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# Signature School SENIOR BULLETIN

From Signature School Academic Services

# CLASS OF 2021

Our Senior Bulletin will be published weekly and emailed to all seniors and their families, as well as posted on our Signature website. We will strive to keep you on track with information about important processes, deadlines, scholarship opportunities and events.

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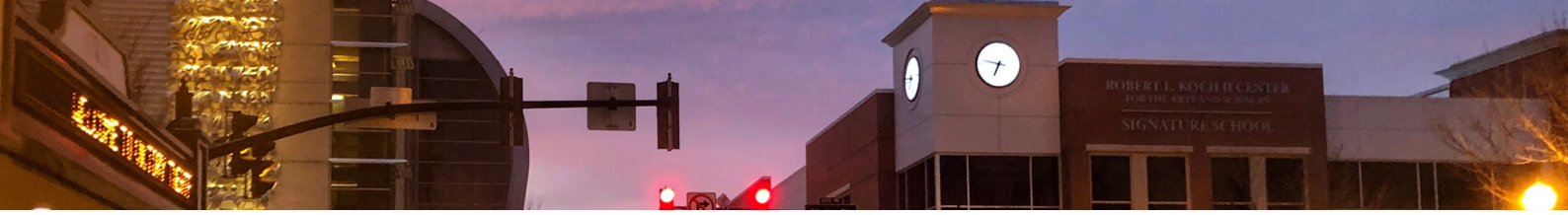



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We have begun to post information about scholarships in our College Resources section in the Students area of the Signature website. We will update this area regularly so visit often. Most of the scholarships listed here will be from outside organizations, foundations, and civic groups.

The primary focus of your search for merit-based scholarships should be those offered from the colleges to which you apply. After October 1, you will also want to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), along with any other financial aid application required by your colleges to ensure that you will be considered for all potential forms of financial aid.

NEW

## JACK KENT COOKE SCHOLARSHIP

### APPLICATION DEADLINE – OCTOBER 30, 2020

This is a four-year scholarship program, covering up to $40,000 per year. Applicants must have a 3.50 high school GPA and demonstrate financial need. Find out more **here**.

# UPCOMING VIRTUAL VISITS

## From College Representatives

### *Steps to attend:*

- *All virtual college visits take place during the lunch period.*
- *ALL Seniors and Juniors will be sent a Zoom link 24-48 hours before the virtual visit. This will allow for our online students to attend from home, and any interested juniors to attend from their personal devices (headphones recommended) at their usual lunch location.*
- *Seniors may sign up to attend an in-person broadcast of the virtual visit or attend on their personal devices. The classroom broadcast will take place in room 303 (limited seating available). Students may eat lunch in the room during the presentation. If we have more than 18 students sign up to view in the classroom, those additional students will have the Zoom link and will need to watch on their own devices (headphones recommended) at their usual lunch location.*
- *Seniors interested in attending the presentation in room 303 should sign up here in advance.*

**DEPAUW UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC**
*Thursday, October 8*

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY**
*Thursday, October 15*

**IUPUI (INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY)**
*Friday, October 16*

**ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY**
*Monday, October 19*

**SEWANEE UNIVERSITY**
*Tuesday, October 20*

**UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE**
*Wednesday, October 21*

**OBERLIN COLLEGE**
*Friday, October 23*

**WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY**
*Monday, October 26*

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON**
*Tuesday, October 27*

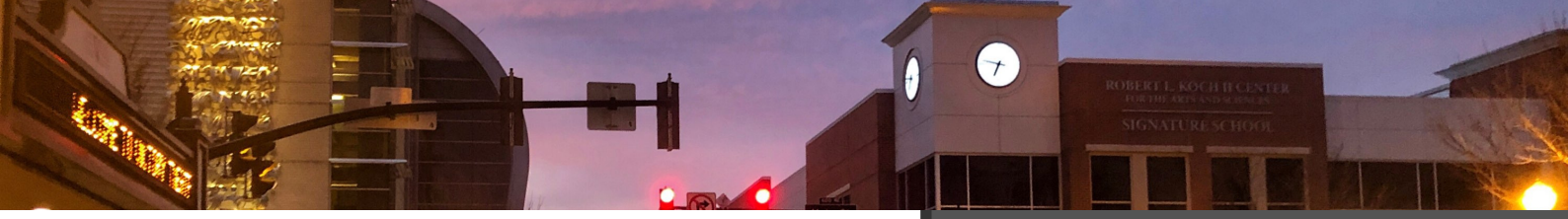
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
*Wednesday, October 28*

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**
*Wednesday, October 28*

**DEPAUW UNIVERSITY**
*Monday, November 2*

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**
*Wednesday, November 4*

**Please see Mrs. Cirino in the Academic Services Office with any questions.**



# TRANSCRIPTS

**All students should make accounts on both sites to streamline the processing of your college applications. Click the logos to access the websites.**

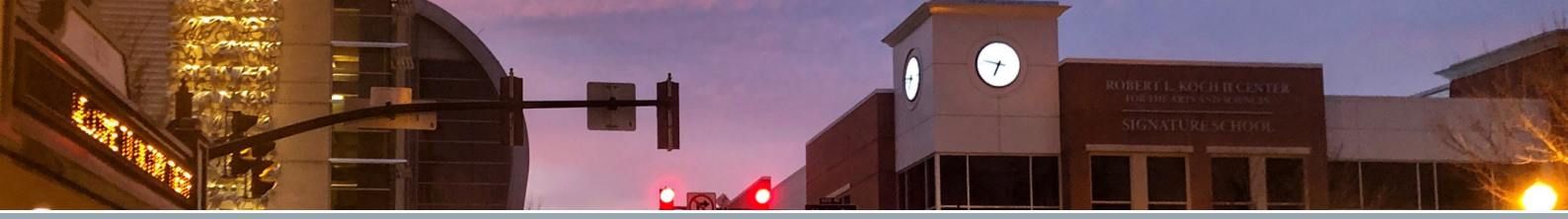
**When applying to colleges on the CommonApp, there is no need to tell Parchment to send your transcript to each CommonApp college. You simply request that Parchment send your transcript to CommonApp, and then CommonApp distributes your transcript automatically to each college in the CommonApp system.**

**Parchment is a transcript processing service. It is free for Indiana residents. Signature has uploaded all senior transcripts to Parchment. On Parchment you can:**

- **Get a copy of your transcript for your own records,**
- **Send your transcript to CommonApp,**
- **Send your transcript to colleges that are NOT on CommonApp,**
- **Access your transcript even after you leave Signature School. This may come in handy if you transfer colleges or apply to graduate school down the road.**

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (IUHPFL)

If you are in a World Language level 3 or higher and want to spend 5-6 weeks of summer 2021 in Austria, France, Chile, Mexico or Spain, check out the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages. IUHPFL is a language-intensive summer study abroad programs for Indiana high school students. The application process begins in September. If you'd like more information, get in touch with Profe Boyle in room 310 before or after school. You can read more information about the program on their website.



# UPCOMING INFORMATIONAL EVENTS

## NEW REAL TALK: HBCU EDITION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 - 6:00 PM CDT

REGISTER HERE

The following HBCUs will be represented:

- Hampton University
- Howard University
- Morehouse College
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Spelman College
- Tennessee State University
- Tuskegee University
- Xavier University of Louisiana

## NEW BROWN, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, COLUMBIA, CORNELL AND RICE INFO SESSIONS

Representatives from these colleges will offer information sessions for students and parents on October 14, October 20, and November 11. Visit https://exploringeducationalexcellence.org to register.

## FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 6:00-7:00 PM

Save the date for this important event. A financial aid officer from Notre Dame will share with us important tips for accurately completing the FAFSA (available after October 1). Furthermore, he will share valuable information about how selective colleges with large endowments assess financial need to award grants from their own resources.

## THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

**The FAFSA assesses and establishes eligibility for all forms of need-based financial aid, including grants (gift-assistance that is not repaid), student loans (repaid by the student after college), and federal work-study (employment on campus). In addition to federal aid, the FAFSA is also the vehicle to apply for aid from the state of Indiana.**

**When completing the FAFSA, be sure to select the 2021-2022 FAFSA year, which represents the upcoming academic year when you will be a first-year college student. The student and one parent must create FSA IDs, which serve as electronic signatures.**

**Check with all of the colleges to which you plan to apply to determine if an additional need-based financial aid application is required, such as the CSS Profile.**

# VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

**Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair! Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents are invited, too.**

## More than 600 colleges and universities will be online to talk with high school juniors and seniors on each of these dates this fall:

| Monday, Oct. 12 | Sunday, Oct. 18 | Sunday, Nov. 8 |
|---|---|---|
| 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM | 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM |

NEW

### MIT INFO SESSIONS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology is offering information sessions for students and parents at various days and times. Explore the sessions and sign up here: https://apply.mitadmissions.org/portal/pk8feas5f9vioubn4uiq

### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY INFO SESSSION -THURSDAY, OCT. 8 - 4:00 PM

Register here: https://uapply.georgetown.edu/register/INandOH2020

**These colleges are offering a session geared towards prospective students.**

**Student registration is available online**

Bates DAVIDSON OBERLIN COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY OXY Occidental College

- **October 21, 8 pm EDT**

# SAT/ACT TESTING DATES 2020-2021

| ACT Test Date (link) | Registration Deadline | M.C. Scores Available # |
|---|---|---|
| September 12, 2020 | Aug. 28 | Sept. 25 |
| September 13, 2020 * | Aug. 28 | Sept. 25 |
| September 19, 2020 | Aug. 28 | Oct. 2 |
| October 10, 2020 | Oct. 5 | Oct. 23 |
| October 17, 2020 | Oct. 5 | Oct. 30 |
| October 24, 2020 | Oct. 5 | Nov. 6 |
| October 25, 2020* | Oct. 5 | Nov. 6 |
| December 12, 2020 | Nov. 6 | Dec. 25 |
| February 6, 2021 | Jan. 8 | Feb. 19 |
| April 17, 2021 | March 12 | April 30 |
| June 12, 2021 | May 7 | June 25 |
| July 17, 2021 | June 18 | July 30 |

***Sunday***

| SAT Test Date (link) | Registration Deadline | M.C. Scores Available # |
|---|---|---|
| August 29, 2020 | July 31 | Sept. 21 |
| September 26, 2020 | Aug. 26 | Oct. 9 |
| October 3, 2020 | Sept. 4 | Oct. 16 |
| November 7, 2020 | Oct. 7 | Nov. 20 |
| December 5, 2020 | Nov. 5 | Dec. 18 |
| March 13, 2021 | Feb. 12 | Mar. 26 |
| May 8, 2021 | Apr. 8 | May 21 |
| June 5, 2021 | May 6 | July 14 |

***# Multiple Choice scores available online. Essay scores follow.***