



WPHS College and Career Center Updates October 2020

Greetings West Potomac students and families! Please read below for information on the College and Career Center, upcoming virtual college rep visits, college fairs, NOVA Pathways, financial aid help, test prep programs, selected scholarships and other opportunities.

College and Career Center – Meet with Mrs. Carter

Do you need help with making plans after high school graduation? Mrs. Carter works with your school counselors, teachers, and staff members to help students make informed decisions about post-secondary opportunities. She can provide college and career information, financial aid and scholarship resources, standardized testing (SAT/ACT) preparation, information on military careers, apprenticeship and technical school programs, job listings and summer opportunities. She is available to meet with students and parents virtually or by phone. Please send an email to ecarter@fcps.edu if interested in scheduling a time to meet.

Virtual College Rep Visits

Juniors and Seniors: We have several upcoming virtual college rep visits. This is a great opportunity to learn more about these colleges and their admissions process and meet the person in charge of reviewing your application. **Pay close attention to your fcpschools.net email and the Class of 2021 and 2022 Google Classrooms for updated information.** Links provided on College Rep Visit spreadsheet updated weekly in your Google Classrooms.

Thursday, October 1, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Benedict College (*Columbia, SC*)
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Virginia Tech (*Blacksburg, VA*)
- 3:15-4:15 p.m. NOVA Pathways Info Session

Friday, October 2, 2020

- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Virginia Commonwealth University (*Richmond, VA*)

Monday, October 5, 2020

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Radford University (*Radford, VA*)
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. American University (*Washington, D.C.*)
- 11:00-11:45 a.m. University of Alabama (*Tuscaloosa, AL*)
- 12:00-12:45 p.m. New York University (*New York, NY*)
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. University of Lynchburg (*Lynchburg, VA*)
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. University of South Carolina (*Columbia, SC*)
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. NOVA Pathways Info Session

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

- 3:00-3:45 p.m. St. Bonaventure University (*St. Bonaventure, NY*)

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Savannah State University (*Savannah, GA*)

Thursday, October 8, 2020

- 3:30-4:30 p.m. University of Rochester (*Rochester, NY*)
7:00-7:45 p.m. James Madison University (*Harrisonburg, VA*)

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

- 3:15-4:15 p.m. NOVA Application Completion Assistance
4:00-4:45 p.m. Seton Hall University (*South Orange, NJ*)

Monday, October 19, 2020

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Gettysburg College (*Gettysburg, PA*)
10:00-10:45 a.m. Mississippi State University (*Starkville, MS*)
11:00-11:45 a.m. Richard Bland College of William & Mary (*Petersburg, VA*)
12:00-12:45 p.m. Penn State University (*State College, PA*)
1:00-1:45 p.m. Randolph-Macon College (*Ashland, VA*)
2:00-2:45 p.m. Roanoke College (*Salem, VA*)
4:00-4:45 p.m. Wesleyan University (*Middletown, CT*)

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. West Virginia State University (*Institute, WV*)
3:30-4:30 p.m. Mary Baldwin University (*Staunton, VA*)

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Virginia State University (*Petersburg, VA*)

Thursday, October 22, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Lincoln University of Missouri (*Jefferson City, MO*)
5:30-6:30 p.m. NOVA Application Completion Assistance

Friday, October 23, 2020

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Washington College (*Chestertown, MD*)

Monday, October 26, 2020

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Lafayette College (*Easton, PA*)
10:00-10:45 a.m. College of Charleston (*Charleston, SC*)
11:00-11:45 a.m. Norfolk State University (*Norfolk, VA*)
12:00-12:45 p.m. University of Pittsburgh (*Pittsburgh, PA*)
1:00-1:45 p.m. St. Mary's College of Maryland (*St. Mary's City, MD*)
2:00-2:45 p.m. University of Missouri (*Columbia, MO*)

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

- 3:15-4:15 p.m. NOVA Pathways Application Assistance

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Johnson C. Smith University (*Charlotte, NC*)

Monday, November 2, 2020

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. York College of Pennsylvania (*York, PA*)
10:00-10:45 a.m. Marymount University (*Arlington, VA*)
11:00-11:45 a.m. Furman University (*Greenville, SC*)
12:00-12:45 p.m. University of Cincinnati (*Cincinnati, OH*)
1:00-1:45 p.m. Hollins University (*Hollins, VA*)
2:00-2:45 p.m. Saint Joseph's University (*Philadelphia, PA*)

Thursday, November 5, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Shaw University (*Raleigh, NC*)

Monday, November 9, 2020

- 3:15-4:15 p.m. NOVA Pathways Application Assistance

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bowie State University (*Bowie, MD*)

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. NOVA Pathways Application Assistance

College Search Tips

Check out the link below for tips on how to learn about colleges on-line.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/10-ways-to-learn-about-colleges-online>

Virtual College Fairs/Open Houses

National Association for College Admission Counseling Virtual College Fair: Free event, attend as many sessions as you like. Parents are invited too. Sign up at <https://virtualcollegefairs.org>.

- Monday, October 12, 1-9 p.m.
- Sunday, October 18, 12-8 p.m.
- Sunday, November 8, 2-10 p.m.

Butler University Open House: Oct. 14 and Nov. 4, 2020 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

<https://www.butler.edu/open-house>

Butler University Virtual Tour: Oct. Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

<https://www.butler.edu/admission/first-year-visits>

Alcanza College Fair: Thursday October 22nd 3-5:30 p.m.

<https://events.admissions.gmu.edu/alcanza/>

Towson University Undergraduate Open House

- Friday, October 23rd and November 26th 2-4 pm
- Saturday, October 24th and November 7th 10 am-12 pm

<https://www.towson.edu/admissions/visit/openhouse.html>

NOVA Pathways Program

NVCC Pathway to the Baccalaureate - Information Session October 5th 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Join using link: <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/97270915854> Meeting ID: 972 7091 5854

The Pathway to the Baccalaureate Program increases access to higher education for selected, underrepresented students from participating Northern Virginia high schools. The program is designed to serve students who have both the motivation and capacity to earn a bachelor's degree. The Pathway Program provides multifaceted, individualized support during the transition from high school to Northern Virginia Community College, and the transfer to George Mason University or another institution of the student's choice. The Pathways Program provides:

- One-on-one meetings with a Pathway Counselor at participating high schools to develop an individualized plan for college transition.
- Regular workshops on key transition issues, including college placement testing and financial planning.
- Personalized assistance with applying for financial aid and scholarships.
- Early placement testing, academic advising and priority registration at participating high schools.
- Comprehensive summer orientation programs.

Financial Aid Information

Seniors Applying for Financial Aid – Get your FSA ID

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) requires a signature. The online signature is called an FSA ID. Students who will file a FAFSA will need an FSA ID, and at least one parent will need an FSA ID. The FSA ID requires the user's social security number, birth date, functioning email, phone number, and a user-created password. Parent and student must have different emails and phone numbers. Use name as it appears on social security card and be completely accurate with all entries. Visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> to get your FSA ID.

Financial Aid Information Session

The FCPS School Counseling Office and College Access Fairfax is offering a Financial Aid presentation for FCPS Region 3 high schools Tuesday October 6th 7:00-8:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include: understanding financial aid, how the financial aid process works, and the steps that families need to take to secure financial aid. Attendees will have the ability to ask general questions after the presentation. Seniors and their families can participate in any presentation at their convenience and do not need to attend the presentation for their region. (see attached flyer)

Individual Financial Aid Assistance

Mrs. Rowsey, WP Financial Aid Champion, is with College Access Fairfax (CAF), a local organization committed to helping Fairfax County Public School students with the complex task of acquiring financial aid for post-secondary education. Mrs. Rowsey is available to assist students and parents in completing the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile starting October 1. She can communicate with students/parents through email, phone or a scheduled "Zoom" session. Contact information: [Katrina Rowsey](mailto:Katrina.Rowsey@fcps.edu) khrowsey@fcps.edu www.collegeaccessfairfax.org 757-284-1609

SAT, ACT and PSAT Test Prep

New Self-Directed Classes This Year (\$125.00) - For any student wanting to prep for official tests this fall and winter, the test prep program is offering self-directed online test prep created by Applerouth. This is an excellent course that covers all the content offered through the usual

group class as well as tips and strategies for the official tests. Mock test or PSAT results provide a solid study guide. Applerouth tutors are available to assist self-directed students with any questions during the course. Mock tests are not included in the self-directed class but are readily available. PTSA currently has 29 licenses available. Register by contacting Marilyn Aboff at marilynaboff@yahoo.com.

SAT & ACT Test Prep Mocks and Group Classes – 2020/21

View full schedule and [Register Here](#) Upcoming mock test dates include 10/17, 11/14 and 12/5

PSAT/NMSQT- Free Online Prep Offered by Applerouth through 10/11/20 - You're invited to Applerouth's [PSAT Prep Rally!](#) Students can join online strategy sessions to prep and then take a full-length proctored practice PSAT/NMSQT - **for free**. After the practice test, students will receive a detailed score report that highlights both their strengths and areas for growth. [\[Learn More & Register\]](#)

COVID-19 Update for Test Prep - Classes and mock tests will be offered online with a live instructor until the school facilities reopen and we can safely return to the West Potomac campus.

Scholarships

WPHS student need-based scholarships for mocks and classes are available through the College and Career Center Specialist, Liz Carter, ecarter@fcps.edu.

Questions?

Contact Marilyn Aboff, marilynaboff@yahoo.com.

Scholarships

Cooke College Scholarship Program – scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. See Naviance Student or <https://www.jkcf.org/>
Deadline Oct. 30, 2020

Graduate Women in Science –Scholarship for a female high school junior or senior (as of Nov. 2020) who plans to pursue a career in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). See Naviance Student or <https://gwisncc.org/scholarship/>
Deadline Nov. 15, 2020

Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders – At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. The Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders seeks to recognize Hispanics students who embody Dr. Andrade's dedication to service and USHL's mission. See Naviance Student or <https://www.uskli.org/dr-juan-andrade-scholarship-for-young-hispanic-leaders/>
Deadline Nov. 30, 2020

National Space Club and Foundation Keynote Scholarship – Scholarship for a high school senior with definite plans to pursue a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields, with a preference for those with space related interests. See Naviance Student or <https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/>
Deadline Dec. 2, 2020

Greater Livings Scholarship – Greatlivings.com, a website that will assist in deciding what products to purchase for your home. As we were students in the past, we know all the difficulties that students face each day. We want to help and support students to pursue their dreams through higher education and life-long learning. See Naviance Student or

<https://greatlivings.com/scholarships/>

Deadline extended to Dec. 15, 2020

Barbara Lotze Scholarships for Future Teachers – High school seniors enrolled, or planning to enroll, in physics teacher preparation programs are eligible. Successful applicants receive a stipend of up to \$2,000 and a complimentary AAPT Student Membership for one year. The scholarship may be granted to an individual for four years. See Naviance Student or

<https://aapt.org/Programs/grants/lotze.cfm>

Deadline Dec. 1, 2020

Ziculator Annual College Scholarship – At Ziculator we are aware of the hard efforts that students go through each academic year. Also, we know how hard it is for students to find a job for covering their costs (tuition + living expenses) due to major university requirements. Ziculator is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to one student to support his/her education. See Naviance Student or

<https://www.ziculator.com/scholarship>

Deadline Dec. 31, 2020

Ron Brown Scholar Program – The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. See Naviance Student or

<https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/program-description>

Deadline Jan. 9, 2021

Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) Scholarship – The Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) will provide a \$2000 scholarship to one 2021 high school senior from a public or private high school in Prince William or Fairfax County. The goal of this scholarship is to increase interest and knowledge of American history with special emphasis on the Civil War as it happened in the local area and how it affected armies and civilians for both sides in the war. See Naviance Student or

www.bullruncwrt.org

Deadline April 5, 2021

Ambient Edge Students Affected by Cancer Scholarship – The Ambient Edge Scholarship is for Students Affected by Cancer. Scholarship wants to help high-achieving students who have dealt with—or are still dealing with—cancer in any form. The scholarship will grant \$1,000 to one talented, hard-working student to help them reach their dreams. See Naviance Student or

<https://www.ambientedge.com/students-affected-by-cancer-scholarship/>

Deadline June 30, 2021

Horatio Alger Association National Scholarship – As one of the nation’s largest college financial aid programs in the country, the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is one of the major scholarship programs nationally that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. The scholarships are funded by Horatio Alger Members who, like the Scholars, have experienced challenges but ultimately overcame them to become successful business and civic leaders. See Naviance Student or <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/national-scholarships/>
Deadline Oct. 25, 2020

Horatio Alger Association State Scholarship - State scholarships are awarded to eligible students in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The program specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. The scholarships are funded by Horatio Alger Members who, like the Scholars, have experienced challenges but ultimately overcame them to become successful business and civic leaders. See Naviance Student or <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/>
Deadline Oct. 25, 2020

Making Life Easier Scholarship Program – Toyota Financial Services (TFS) proudly announces its 2021 Making Life Easier (MLE) Scholarship Program that will award up to \$1 million to college-bound students associated with select community partners. Recipients will be selected from all eligible applicants based on financial need and community service. Students can apply for scholarships of up to \$20,000 that will be distributed over four years. See Naviance Student or <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/toyotafinancial/>
Deadline Oct. 30, 2020

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship – The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. See Naviance Student or <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/> Deadline Oct. 31, 2020

National Security Agency (NSA) Stokes Educational Scholarship Program – Stokes Educational Scholarship Program is an opportunity for students to gain valuable experience in their field while attending college and earning a degree. The Stokes Program is open to high school seniors, particularly minority students, planning to major in computer science or computer/electrical engineering. With the Stokes Program, students will attend college full-time and work during the summer at NSA’s HQ in Fort Meade, Maryland for a minimum of 12 weeks in areas related to your course of study. See Naviance Student or <https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html>
Deadline Oct. 31, 2020

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship – The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship Program is a scholarship for the visual arts and art history in Virginia. VMFA is committed to supporting professional artists as well as art and art history students who demonstrate exceptional creative ability in their chosen discipline and, as such, has awarded nearly \$5.8 million in Fellowships to Virginians. See Naviance Student or <https://www.vmfa.museum/programs/college/visual-arts-fellowships/>
Deadline Nov. 6, 2020

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship – The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2021 competition. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. See Naviance student or <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>
Deadline Nov. 15, 2020

Darrigo, Diaz & Jimenez Annual Scholarship for Emergency Responders – Darrigo & Diaz is proud to announce the Annual Scholarship for Emergency Responders and their Families, worth \$1000. This scholarship is awarded once per year to one of America's unsung heroes or a member of their family. See Naviance Student or <https://www.ddlawtampa.com/scholarship/>
Deadline Nov. 30, 2020

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards – The Youth Awards was founded in 1998 by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. Now entering its 22nd year, the Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Finance, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Social Justice and Technology. See Naviance Student or <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>
Deadline Dec. 6, 2020

Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution – Four scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who plan to major in any field other than nursing. The winners MUST attend a Virginia college or university. Students applying to a Virginia community college transition program leading to a four-year degree and students who are home-schooled are also eligible to apply. See Naviance Student or <https://www.virginiadar.org/about/#scholarships>
Deadline Jan. 12, 2021

Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution Nursing Scholarship – Two scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who will continue their education at an accredited Virginia school of nursing. Students applying to a Virginia community college transition program leading to a four-year degree and students who are home-schooled are also eligible to apply. See Naviance Student or <https://www.virginiadar.org/about/#scholarships>
Deadline Jan. 12, 2021

Bressman Law Traumatic Brain Injury Scholarship – Scholarship awarded to students persevering despite the effects of severe head trauma. Bressman Law has created a \$1,000 scholarship designed to heighten public awareness of the challenges American youth face following a traumatic brain injury. See Naviance Student or <https://www.bressmanlaw.com/scholarship/?msID=a6e42a77-8215-4213-bd20-660935207311>
Deadline June 15, 2021

Dallas Car Accident Lawyers Cancer Awareness Scholarship – This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one high achieving high school student who has battled cancer or been affected by it. See Naviance student or <https://www.dallascaraccidentlawyers.net/cancer-awareness-scholarship/>
Deadline June 15, 2021

Survivor of a Car Accident Scholarship – The scholarship is open to students who have themselves been the victim of a car accident, as well as those who had a close loved one harmed in a car accident. See Naviance Student or <https://www.johnfoyc.com/survivor-of-a-car-accident-scholarship/> Deadline June 15, 2021

Enrichment Programs

Academic Year Immersion: Saturdays and/or Sundays October 17 – December 20, 2020 for 9th-12th graders.

<https://precollege.sps.columbia.edu/highschool/academic-year-immersion>

Volunteer Fest: October 24th and 25th, 2020

<https://www.volunteerfairfax.org/volunteerfest-2020/>

Fem Z Ambassador/Mentoring Program: Throughout 2020-2021

<https://femz.org/> and <https://forms.gle/foGQQ9SejF3NFbKp6>

Give Youth Tutors: Saturdays and/or Sundays 2020-2021 school year

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

Free NASA Opportunities For Virginia High School Students: Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) provides the following **FREE** STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities for Virginia high school students in grades 10 through 12. Online course applications are **OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 25th** for 10th – 12th grade students to apply.

10th Grade

Virginia Space Coast Scholars (VSCS) – Online course for 10th grade students focusing on missions flown or managed by NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore, with a week-long summer academy program at NASA Wallops Flight Facility. <http://vsgc.odu.edu/spacecoast/>

11th and 12th Grade

Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) – Online course for 11th and 12th grade students focusing on NASA's human spaceflight missions and the Journey to the Moon and on to Mars with a week-long summer academy at NASA Langley Research Center. Students can earn up to four free dual enrollment college credits. <http://vsgc.odu.edu/VASTS/>

11th and 12th Grade

Virginia Earth System Science Scholars (VESSS) – This interactive online earth system science course for 11th and 12th grade students features NASA scientific research and data. Students can earn up to five dual enrollment college credits and can also be selected to attend a summer academy program at NASA Langley Research Center. <http://vsgc.odu.edu/VESSS>