

## NOVEMBER COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

Lafayette students interested in attending an Admissions Rep visit should see Ms. Hanks-Nicoll in room 600 to sign up for a pass.

### NOVEMBER 1

10:45 - Stonehill College

12:00 - Bridgewater College

### NOVEMBER 3

11:30 - Virginia Wesleyan College

### NOVEMBER 4

10:45 - Davidson College

### NOVEMBER 7

10:30 - George Mason University

### NOVEMBER 10

10:30 - Randolph -Macon College

### NOVEMBER 15

8:00 -Washington & Lee University

9:30 - Hollins University

### NOVEMBER 16

10:30 - U.S. Naval Academy

FOR 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students

### NOVEMBER 21

8:30 -Radford University

# November News

NEWSLETTER FROM THE COUNSELING TEAM

LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Senior Ram Rundown: the process continued...

### LATE FALL

By now you have created a "short list" of 6-8 schools to which you are applying. Through your research you should be able to see yourself at *any* of the schools on your list. Now what?

- Try to have all testing complete by December (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests).
- Make sure application dates and financial aid deadlines are on your calendar.
- Check and revise your applications to ensure they are thoughtfully and accurately completed!
- Keep copies! Print any online information. Make photocopies of anything you send out in hard copy form.

- Follow-up on teacher and counselor recommendations.
- Gather financial aid materials from the scholarship board and the web.
- Check transcripts and recommendations have been sent.

#### Advice from Kenyon College about Testing...

- Test scores from two exam dates are appropriate-we won't expect more from you
- Most colleges "super score" your standardized tests, giving you credit for the highest score on all components on any testing date
- The importance of tests varies from school to school. Check with each school on your list

- Be certain all testing has been sent to schools of your choice (ACT, SAT, Subject).

### Interviews

- Know as much as you can about the college
- Read brochures and web pages before the interview.
- "Demonstrated knowledge is demonstrated interest"!
- Prepare questions, ask about what you really want to know, not information you learned while researching.
- Ask for a business card ~ you might want to contact the person later
- Be prepared to describe your high school experiences and to express your interests and goals.

## Beyond the Road Trip...

You probably already know that a college search involves educating yourself about colleges and looking for several where you think you can live happily and learn well. For some, this involves journeying for miles as you visit campuses that may soon be your home. Beyond that, though, the college search can be a valuable inward journey of discovery, one that rewards you with greater knowledge of yourself. The process may not always be easy or enjoyable, but it should bring you closer to discerning what you want out of life and your post-secondary education.

Keep in mind that there is no one right way to conduct a college search, just as there is no ideal college. But there are those colleges that will fit you better than others. Manage the journey and make it meaningful for you.