

# Mount Greylock Regional School

## Guidance Bulletin

### March 2021



## JUNIORS

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**SAT Math Prep Course with Mr. Polidoro** | Tuesdays in May: 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25 and 6/1

2:45 to 4 pm in the Meeting Room

\$100 per student includes prep book

No reserved slots – Limited to the first 20 students paid

Please see Mrs. Balawender in Guidance to sign up and pay. Payment by check or cash only.

Fee waivers are available for qualifiers.

**College Planning Process** | In lieu of our annual evening presentation to parents and students regarding the college planning process for Juniors, we have recorded our presentation to be viewed at your convenience. Please click this link for the presentation: <https://youtu.be/iNKaHDm18-U>

**College Search Tools** | Introduction to Naviance for Juniors. A how-to-video that is helpful to learn the ways to explore Naviance as Juniors. If you still need to register for Naviance please reach out to your counselor. <https://youtu.be/h0siUaOKJLE>

**NACAC Virtual College Fairs are back!** | NACAC's upcoming series of **Virtual College Fairs** kicked off on Jan. 31! Common App is thrilled to support these virtual events, designed to help students connect with college admissions officers and ask important questions about the application process. These sessions support all students, including seniors who have not yet applied. Students can prepare ahead of time by tagging the Zoom sessions they want to attend.

If your students didn't make it to the first event, there are more opportunities to join this spring:

- ❑ **April 10 (Western U.S. Fair), 12 noon - 4:00 pm ET**
- ❑ **April 20 (Southeastern U.S. Fair), 3:00 - 7:00 pm ET**
- ❑ **May 2, 1:00 - 7:00 pm ET**

**Need help writing your college essay or improving your grades?** | See attached flyer for a list of individuals from Williams College and other community writing coaches who are willing to assist MG students with the crafting/revising process. This is a free resource for our students.

**The New England Association for College Admission Counseling's College Fair Website** is a valuable resource to you as college booths will be available through May 16, 2021. They encourage you to go and visit throughout the fall for new information and presentations. [https://neacac.swoogo.com/NEACACVirtual\\_Spring](https://neacac.swoogo.com/NEACACVirtual_Spring)

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## SENIORS

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**College Decisions** | Have you been accepted, denied, waitlisted, or deferred? Guidance needs to know!

**Report all college decisions, including application withdrawals, to your school counselor.** *Don't forget to change the status in Naviance too.*

**After the College Acceptance** | Learn the key components of financial aid packages, costs, and scholarships from three industry professionals. Monday, April 12th, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom  
Please see attached flyer for registration.

**Prospective College Athletes** | Students who plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at a NCAA Div. I or II institution must register with NCAA prior to playing a college sport. Access registration materials at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) and click on "Prospective Student-Athletes." For more information about NCAA, visit [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org) pull down the Parent/Prospect page, and click on "Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete."

**Financial Aid** | All students should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You may also need to submit a CSS Profile—check your individual college for requirements. Applications can be submitted online at [www.cssprofile.org](http://www.cssprofile.org). \*Vermont residents can find financial aid information at [www.vsac.org](http://www.vsac.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Join BCC during Spring break for a [Virtual Open House Event](#) on Wednesday, April 21 at 4:00 PM via Zoom.  
Stay for the FAFSA Workshop afterward at 5:00 PM. See attached flyer for details.

## RESOURCES IN GUIDANCE

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**Military Information** | There is a designated area in the Guidance Office for students interested in the military, including brochures, catalogs, and magazines. If you're interested in learning about a particular military branch or want to discuss the process of enlisting, see your school counselor.

## CAREER READINESS

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Mount Greylock counselors support students with exploring career options. Do you want to participate in a job shadow day? An internship experience? If this sounds appealing, see your counselor for more information.

## TEST DATES

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**Save the Date!** | **SAT** - May 8th & June 5th Test Dates for Mount Greylock Administrations

Test date: May 8 - **Register by April 8th**

Test date: June 5 - **Register by May 6th**

Register on [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

See guidance if you qualify for a fee waiver.

### Mount Greylock School Code: 222415

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Our favorite scholarship websites are: [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com), [goodcall.com](http://goodcall.com), [scholarshipmonkey.com](http://scholarshipmonkey.com), [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com), [wiredscholar.com](http://wiredscholar.com), [scholarshipguidance.com](http://scholarshipguidance.com).

The Guidance Office has several books available for students to borrow: *Debt Free Degree* by Anthony O'Neal, *Confessions of a Scholarship Winner* by Kristina Ellis, *How to Graduate Debt Free* by Kristina Ellis, and *The Ultimate Scholarship Book of 2020*. See Mrs. Balawender if you're interested in borrowing from our book selection.

***\*\*Applying for a scholarship and need a copy of your transcript? Fill out a **PINK SHEET** and submit it to Mrs. Balawender at least one week prior to the scholarship deadline.***

SCHOLARSHIP	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINE
Massachusetts State American Legion Scholarship	The American Legion will grant scholarships to be used towards the expenses of education of the child/grandchild, whose parent, grandparent, or legal guardian is a current member in good standing of an American Legion Post within the Department of Massachusetts. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	4/1/2021
Community Enrichment Scholarship (Greylock Federal Credit Union)	The Greylock Community Enrichment Scholarship is awarded to students who exemplify positive community spirit and demonstrate respect and concern for their peers in everything they do. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	4/12/2021
Order Sons of Italy Charitable and Educational Trust	A minimum of twenty scholarships at a maximum of \$1000.00 each will be awarded. Visit <a href="http://www.osiama.org">www.osiama.org</a> to apply. Guidance Office also has applications	4/15/2021
Mark Bavis Leadership Scholarship	A scholarship available to any high school student in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is awarded on the basis of need and is not academically based. In addition, the Foundation will give more serious consideration to those students who have made efforts to make a difference in their communities and/or have shown leadership qualities within their school or community. <a href="http://www.markbavisleadershipfoundation.org/?page_id=11">http://www.markbavisleadershipfoundation.org/?page_id=11</a> Guidance Office also has applications	4/15/2021
Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Scholarship	Available to students interested in a career in over-the-air broadcasting, who are permanent residents of Massachusetts and are in the process of enrolling in an accredited institution of higher learning offering degrees in radio and television broadcasting. Applications are available online at <a href="http://www.massbroadcasters.org/scholarship_program">http://www.massbroadcasters.org/scholarship_program</a>	4/16/2021

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The Credit Union College Scholarship Program	<p>1. Eligibility is limited to high school seniors who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college/university degree program during the 2021-2022 academic year.</p> <p>2. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of the sponsoring credit union.</p> <p>3. The credit union must be a member in good standing with the Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc.</p> <p>4. Each applicant must complete a current Scholarship Application and submit it with the other required material to the sponsoring credit union. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.</p>	4/16/2021
Jewish Federation of the Berkshires The Henry Simkin and Frances Simkin Schiller & Dr. Stanley and Faye Simin Scholarship	<p>The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires will award one or two \$1,000 scholarships a year to a Berkshire County student who has shown achievement in their scholastic lives and involvement in the Berkshire Jewish Community</p> <p>Please see the Guidance Office for an application</p>	4/22/2021
The Student-View Scholarship	<p>The Student-View Scholarship is a unique opportunity for high school seniors.</p> <p>It is open to all students regardless of academic achievement or financial need.</p> <p><a href="http://student-view.com/ScholarshipWmap.html">http://student-view.com/ScholarshipWmap.html</a></p>	4/22/2021
Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship 2021	<p>To be eligible for the 2021 award, you must meet one of the following educational qualifications, and the Berkshire area residence requirement below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will graduate from high school in 2021 and plan to enter your first year of higher education in the fall of 2021, OR:</li> <li>• You graduated from high school in 2019 or 2020 and deferred college enrollment for one or two years, but plan to enter your first year of college in the fall of 2020, OR:</li> <li>• You plan to enter college in the fall of 2021 following a period of active military service.</li> </ul> <p>Before applying, please review the scholarship qualifications, listed on the website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.berkshireeagle.com/site/daniel_pearl_berkshire_scholarship.html">https://www.berkshireeagle.com/site/daniel_pearl_berkshire_scholarship.html</a></p> <p>Guidance Office also has applications</p>	4/23/2021

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American Legion Post 152 Scholarship	The American Legion Post 152 Scholarships will be given to a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a Veteran who is a current member of the American Legion Post 152, Williamstown, MA. The next preference will be given to a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a veteran not a current member of American Legion Post 152, Williamstown, MA. Guidance Office also has applications	4/16/2021
2021 Queer Connect Scholarship	The winner of the scholarship will receive \$500 paid directly to the college or university of choice prior to the beginning of the fall 2021 semester. Create an essay describing how you plan to be a positive role model for the LGBTQIA community in your life after high school. Guidance Office has applications	4/16/2021
The Elevated Boston Leadership Scholarship	The Elevated Boston team is pleased to announce our first-ever Elevated Boston Leadership Scholarship. The Scholarship will consist of two \$2,500 scholarships to students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership within their institutions and communities. The scholarship winners will be notified on June 1, 2021. Applicants must be enrolled in a Massachusetts College or University in an undergraduate or graduate program for the 2021-2022 school year. <a href="https://www.elevatedboston.com/home/elevated-scholarship-opportunity/">https://www.elevatedboston.com/home/elevated-scholarship-opportunity/</a>	4/30/2021
The Lieutenant June T. Murphy Scholarship Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement Scholarship	The Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement (MAWLE) is pleased to offer a scholarship award, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), to be awarded to a high school senior who is pursuing a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. <a href="https://mawlemembership.org/the-lieutenant-june-t-murphy-scholarship/">https://mawlemembership.org/the-lieutenant-june-t-murphy-scholarship/</a>	4/30/2021
Berkshire Health Systems Kermit Gordon Scholarship	The scholarship's primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the following fields of study: Medicine; Dentistry; Nursing; Pharmacy; or Health and Nursing Science related programs (all academic levels.) Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	5/1/2021
Berkshire Health Systems Nursing Scholarship	The scholarship's primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in Associates Degree in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, or Master of Science in Nursing programs. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	5/1/2021
Hillside Agricultural Society Cumington, Massachusetts	To all GRADUATING SENIORS residing in Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden, or Franklin Counties: This is your invitation to apply for one of the four \$500 scholarships awarded by the Hillside Agricultural Society, sponsor of the Cumington Fair. Your acceptance at any accredited two or four-year college makes you eligible to apply. Guidance Office also has applications	5/1/2021

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American Legion Post 160 (Adams) Scholarship	There are two scholarships awarded, one from the American Legion Post 160 and one from The Sons of the Legion Adams, both are \$500.00 each. There is one major requirement – the student has to have a relative who is a member in good standing (dues paid through 2021) or a Sponsor in good standing. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	5/1/2021
Lanesborough-New Ashford Dollars For Scholars	In order to apply for this scholarship a student must be: 1) A resident of Lanesborough or New Ashford, 2) Be a graduating senior who has applied to college or a post-secondary school, 3) have participated in at least one LNADS fundraiser during their high school career. To apply, visit <a href="https://lanesborough-newashford.dollarsforscholars.org">https://lanesborough-newashford.dollarsforscholars.org</a>	5/2/2021
Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship	The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, four-year scholarships to students with financial needs who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, their community, or at home), a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities. <a href="https://phillips-scholarship.org/">https://phillips-scholarship.org/</a>	5/3/2021
Carolyn T. Sacco Memorial Scholarship (Massachusetts Association of Insurance Women)	There will be two \$1,000 scholarships awarded. The scholarships are available to high school seniors who are graduating from a public, private, or parochial high school in Berkshire County. The applicants must plan to attend college and major in Business, Economics, or Insurance. Please see the Guidance Office for an application	5/5/2021
Adams Outdoorsmen for Youth	Club members will be given first consideration. Please submit, in no less than 100 words, how this scholarship will be of assistance to you, which college you are planning to attend, your field of study, as well as any background information pertaining to you and your academic/social achievements. Please see the Guidance Office for an application	5/12/2021
Adams Friends Of Animals Roy Thompson Scholarship Fund	The Berkshire County Roy Thompson Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors going into Animal Medicine. Please see the Guidance Office for an application	5/15/2021
Saint Stanislaus Kostka School Alumni Scholarship	This scholarship will award one \$200 scholarship each year to a graduate of St. Stan's School. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	5/15/2021

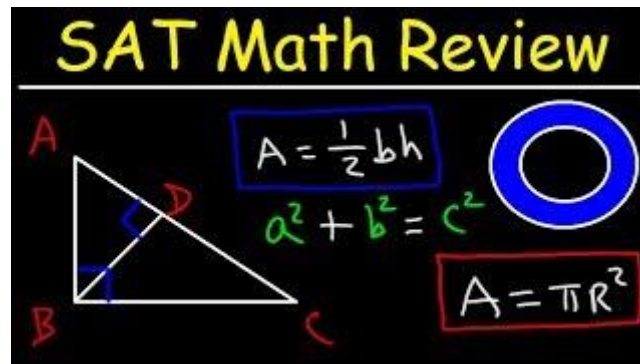
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The Williamstown Rural Lands Mathias J. Bartels Environmental Leadership Award	The award will be given to a student who has demonstrated a strong interest in environmental issues through academic pursuits and/or extra-curricular activities. The student's contribution to environmental awareness could be in a wide range of areas including, but not limited to, science, history, literature, community service, or the arts. It also recognizes students who have set leadership examples in these fields during their years at Mt. Greylock. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	5/17/2021
B. Davis Scholarship	<p>This Scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any post-secondary institution. There is no age restriction</p> <p>Be sure to include your name and the school you are attending this year and next. This is not an academic scholarship but we would like to know where you are going to school now and what your future academic plans are.</p> <p>Application Procedure</p> <p>To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay of fewer than 1000 words on the topic below:</p> <p>Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual.</p> <p>Your submissions must be sent to us by email at <a href="mailto:awards@studentawardsearch.com">awards@studentawardsearch.com</a></p>	5/22/2021
Abbott and Fenner Scholarship	To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the following topic: describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at <a href="mailto:scholarships@abbottandfenner.com">scholarships@abbottandfenner.com</a> . For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php">http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php</a>	6/12/2021
BigSun Scholarship	The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student-athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Visit <a href="http://www.bigsunathletics.com">http://www.bigsunathletics.com</a> to learn how to apply	6/19/2021
AES Scholarship	<p>Our belief is that achieving a high-grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves to be helped. For that reason, we are offering a scholarship that will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by an evaluation of the essays that are submitted.</p> <p>Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study.</p> <p>You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php">http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php</a></p>	10/8/2021

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# **SAT MATH Prep Course with Mr. Polidoro**



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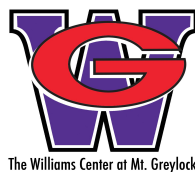
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## Student Academic Support Opportunities @ The Williams Center at Mt. Greylock

Program Director, [Kaatje White](#)

Williams Fellows Program Consultant, [Jessica Dils](#)

MG School-Based Coordinator and Librarian, [Liza Barrett](#)

Since 2008, the **Williams Center at Mt. Greylock** (WC) has engaged college students, professors and resources throughout the Mt. Greylock curriculum and beyond alongside our faculty partners at MG. During this COVID period of distance learning, we will continue to provide free academic support both during and after the school day for those students in the most need of extra assistance.

The MGRS Library Media Center is now the official home of the **Williams Center**. Our School-Based Coordinator and Librarian, **Liza Barrett**, will facilitate and schedule these programs; inquiries should be directed to her. **All Williams Center programs are free, but many require a one-time completion of the '20-21 WC @ MG Remote Learning Contract available from [lbarrett@mgrhs.org](mailto:lbarrett@mgrhs.org).**

- **After-school Homework Help@MG:** After-school homework help is available for students in grades 7-9. Williams Fellows work one-on-one or in small subject groups with students on homework and study skills in all academic areas. This program is supervised by Mrs. Barrett and is offered on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. It requires a signed contract and advance registration and [sign-up](#).**
- **Free High School Evening Tutoring for Grades 10-12:** Williams Fellows will run remote weekly one-on-one or small group sessions with Mt. Greylock students in subject-specific areas. **This program also requires the contract, and advance registration and [sign-up](#), but is not supervised on-line**
- **Writing Fellows Program/College Essay Coaching:** Williams students provide free, one-on-one, online feedback and coaching to Mt. Greylock seniors on their personal college essays and ANY essay. The Williams Fellows support our high school students through one-on-one dialogue and revision-based editing. **We encourage all MG students to email one of these four talented and dedicated Writing Fellows ANYTIME for essay support! College and/or essay Coaching appointments will be self scheduled by MG students and will not be monitored on-line. Contact [Liza Barrett](#) for more information.**
  - Quincy Powers: [grp1@williams.edu](mailto:grp1@williams.edu)
  - Mae Erzini Vernoit: [mee2@williams.edu](mailto:mee2@williams.edu)
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  - Kristen Altman: [kaa4@williams.edu](mailto:kaa4@williams.edu)
- **MORE opportunities from the Writing Fellows Program:** Additionally, every day (except Wednesdays) Mrs. Barrett and one of the four Williams Writing Fellows will be available from 11am -12pm to support students with their writing face to face via ZOOM. The 11:00-11:30 is for anyone at home during the lunch block, and 11:30-12:00 during Directed Study is for everyone. Questions? Contact [Mrs. Barrett](#).
  - Meeting ID: 935 8328 6679 Passcode: support [ZOOM LINK](#)



# After the College Acceptance

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Learn the key components of financial aid packages, costs, and scholarships from three industry professionals.

## Topics Include:

- Comparing Financial Aid Packages
- College Cost Calculators
- Revising a Financial Aid Package
- Budgeting for the School Year
- Work Study

## When:

Monday, April 12th, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom

## Register:

Please register by April 11th to ensure proper access to the webinar. You may register by using the link on [adamscommunity.com](https://adamscommunity.com), or by contacting Taylor at (413) 749-1178 or [tgibeu@adamscommunity.com](mailto:tgibeu@adamscommunity.com)



## Presented by:



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Join your local community college for a Virtual Open House at BCC

Join BCC during Spring break for a

[Virtual Open House Event](#)

On Weds, April 21 at 4:00 PM via Zoom

Stay for the FAFSA Workshop afterward at 5:00 PM

Join us online and meet BCC faculty and staff without leaving your house! Start at BCC, offering the [same high quality programs](#) as any other school, [but at a fraction of the cost!](#)

**All participants will receive:**

- a free gift card to local lunch spots;
- a discount at the BCC Bookstore; and
- a chance to win BCC swag.

Attendees can stick around after this event to get help filing their **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) or they can check out our summer and fall course schedules with an Academic Advisor.

[Click here to register for the BCC Virtual Open House](#)