in attending Davidson College. Outstanding students will be selected based on integrity, intellectual enthusiasm and excellence, global awareness, and leadership ability and potential. Dorman may nominate two students to apply for this scholarship. **Deadline: Students interested in being nominated for this scholarship must submit a resume to Ms. Polson in Guidance by October 7.**

Francis Marion University Governor Robert E. McNair Scholarship (seniors) This full tuition, room and board scholarship is for seniors interested in attending Francis Marion University. Applicants must have a minimum 1100 SAT or 24 ACT; a minimum 3.0 GPA; be a South Carolina resident; and have an interest in a career in public service. Application and information is available online at www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/scholarship. **Deadline: December 1**

Horatio Algers Scholarship (seniors) This scholarship is for seniors who have financial need (family income of \$55,000 or less) and who have worked through to overcome some adversity in their lives: illness, death of a parent, adverse situations, etc. Applications must be completed online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships. **Deadline: October 25**

***Omega Psi Phi Scholarship** (African American male seniors) This scholarship is for senior African American males that are dynamic leaders who have made a positive impact on Dorman High School. Applicants must submit transcript, recommendation letter and completed application. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. **Deadline: October 5**

***QuestBridge National College Match** (seniors) This program pairs outstanding low-income students with early admission and full four-year scholarships to top-ranked colleges. Student should be ranked in the top 5-10% and family's earnings must be less than \$60,000 annually. Apply online at www.questbridge.org. **Deadline: September 27**

University Tutor's Scholarship Contest

University Tutor holds a monthly \$1,000 college scholarship contest where students write a short essay in response to a monthly prompt. The submitted essays are reviewed by University Tutor staff at the end of the month and one winner is chosen to receive the \$1,000 college scholarship. Interested students can enter the contest here: <http://www.universitytutor.com/scholarship-contest>

SOUTH CAROLINA HOPE SCHOLARSHIP This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$2,800 for the first year only. Students that have a final minimum 3.0 GPA but do not qualify for the LIFE are eligible to receive this scholarship. Students who receive the SC HOPE and earn a 3.0 at the end of the first year of college may receive the LIFE Scholarship for the second year of college. **No application is necessary for this scholarship. Eligibility is based on your final transcript.**

SOUTH CAROLINA LIFE SCHOLARSHIP This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$5000 per year. Students must meet two of the three requirements (1) your final, cumulative grade point average must be a minimum 3.0; (2) minimum 1100 SAT (combined critical reading and math sections) or 24 ACT; or (3) rank in the top 30% of your class at graduation. For a two year college students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (the test score and class rank requirements are waived.) **No application is necessary for this scholarship. Eligibility is based on your final transcript.**

SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY TUITION ASSISTANCE This state awarded money varies each year dependent on the South Carolina Lottery Revenue. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours a semester and advancing toward a degree at one of the state's two-year institutions. Students must complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1, 2012 as possible. Awards are handled by the college financial aid office.

SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$6700 per year. Students may be eligible to apply if they meet the following **three** criteria: 1200 SAT/27 ACT, 3.5 GPA, top 6% of the class at the end of the sophomore, junior, or senior year; **or** meet the following **two** criteria 1400 SAT/32 ACT and 4.0 GPA at end of the junior or senior year. Students that meet the criteria will be notified by guidance to complete an application.

***South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program** (seniors) This program offers SC residents up to \$24,000 over four years to become a SC educator. Awards are based on academic achievement, references, community and school involvement, and interview and a writing assessment. Students must attend one of the twelve Teaching Fellow Institutions: Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Columbia College, Francis Marion University, Lander University, Newberry College, USC Aiken, USC Columbia, USC Upstate or Winthrop University. Students must apply online at www.cerra.org/teachingfellows/application.aspx. **Deadline: December 1**

Varsity Tutors Scholarship Contest

Varsity Tutors holds a monthly \$1,000 college scholarship contest where students write an essay in response to a monthly prompt. Visitors to the Varsity Tutors scholarship webpage are able to vote via social media for submitted entries. The top five entries with the most votes are reviewed by Varsity Tutors at the end of the month and one winner is subsequently chosen to receive the \$1,000 college scholarship. Interested students can enter the contest here:

<http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship>

Scholarships Continued.....

UNC Charlotte Levine Scholars Program (seniors) This scholarship is for students interested in UNC Charlotte that demonstrate outstanding academic performance, commitment to community service and capacity for ethical leadership. Information is available online at <http://levinescholars.uncc.edu>. **Deadline: Students interested in being nominated for this scholarship must submit a resume to Ms. Polson in Guidance by September 30.**

***University of Virginia Jefferson Scholarship** (seniors) This scholarship is for seniors interested in attending the University of Virginia. This scholarship seeks to find students who possess exceptional ability in leadership and scholarship and who show promise of making a significant contribution to UVA and to the society at large as graduates. Dorman may nominate **one** student to apply for this scholarship. **Deadline: Students interested in being nominated for this scholarship must submit a resume to Ms. Polson in Guidance by October 21.**

Washington University in St. Louis Danforth Scholars Programs (seniors) This scholarship is for seniors interested in Washington University in St. Louis that display outstanding academic performance, exceptional commitment to community service and high moral character. For more information email danforthscholars@wustl.edu. **Deadline: Students interested in being nominated for this scholarship must submit a resume to Ms. Polson in Guidance by November 1.**

Wendy's High School Heisman Awards Program (seniors) This program recognizes students for their excellence in the classroom, on the playing field or court and within their communities. Applicants must have a B average and participate in at least one school- sponsored sport. Apply online at <http://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/>. Mrs. Polson (polsonsb@spart6.org) will be your school rep. **Deadline: October 3**

Latte & Learn Career Sessions 7:40am - 8:00am C Wing Career Office

September 14: Forensic and ER Nursing,
Neely Arrington Wright, BSN

September 28: Soft Skills 101, Scott
Cochran, SMC President

October 26: Registered Dietician, Kerri
Lindberg, RD

November 30: Social Work, Andre Miller,
MSW

First 50 students will receive free coffee &
doughnuts.



Monday, September 26
5:00pm – 6:00pm: Open House
6:00pm – 7:00pm – Senior Parent
Scholarship Meeting in the Fine Arts
Auditorium

Important Things SENIORS Need to Know NOW

- **It is time to get serious about applying to college.**
*Know the **application deadlines** for the schools you are applying to.*
- **Undecided?**
Go to the DHS College Fair on Wednesday, September 21st, from 2:00 – 3:30.
- **Need help with applications?**
We will have College Application Days on October 13th, 20th, and 27th in the C-Wing Career Center.
- **Need a transcript sent to a college?**
Fill out a Transcript Request Form and give it to your Guidance Counselor.
- **Need letters of recommendation?**
Ask for them NOW! Although your teachers and counselors love you, they WILL NOT spend their Thanksgiving writing letters for you. Ask for recommendations at least two weeks before you need them. (Remember, there are 830 of you!)
- **Need information about Scholarships?**
Attend the Senior Parent/Scholarship meeting September 26th in the CCFAC Auditorium @ 6pm.
- **Need to apply for Financial Aid?**
The application for Federal Student Aid (the FAFSA) is opening October 1st, 2016 to apply for aid for the 2017-2018 school year. Visit www.fafsa.gov for more information.

Clemson University Admissions Highlights:

- Apply online at www.clemson.edu/admissions
- Application fee is \$70
- Notification schedule: Apply by December 1 and receive a decision the week of February 15.
- Admissions to Calhoun Honors College requires a separate application, apply online no later than December 8.
- Housing priority is based on the date of the student's admission application.
- Criteria considered in the decision process:
 - Class Standing
 - SAT or ACT with writing is required. Test scores **must** be sent directly from the testing agency.
 - High School Curriculum
 - Grades
 - Choice of Major

Admitted Freshman Profile

SAT (OLD) Middle 50% Range: 1180-1340
SAT (NEW) Middle 50% Range: 1250-1400
ACT Middle 50% Range: 27-31
GPA: 4.23 weighted