



WPHS College and Career Center Updates November 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 eecarter@fcps.edu if interested in scheduling a time to meet.

Virtual College Rep Visits and Lunch & Learn Sessions

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. We also have several Lunch & Learn Sessions with Mrs. Carter scheduled. **Pay close attention to your fcpschools email and the Class of 2021 and 2022 Google Classrooms for updated information.** Links will be sent out a few days before the session.

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 (*Roanoke, VA*)
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. Saint Joseph's University (*Philadelphia, PA*)

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

- 3:00-3:45 p.m. Tougaloo College (*Tougaloo, MS*)

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

- 3:00-3:45 p.m. Florida A&M University (*Tallahassee, FL*)
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Elizabeth City State University (*Elizabeth City, NC*)

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

3:00-3:45 p.m. Winston Salem State University (*Winston-Salem, NC*)

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

Thursday, November 12, 2020

9:00-9:45 a.m. Gettysburg College (*Gettysburg, PA*)

11:15-11:50 a.m. Lunch & Learn Session – How to Search and Apply for Scholarships

3:00-3:45 p.m. Albany State University (*Albany, GA*)

Monday, November 16, 2020

11:00-11:45 a.m. YEAR-UP presentation

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

11:15-11:50 a.m. Lunch & Learn Session – Your College Essay – Make it Great

Monday, November 23, 2020

11:15-11:50 a.m. Lunch & Learn Session – How To Create a FSA ID

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

11:30-12:15 p.m. Trinity Washington University (*Washington, D.C.*)

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>.

- Sunday, November 8, 2-10 p.m.

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

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

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program (HOBY) Class of 2023: HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar, empowers high school **sophomores** to develop their leadership talents to become leaders in their community. The seminar curriculum is based on the Social Change Model of Leadership and develops leadership from three perspectives: Personal Leadership, Group Leadership, and Leadership for Society. The 3-4-day seminar weekend (seminar dates/locations announced November 16th) is filled with interactive activities and

workshops that allow students to discover their personal leadership strengths. After understanding leadership from three different perspectives, students then learn to cultivate their skills to lead others and make a positive impact in their community. To learn more about the HOBY program see link below: <http://www.hoby.org/programs/leadership-seminars/>
To compete for the West Potomac High School HOBY Nominee please email Mrs. Carter, eecarter@fcps.edu for application by Wednesday Nov. 18th

NOVA Pathways Program

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.

For application information and how to apply contact Monique Peterson, NVCC Pathways Counselor, mpeterson@nvcc.edu

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.

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:KRowsey@fcps.edu) khrowsey@fcps.edu www.collegeaccessfairfax.org 757-284-1609

College and Career Center “Lunch and Learn Sessions” November 12th, 18th and 23rd 11:15-11:50 a.m.: Mrs. Carter will send an email and post message to Class of 2021 Google Classroom on how to register to for sessions and receive link to join.
November 12---- How to Search and Apply for Scholarships
November 18----Writing A Good College Essay
November 23----How to Create a FSA ID in Order to Apply for Financial Aid

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 11/14 and 12/5

Scholarships

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

Questions?

Contact Marilyn Aboff, marilynaboff@yahoo.com.

For more Applerouth Resources see link: <https://westpotomachs.fcps.edu/node/2542>

Scholarships

The BURGER KINGSM Scholars program assists employees, employees' spouses or domestic partners, employees' children and **high school seniors** in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada in continuing their education. The program has awarded more than \$44 million in scholarships to more than 39,000 students. Scholarship looks for integrity, high standards, entrepreneurial spirit and good citizenship in applicants. See Naviance Student or <https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/> Deadline: Dec 15th

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program – Honoring the legacy and character of our nation’s 40th President, the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. Applicants must demonstrate attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Applicants must demonstrate strong academic performance, be citizens of the United States of America, current high school seniors and plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program. See Naviance Student or <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/> Deadline Jan. 5, 2021

U.S. JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship – Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. See Naviance Student or <http://www.usjcisenate.org/scholarship-program> Deadline Jan. 22, 2021

Test Prep Insight Scholarship – Applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend a 2-4-year university or community college. Candidates must have a medically recognized physical or mental disability, minimum GPA is 2.5, and be in good academic standing. See Naviance Student or <https://testprepsight.com/scholarship/> Deadline Nov. 30.

Fairfax Library Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship – Students who live, work, volunteer, or attend school within Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax. Scholarships of up to \$2,000 are awarded to individuals who have either applied to, been accepted at, or are currently enrolled in an undergraduate academic degree program; or to individuals enrolled in academic courses not necessarily part of a degree program. Applications are evaluated based on the individual's demonstrated academic achievements; potential for academic achievement in a college environment; and experience or demonstrated interest in library work; and a letter of reference. See Naviance Student or <https://www.fairfaxlibraryfoundation.org/scholarships> Deadline Jan. 15th

Coolidge Scholarship – for Juniors - Open to JUNIORS planning to attend college in Fall 2022. A full-ride presidential scholarship that covers tuition, room, board and expenses for 4 years of undergraduate study at any American university. Online Application, test scores, essay, resume, 2 letters of recommendation. Must read President Coolidge's Autobiography. See Naviance Student or <https://coolidgescholars.org/about/> Deadline Jan. 20

HBC Council Scholarship – The HBCU Council of Shiloh Baptist Church is pleased to announce the 2021/2022 Application Cycle. Established in 2003, the HBCU Council offered two Scholarship Awards totaling \$2000; The Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith HBCU Award, based on academic excellence and the HBCU Heritage Scholarship Award, based on academic performance and financial need. Since then, the HBCU Council has expanded its offerings in additional Scholarships and Awards. Students are encouraged to apply for our Scholarship Awards if you plan to attend or have been accepted to a Historically Black College or University (public/private). See Naviance Student or <http://www.hbcucouncil.com/Scholarship.html> Deadline January 23

Enrichment Programs

Financial Aid 101 Webinars –Nov. 19, 2020, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18, 2021; 6pm - 7:30pm
www.schev.edu/123Go

College Boot Camp 2020: A Webinar for Students –Nov. 9, 2020 12:30pm - 3pm
<https://www.fcps.edu/node/28019>

Girls In Technology Mentor-Protégé Program – Nov. 10, Nov. 12 and Dec. 2, 2020, Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7, 2021 - <https://www.womenintechnology.org/girls-in-technology>

Historically Black College and University (HBCU) College Festival Feb. 20, 2021

Health Career Scholars Academy – deadline Feb. 22, 2021 – event date June 27 – July 24, 2021 - <http://www.hcsa.pitt.edu/>

Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive – deadline Feb. 22, 2021 – event date June 27 – July 24, 2021 - <https://global.lehigh.edu/iacocca-institute/high-school/lehigh>

Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program – deadline Nov. 30, 2020 – event date 8 weeks in summer 2021 - <https://seap.asee.org/>

Gap Year Volunteering: How You Can Give Back While on Break – event date gap year - <https://www.publicservicedegrees.org/volunteering/for-a-gap-year/>

VA-10 Student STEM Workshop –Nov. 7, 2020 10am - 1pm
<https://wexton.house.gov/services/va-10-s-student-stem-workshop.htm>

Virtual Open House (Sciences Po Paris) – Nov. 14, 2020
<https://www.sciencespo.fr/en/visit-sciences-po-campus-open-house-days>

Online Information Session (IDC Herzliya-Raphael Recanati International School) Nov. 15, 2020 at 1pm - <https://www.eventer.co.il/rriinfosession15nov>

Student Coding Bootcamp: Analyze COVID-19 Data with R and Google CoLab – Dec. 19th and 20th 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm - <https://www.utc.edu/faculty/hong-qin/events.php>

Multicultural Visitation Program (MVP) – University of Rochester –Nov. 5 – Dec. 1, 2020 Tuesday and Thursday evenings - <https://enrollment.rochester.edu/multicultural-visitation-program/>

Computer Science Community Showcase –Nov. 7 10am - 6pm Pacific Standard Time - <http://make.sc/cscs2020>

Richard Bland College of William & Mary Open House – Nov.11, 2020 7pm - 8pm or Nov. 12, 2020 11am - 12pm
https://richardblandcollege.formstack.com/forms/virtual_admissions_information_session_via_zoom

National Performing Arts College Fairs – Nov. 12, 2020 8pm - 11pm or Nov. 23, 2020 7pm - 10pm - <https://www.musicadmissionsroundtable.org/student-information>

Academic Year Immersion (Columbia University) – Jan. 16, 2020 – March 21, 2021 - <http://precollege.sps.columbia.edu/highschool/academic-year-immersion>

Nursing Internships for High School Students – event date Summer 2021 - <https://www.rntobsnonlineprogram.com/nursing-internships-for-high-school-students/>

Stanford Medical High School Programs – event date Summer 2021 - <http://med.stanford.edu/education/high-school-undergraduate-programs.html>