



## SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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### **To the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of 10th and 11th Graders**

I am writing to inform you of an outstanding educational opportunity, the Jay P. Rolison, Jr., Summer Scholars Program. This two-week residential program is designed for highly motivated students who are currently sophomores or juniors (10th or 11th graders) enrolled in Dutchess County high schools for the 2008-2009 school year. The program runs from Saturday, June 27 through Friday, July 10, 2009.

The Summer Scholars Program offers three courses of study which will be conducted on the Bard, Marist, and Vassar campuses. Each campus provides a unique academic residential program, enhanced by social and cultural activities.

Student participation in the Summer Scholars Program is determined by a competitive selection process. Students must apply to be considered for selection by the countywide Selection Committee. Up to ninety students from Dutchess County will be selected to attend the Summer Scholars Program. Students must be willing to abide by the *Participation Standards* listed in the 2009 Summer Scholars Program Description book.

Students who wish to apply for the Summer Scholars Program, must complete the Summer Scholars application and return it to their guidance office by Friday, April 3, 2009. Students must also have at least one faculty member complete the Faculty Recommendation form to be submitted to the guidance office by the deadline.

The program offerings described in the 2009 Summer Scholars Program Description book for this year will be:

- ◆ Creative Writing
- ◆ Computer Graphics
- ◆ A Post-American World? America's Changing Role in the International System

If your son or daughter indicates interest in applying, please encourage him/her to submit an application and contact his/her guidance counselor. There is no tuition charged to students from public high schools, but there is a non-refundable reservation fee of \$35 charged to each student selected to participate.

This program represents a regional effort of New York State, Dutchess County school districts, Dutchess County BOCES, Bard, Marist and Vassar Colleges.

If you would like further information, please contact your high school guidance office and/or visit our website:  
<http://www.dcboces.org/summerscholars>.

Sincerely,  
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