

**Announcements and Opportunities for Seniors**  
**September 12, 2011**

1. Sen Lindsey Graham has requested **any student interested in possibly attending any of the US military academies** in the future to attend the Academy Day on **Saturday, Sept. 17**, from 10am-12 noon at the National Advocacy Center in downtown Columbia. The address for the center is 1620 Pendleton St. If you are planning to attend, **please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 15** at [academy\\_nominations@lgraham.senate.gov](mailto:academy_nominations@lgraham.senate.gov) (there is an underscore between the y and the n in email address) or call Rene Ann Brown at 803-933-0112.
2. Every year 2 students are selected from each state to participate in the **US Senate Youth Program in Washington, DC** during the week of March 3-10, 2012. This program is highly **competitive and merit-based**; obviously the students who attend this **should be highly motivated to learn about the inner-workings of our government**. If you believe your student fits into this category, please have him/her **come by the guidance office no later than Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, to get details on the application process**.
3. Any student and/or parents who would like to hear information about **Washington and Lee University** are encouraged to attend a session w/ a W&L Admissions Rep and an area alumni at the Inn at USC on 1619 Pendleton St. in Columbia. The date is **Thursday, Sept. 22**, at 7pm.
4. **Clemson will hold its WISE CHOICE**, a recruiting day **for women who are interested in majoring in science or engineering, on Friday, October 28**, from 9am-3:30pm. The session is **free but acceptance is on a first-come, first-served basis**. For this reason have your student **come to guidance as soon as possible** to complete the application, as we will then fax them to Clemson; **only 3 students per high school** will be accepted for the WISE CHOICE program. If applying, the student should have a **3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale** (see me if you are not sure of your GPA on a 4.0 scale!).
5. Is your student thinking of **majoring in education at college**? If so, the **South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program**, administered by CERRA-SC, is **looking for applicants** for the program. As long as your student is **majoring in the field of education and pursuing teacher certification** at one of the participating colleges, the student would be eligible to participate in enrichment programs at the college, professional development and leadership opportunities, and receive **up to \$6000 annual fellowship for up to four years**. If this is your plan, you may apply online at <http://www.cerra.org/teachingFellows> between now and **December 1**. When the online app is submitted, **see Mrs. Craft in guidance to get very important details on other requirements** that MUST be done in order to complete your application through this office!!!
6. If your student has distinguished themselves through volunteerism over the past year and would like to compete for the **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**, please complete the online application at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit). When finished, print the completed application and **bring it to our guidance office on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>**. It is possible to win an award of \$1000 and a trip for the student and one parent to Washington, D.C. next spring.
7. **Mercer University School of Engineering** invites seniors to participate in its **Scholarship Challenge on October 8<sup>th</sup>** on their campus in Macon, Ga. Students, of course, should be planning to **major in engineering and MUST see Mrs. Craft in the guidance office ASAP and no later than Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**, by noon if they are interested in being nominated for this scholarship!!!
8. Want to major in **engineering at Brown University**? Brown is holding an Open House on Sat., September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4pm. For further info, please ask in the guidance office.