



SENIOR MEMO # 1

September 29, 2017

Dear Senior (and parents),

Welcome to your final year at Lexington High School! This year will be a busy one for you and you will be faced with many decisions. We want you to know that your school counselors are available to help you with these decisions. We hope you make the Office of Counseling & Advisement your "second home" this year. This is an example of our senior memo that you will receive each month. The memos will include important scholarship, college, and testing information. Future memos will be emailed to your iPad each month and extra copies will be available in the Counseling Office and on our website. We urge you to carefully review the information provided in each senior memo and to pay special attention to deadlines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What you've all been waiting for

Request your Transcript

Visit www.Parchment.com

Instructions can be found

In your senior folder

Ed-Op

**COLLEGE
FAIR**

Not sure where you want to go to college?

LHS will host a College Fair
October 24 at 6:30 in the Cafeteria. Approximately 60 colleges will be here. Come prepared to ask questions.



College Application Day
Monday, October 16, 2017

9:00 – 12:00

Learning Commons

Colleges from all over the state will come and help fill out applications and some will waive the application fee.

For those of you who have signed up for this event. Don't Forget!!!



Attention seniors and senior parents
**FAFSA Night is coming! If you have signed up
for this event, don't forget the day**
October 24, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30

In the Learning Commons (aka library)

Get one-on-one help completing the federal financial aid form (FAFSA)!
The experts will be here to help you!

What to bring: federal tax info from 2016 taxes

What to do ahead of time: apply for a federal ID number so you can sign the form electronically. Go to fafsa.ed.gov and click on FSA ID at the top of the page. Do this step now!



3 tricks to beat the crowds on getting college financial aid

Go to this website: <http://cnb.cx/2jZz9aA>



Counseling and Advisement Website
<https://sites.google.com/site/lexcounseling/>

SAT Score Converter App



Use the SAT Score Converter mobile app and online tool to compare scores on the new SAT, the old SAT, and the ACT.

CollegeGo App



- Explore colleges and create a list of schools that fit you best.
- Search for scholarships and get the scoop on financial aid.
- Discover majors and careers that you may be interested in.
- And more!

OPEN HOUSE/RECEPTIONS/VISITS TO LHS

Open House

Benedict College – Fall Open House - Saturday, November 4, 2017

Converse Petrie School of Music Preview: October 20 and October 21, 2017

Converse Open House – October 20, 2017 and April 21, 2018

Full Sail University Behind the Scenes Tour – October 8, November 5 and December 3, 2017

George Washington University – Overnight Open House – November 9-10, 2017

Lander University – Open House – November 18, 2017 – **Bearcat Days** – October 18, 2017, November 8

Mercer School of Engineering Scholarship Challenge – November 11, 2017

Midlands Tech – Decision Days - November 21, 2017 – **Senior Day** – April 15, 2018

MIT – Information Session – Providence Day School Theater – October 5, 2017 - Spring Valley High School
October 10, 2017

Morris College – Thirty-fourth Annual High School Visitation Day – October 25, 2017

Newberry College – Open House – November 11, 2017, February 17, 2018, March 17, 2018

North Carolina State – Open House - Saturday, October 14

Seton Hall University – Open House - October 15, November 19, 2017

Washington & Lee University will be visiting October 8, 2017 – Inn at USC, Pendleton Street

Winthrop University - Transfer Tuesday – October 3, 2017, **Saturday Visit** – October 7,
Preview Day October 21, 2017

Campus Preview Days - Georgia South Western State University – **Preview Days** - November 11, 2017,
January 27, 2018 and April 7, 2018 Contact: 1-800-338-0082

Auditions

AMDA American Musical and Dramatic Academy – Charlotte, NC – October 21 and November 4, 2017

You may also want to check college websites for postings of Open House dates.

College admissions representatives are available to talk with students during lunch periods in the Counseling office at scheduled times throughout the year. These visits will be listed on the morning announcements and may also be announced in the senior memo (time permitting). See Mrs. Johnston for a pass if interested in talking with a representative.

College Visits to LHS

October 23 – Barbizon USA – 10:00 – 2:00

November 2 – Francis Marion Interview Day – 10:30 – 1:30

November 10 – Clemson University – 11:00 – 12:00

Exploring College Options:

Georgetown, Harvard, Duke, Stanford, and University of Pennsylvania

Monday, October 2, 7:00 PM

The Marriott, Columbia, SC

Register [HERE](#) to attend this event

Christian College Fair:

Thursday, October 19 at Northside Christian Academy

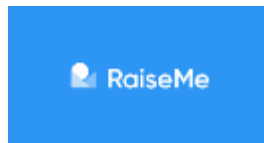
6:30-8:30 PM

ED-OP College Fair:

Tuesday, October 24 in the LHS Cafeteria
6:30 PM

Virginia Military Institute (VMI)
Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 PM
Capital City Club, Columbia
Register [HERE](#) to attend

Mercer University School of Engineering
Scholarship Challenge
Saturday, November 11, 2017
Register <http://engineering.mercer.edu/scholarship> to apply.



Raise.me allows high school students to earn scholarships from colleges for their achievements in and out of the classroom.

Starting in 9th grade, students can be eligible to start earning scholarships for their achievements, like getting good grades, having perfect attendance, leadership roles, participating in sports and clubs, community service, test scores, and more. Sign up online at <http://www.raise.me/>

Scholarships for American High School Students to Study Abroad

Prepare yourself to live, work, and succeed in a global economy. Study abroad connects American high school students with future leaders around the world. Scholarships are open to all American high school students who meet program eligibility criteria. The Department of State seeks applicants representing the diversity of the United States.

For more information visit www.exchanges.state.gov



Are you a senior in high school?

Want to become a teacher?

Want \$24,000 for college?

Apply Online Today at www.cerra.org/teachingfellows/application.aspx

Applications must be submitted by December 1

See scholarship drawer in the counseling office for more information.

United States Service Academy

If you would like information about the Academies, visit www.scott.senate.gov and click on the Service Academy Nominations tab. This will provide access to an online application, a list of requirements and a FAQ page. The academies offer first quality education at no cost to the student. In return, service of a four or five year commitment is required.



Presbyterian College

- Money Magazine ranked Presbyterian College as South Carolina's #1 College.
- Presbyterian received a \$775,000 National Institutes of Health grant, which will be used to fund biomedical research across the College's undergraduate and pharmacy campuses.



Lyceum Scholars Program

Clemson Institute for the study of Capitalism

First and only university-based academic program dedicated to exploring the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society.

Each Lyceum Scholar will receive a four-year Scholarship worth up to \$10,000

For more information click [here](#) or visit www.Clemson.edu/Capitalism/Lyceum

Priority application deadline is December 11, 2017

Clemson's Music Performing Arts Major and music program

Clemson degree is an excellent BA that is marketable, versatile, and tailored to your career goals, including graduate school.

For more information: www.clemson.edu/PerfArts



Auburn Guarantee

How does this work?

Upon completing your freshman year at AUM (Montgomery) and earning 30 hours of core course work with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, you will be Guaranteed admission to Auburn beginning your sophomore year.

For more information go to www.aum.edu/AUGuarantee

Important Deadlines:

University of South Carolina – October 15 - Early Application Answer Deadline – Students who submit complete applications and all required credentials by this date will hear from the admissions office by December 19. Answers may be acceptance, denial, or deferred decision until mid-March.

December 1 - USC Regular Application Deadline

November 15, 2017 - Deadline for SC Honors College and Top Scholars Applications

Before you apply, check out these helpful instructions:

sc.edu/admissions/admissionspdfs/how_to_apply_guide.pdf

College of Charleston – November 1- Early Decision Deadline – Students' applications and all supporting documents – including transcripts and secondary school reports – must be submitted or postmarked by this date. Students should select the early decision option only if they have selected College of Charleston as their first choice and will not use scholarships and financial aid as a primary factor in their decision. Application materials for early decision candidates must be submitted by November 1. Decision letters are issued by early December. Further information about COC admissions can be found [here](#)

Clemson University – December 1 – Applicants who apply by this date will receive an admissions decision the week of February 15.

STUDENT – ATHLETES and the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Students who have an interest in competing in sports on the college level are required to complete the NCAA application. (\$50.00 fee) Once submitted, college coaches can request eligibility status on recruits. Scholarships cannot be awarded unless your application and transcript are filed with the NCAA.

Eligibility status is determined on a sliding scale of SAT/ACT scores and GPA requirements. The GPA is calculated for fourteen specific courses in core curriculum areas.

Procedures:

1. Go to <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> and complete the Prospective Student Athlete application. You must have a social security number and VISA or Master Card (or fee waiver) to complete the application.
2. When taking the SAT or ACT, list NCAA code # 9999 as one of your score reports (required by NCAA)

(If you are unable to complete the application online, see Mrs. Wise in the Athletic office)

Career Specialists
Mrs. Diane Augsburger Room E202
Mr. Gary Magyar Room E203



Announcements from our Career Specialists

JOB SHADOWING

See your career specialists to job shadow. We can help you find someone to shadow or you may shadow someone you know. We will give you all the necessary forms and get the absence excused. Rms. E202-E203.

- Lexington Medical Center has two days in October, November, and December **(SEE US NOW)**
- Palmetto Health Baptist Parkridge offers LHS shadowing October 12 only **(SEE US NOW)**

Lexington Medical Center Internships

Would you like a Senior Internship at Lexington Medical Center during spring semester? This is a one credit class that allows you to gain experience at the hospital or one of the satellite centers during the school day. See your Career Specialists NOW for an application Rms E202-E203. Must have GPA of 2.5 or higher. **Applications due October 23, 2017.**

Other Internships

Seniors wanting to intern in another career field must see the Career Specialists to get an application and return it by the due date: **November 27, 2017.** These internships are individually based and you **MUST** speak with a career specialist to set it up, Rms E202-E203. **Must have GPA of 2.5 or higher.**

FULL AND PART-TIME JOBS

Bookmark this site and see your Career Specialists for help with applying for jobs.
Need a resume for jobs or college apps? We can help with that too!



IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION TO REMEMBER



- If you are planning to apply to four-year colleges, plan to take the **November 4 SAT** which will **not** be administered at Lexington High School. Even if you are satisfied with an earlier SAT score, we strongly recommend that you take the SAT in the fall for another opportunity to improve your scores. Register for the SAT and Taking the SAT information are available in the Counseling Office. Register on-line at www.collegeboard.com. The on-line deadline to register for the November SAT is **October 5**. The extended time to register online is October 25. When completing the registration form, remember to select the colleges to have your official scores sent by the College Board. **Also, it is not necessary to receive new SAT scores before submitting your college applications because colleges will hold your application if more recent scores are needed for a favorable decision. THE HIGH SCHOOL CODE FOR LEXINGTON HIGH IS 411290.**

- You may want to retake the ACT. Register on line at www.act.org. **November 3** is the registration deadline for the **December 9** ACT. ***(Students taking the ACT should sign up to take the writing portion also.)**
- The **Academic Common Market** is a cooperative, tuition-reduction agreement among 14 southern states. If S. C. colleges don't offer degree programs in your field of study, out-of-state tuition may be waived when you attend specific schools out-of-state. Visit their website at sreb.org.
- The **Common Application** is a college application which is accepted by a number of colleges on an equal basis with their own forms. Visit the Common App website www.commonapp.org for information and to apply. Common App transcripts can also be requested through Parchment
- Do you qualify for **free or reduced** lunch? If so, you need to bring a copy of the approval letter you received from Central Services approving your free or reduced status. See Mrs. Johnston to receive a **fee waiver** to take the SAT and ACT. Four college application fee waivers can be submitted on line at the registration website. You can also receive a fee waiver for the NCAA Clearinghouse (student athletes) application.

LHS COLLEGE FAIR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 – 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.



LHS Counseling will host a college fair in the LHS Cafeteria.

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

Approximately 60-70 colleges will be here to speak with students regarding their institutions. Please prepare any questions you have of the representatives for that evening. A list of prospective attendees will be posted on the LHS Counseling webpage.



AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS



LHS Processing Deadline is 5 school days prior to Scholarship Deadline

Unless otherwise noted, scholarship information can be found in the scholarship drawer in our office.

**Don't forget to use a Scholarship Application Checklist (yellow) form
when submitting a scholarship request.**

AES Engineering Scholarship \$500 Deadline: October 6, 2017

Visit <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> to find information about this scholarship. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of character, as determined by an evaluation of the essay that is submitted. Write an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? You are not required to take Engineering courses to be eligible. Submit essay to: scholarships@aesengineers.com. More information is found in the scholarship drawer in the counseling office.

Ron Brown Scholarship \$40,000 (\$10,000/yr.) Postmarked by November 1, 2017 and January 9, 2018

Academically talented African-Americans; strong record, leadership, community service need apply; see www.ronbrown.org for details & application. Information found in scholarship drawer.

Christian Connector, Inc. \$2,500 scholarship drawing

A Free online Christian College Scholarship Resource Program allows students to search for the different types of scholarships that are of interest. Students can log onto www.christianconnector.com to request information and automatically be entered in the \$2,500 scholarship drawing.

The College Plan \$250 Deadline: drawing will be April 1, 2018

Student must be accepted into an accredited college, university or technical school. Drawing will be held by April 1st for the upcoming year. Complete the scholarship form that can be found in the scholarship drawer and returned to the Counseling and Advisement office or click [here](#)

Davidson College

John Montgomery Belk Scholarship \$Full Deadline: Pre-Apps to Counseling by October 27, 2017

This scholarship is a merit-based program, covering room, board, tuition and fees. Must have intellectual ability and success, leadership experience, commitment to service and overall personal vigor. Fill out a pre-application form found [here](#) or in the scholarship drawer to be nominated for the Belk Award.

Delta Waterfowl

Greater Columbia Chapter \$1000(2) Deadline: October 20, 2017

Senior interested in entering the field of natural resources, to include but not necessarily be limited to Wildlife Management, Forestry or Marine Sciences. Must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.0. Criteria include academic achievement, financial need, extracurricular activities, community service, and notable experiences or skills. Needed for application: transcript, SAT and/or ACT scores, passport size photo, Student Aid report. For complete information and application pick up an application in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

Discover Colleges \$1,000 Deadline: Complete form on-line

Go to <http://www.discoverColleges.com> to request information and automatically be entered in the scholarship.

Discover Student Loans **\$2,500 (40)** **Deadline: December 31, 2017**
Scholarships are geared toward seniors of the United States and who are planning to attend college next school year. Students can get tips and resources on paying for college and enter for a chance to win a \$2,500 scholarship. Click [here](#) to go to the Discover website for information and link to enter for the scholarship.

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans Scholarship **up to \$25,000** **Deadline: October 25, 2017**

Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in the United States, planning to enter college the next fall; commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor degree; critical financial need; community activities; 2.0 GPA. Visit <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/2018-horatio-alger-state-scholarship-programs/> for a list of the scholarships.

Jefferson Scholars Program
(University of Virginia) **Full** **Deadline: December 1, 2017**

It is highly recommended that the nominee be interested in attending UVA, but not required of nominees; exceptional ability in leadership, citizenship and scholarship; Complete pre-application found in scholarship drawer or click [here](#) to be nominated.

John F. Kennedy
The Profile in Courage Essay Contest **\$500 - \$10,000** **Deadline: Postmarked by January 4, 2018**

For scholarship details go to:
<http://pull.xmr3.com/cgi-bin/pull/DocPull/5624-DDFF/158234254/d95398b2-7e3a-4e71-86e5-16ae8c0cae9d.html> Click [here](#) for an outline of the essay contest and its deadline.

Kittie M. Fairey
Educational Fund Scholarship **up to ½ tuition, rm & bd** **LHS Deadline January 9, 2018`**

Seniors seeking Bachelor's degree from S.C. College; academics and financial need – must have 3.0 GPA, combined SAT Score of 1100 (all three scores) and a score of 26 on the ACT, adjusted gross income, less than \$40,000; Click [here](#) for more information.

Midlands Technical College Foundation
Scholarships **Various** **Deadline: April 15, 2017**

MTC college foundation offers numerous scholarships. Go to Midlands Tech financial aid site for more information. Go to: <https://www.midlandstech.edu/FoundationScholarships> to apply.

Navy ROTC Scholarship **\$180,000** **Deadline: March – January 31, 2018**

Earn a 4 year scholarship with no obligation to the Navy until your sophomore year. Program completion and graduation will result in Commissioning in the US Navy. A 5 year minimum active duty obligation as a naval officer is required. Must be at least 17 years of age and not older than 23 with a combined SAT Score of 1050 and a score of 22 in the ACT or Top 10% of Graduation Class. For more information: apply on line at <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>

Prudential Spirit of Community Scholarships **up to \$6,000** **LHS Deadline: October 24, 2017**

Student who has initiated volunteer activities since September 1, 2016; complete application on-line at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit to be considered for nomination. A Certification page should either be emailed or hand-deliver to our principal for signatures before the deadline of November 7, 2017.

Rules can be found in scholarship drawer in Counseling and Advisement or [here](#).

Robertson Scholars Leadership Program **Full Tuition and More** **Deadline: November 15, 2017**

This scholars program is designed to build the next generations leaders. This program gives full access to two of the country's leading institutions, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. If you're applying to one of these colleges also apply for the Robertson Program. For more information go to www.robertsonscholars.org

The Silver Pen **Up to \$1,500** **Deadline: December 9, 2017**
Wellmore of Tega Cay, a retirement community located here in Lexington is offering this writing competition. Silver Pen is an opportunity to bridge the communication gap between younger and older generations. Essay Topic and Essay rules can be found in the scholarship drawer and [here](#).

S. C. Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship **\$1,500** **LHS Deadline: January 9, 2018**
Plan to attend 4 year college in South Carolina; have competitive or recreational interest in golf; 2.75 GPA; apply on-line at www.scholarshipprograms.org

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes **\$500** **Apply online until May 14, 2018**
Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need. Fifteen chances to win with two winners chosen every two weeks from October to May. Enter online at <https://oftocollegesweepstakes.suntrust.com/>

Uncomfortable Scholarship
By Serac Hammocks **\$500** **Deadline: December 1, 2017**
We've all been through a tough and uncomfortable situation. But it's events like these that help us grow and shape our character. This scholarship is for those who have overcome difficulties and would like to share their story. Must have a GPA of 3.0. Information about the scholarship can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

University of Dayton, Ohio
Leadership in Service Scholarship **\$10,000** **Pre-application deadline: October 23, 2017**
Looking for a student who has a desire for personal development and is committed to service within his or her school, church or community. The scholarship is not based on GPA and test scores. Pre-applications can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

The University of Georgia
Bernard Ramsey Honors Scholarship **\$6,000 plus** **Deadline: November 1, 2017**
Applicants must be current high school seniors with an un-weighted high school GPA of at least a 3.9 and a minimum combined SAT 1 score of 2110, new SAT (SAT-R) score of 1470 or ACT score of 32. For additional information please visit the Honors Program website (<https://honors.uga.edu>).

The University of Georgia
Foundation Fellowship Scholarship **\$12,000 plus** **Deadline: November 1, 2017**
Applicants must be current high school seniors with an un-weighted high school GPA of at least a 3.9 and a minimum combined SAT 1 score of 2110, new SAT (SAT-R) score of 1470 or ACT score of 32. For additional information please visit the Honors Program website (<https://honors.uga.edu>).

University of North Carolina
The Levine Scholars Program **\$105,000** **Deadline for nominations to Counseling is October 2, 2017**
The Levine Scholars program enrolls 20 students annually and provides them with the tools, resources, and community they need to prepare for lives of leadership and positive social impact. Visit www.levinescholars.uncc.edu to learn more and go [here](#) for the pre-nomination form.

Vivint Smart Home Scholarship **\$1,000** **Deadline: October 1, 2017**
Scholarship award is not based on financial need but must be a high school senior, United States resident, must be planning on or already enrolled in one of the eligible majors listed in the Scholarship Official Rules and must submit a video that meets the guidelines described on The Vivint Smart Home Scholarship webpage. <https://www.vivint.com/scholarship#application>

WACE – National Co-Op Scholarship Program 160 Merit Scholarship totaling \$4.2 Million
Deadline: Postmarked by February 15, 2018

Go to the online version of the Best of Co-op Guide for the most informative source about college level co-op programs. Students who are admitted to one of the eleven institutions listed in the scholarship brochure can apply for one of the scholarships. Go to www.waceinc.org to apply. Click [here](#) for more information.

Washington University in St. Louis

Danforth Scholars Program up to full Deadline: November 3, 2017

Plan to attend Washington University. You must exhibit a capacity for service and leadership, as well as academic excellence. Fill out a pre-application found in the Counseling scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

Until more scholarships come in for us to publicize you can also visit:

www.fastweb.com
FinAid-www.finaid.org
Libraries
US Dept. of Education
Any college’s financial aid office

Nondiscrimination Policies - Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX. Inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504 for elementary students go to the Coordinator of ESOL/RtI and for secondary students to the Director of Counseling and Advisement. The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II. Contact these people if you have questions regarding these issues at P. O. Box 1869, Lexington, SC 29072 and telephone number (803)-821-1000.

