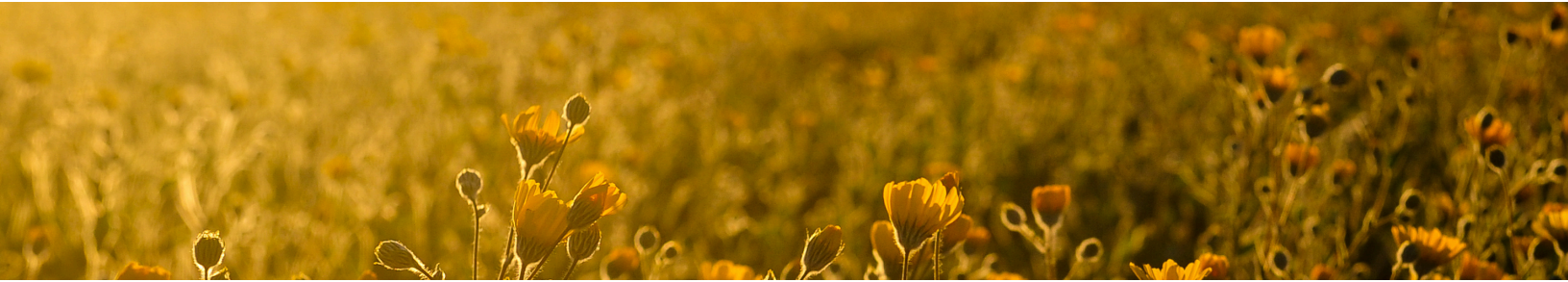


THE SENIOR SCOOP

A Publication of the Counseling Department at Monson High School Just for Seniors



College Representatives to Visit

Several college representatives will be making visits to MHS this fall to talk to students about their respective institutions and distribute informational materials. Seniors interested in attending one of these sessions **MUST** sign up in the Counseling Office prior to the scheduled visit and obtain permission to attend from the teacher in whose class the visit is scheduled to take place. Please visit the Class of 2026 Google Classroom or Counseling Office for a list of additional colleges and dates of the visits.

Currently, the following visits have been scheduled in September:

- 9/9 - United State Army National Guard - Lunch Table
- 9/10 - United States Air Force - Lunch Table
- 9/11 - UMass - Lowell
- 9/15 - UMass - Boston
- 9/18 - Post University
- 9/19 - Rhode Island College
- 9/21 - College Fair @ WNEU 12p-2p (*see more info below*)
- 9/22 - Bryant University
- 9/22 - Endicott College
- 9/23 - Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- 9/24 - University of New Hampshire
- 9/29 - Western New England University
- 9/30 - Fitchburg State University
- 9/30 - University of New England

Senior Survey For Post- Secondary Plans

Seniors will fill out a survey via the Class of 2026 Google Classroom by September 5th . Mrs. Sorel will have individual appointments with seniors over the next couple of weeks, to discuss next steps and processes for post-secondary planning. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kristen Sorel, School Counselor at sorelk@monsonschools.com or (413) 267-4589 ex. 6006.



HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID?



The trusted experts at MEFA are hosting FREE financial aid webinars!

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.mefa.org/events>

Financial Aid Resources

Find Information about Financial Aid and applying through FAFSA here:

<https://www.mefa.org/>

<https://studentaid.gov/>

<http://www.finaid.org>



Senior Admission Timeline



Over the summer, you hopefully have been visiting colleges and doing research into possible schools to attend in September 2026 or beyond. The following is a suggested timeline for the remainder of the college search process:

September - November

- Identify schools that match your desire for a specific location, major, activity, etc.
- Visit the campus before applying to ensure that you will feel comfortable in that environment.
- Identify people to write letters of recommendation (typically a classroom teacher, counselor and other recommender like a coach, boss, volunteer coordinator, club advisor, etc.)
- Begin to brainstorm and formulate essay ideas.

October - late January

- Create a Common App account at <https://www.commonapp.org/> if applicable.
- Complete applications.
- Request official transcript from the Counseling Office.
- Complete financial aid form(s).

Scholarship Resources

Scholarships.com <https://www.scholarships.com/>

Fastweb.com <https://www.fastweb.com/>

Goingmerry.com <https://www.goingmerry.com/>



2025 Fall College Fairs



Western New England University is proud to be hosting the NEACAC (New England Association for College Admission Counseling) College Fair scheduled for **Sunday, September 21**. The fair will be held from **12:00–2:00 p.m.** in the Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center. For more information, please visit:

<https://wne.edu/become-a-student/visit/college-fair.cfm>

Other New England Area College Fairs and Information can be found here:

<https://www.neacac.org/fall-college-fairs-2024>



THE COMMON APPLICATION

Common App is a non-profit college access organization designed to make applying to college faster and easier. With Common App, you only need to use one system to apply to over 900 colleges and universities, including internationally. There are two main parts you fill out: a set of common questions and each college's own specific questions. The best part is that your letters of recommendation, essay and other supporting documents are all uploaded to the same place. For more information and to create an account, please visit: **[www.https://www.commonapp.org/](https://www.commonapp.org/)**