



## WPHS College and Career Center Updates December 2020

Greetings West Potomac students and families! Please find below information on the College and Career Center, upcoming college information sessions, 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](mailto:ecarter@fcps.edu) if interested in scheduling a time to meet.

### **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>

### **College Information Sessions**

**John Hopkins University Panel with MD/VA/DC students, 12/8 @ 7pm:** Join Johns Hopkins University for a virtual panel featuring current Hopkins students from DC, Maryland & Virginia. You'll hear about their Hopkins experiences so you can better envision what it's like to be a part of our community, plus ask the panelists your questions.

Date: Tuesday, December 8 Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Register Here: <https://admissions.jhu.edu/register/?id=0922f917-1a8d-4815-a504-a235083d5f99>

If you have any questions before the event, feel free to email [gotojhu@jhu.edu](mailto:gotojhu@jhu.edu)

**SAVE THE DATE Historically Black College and University (HBCU) College Festival** Feb. 20, 2021

### **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. She can communicate with students/parents through email, phone or a scheduled “Zoom” session. Contact information: [KatrinaRowsey](mailto:KatrinaRowsey@fcps.edu) [khrowsey@fcps.edu](mailto:khrowsey@fcps.edu) [www.collegeaccessfairfax.org](http://www.collegeaccessfairfax.org) 757-284-1609

### **Financial Aid 101 Webinars**

Jan. 21 and Feb. 18, 2021; 6pm - 7:30pm [www.schev.edu/123Go](http://www.schev.edu/123Go)

## **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](mailto:marilynaboff@yahoo.com).

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

View full schedule and [Register Here](#) Upcoming mock test dates include 12/5 and 1/9.

### **Scholarships**

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

### **Questions?**

Contact Marilyn Aboff, [marilynaboff@yahoo.com](mailto:marilynaboff@yahoo.com).

## **Scholarships**

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR):** Applicants must be citizens of the United States to apply for a scholarship offered by the DAR Scholarship Committee. Applicants must also attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. DAR chapter sponsorship is not required, however, applicants may want to reach out to a DAR chapter in their area for help with their applications. See Naviance Student or <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/general-information> to apply.  
Deadline January 31, 2021

**Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship:** Through its Mentoring and Leadership Development Program, the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$30,000

over four years to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice. See Naviance Student or <https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/applicants/> to apply.  
Deadline February 1, 2021

**American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Scholarship:** The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, with the support of the American Academy of Chefs (AAC), is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships annually to students planning to pursue an Apprenticeship program Certificate program or Post-secondary degree program. See Naviance Student to apply or <https://www.acfchefs.org//ACF/Education/Scholarships/ACF/Education/Scholarships/>  
Deadline April 30, 2021

**Fairfax Education Association Scholarships for FEA Members and FCPS Transportation Field:** Scholarships awarded to FEA members and their children currently enrolled in a higher education program. Scholarships also awarded to FCPS Transportation Employees. To be eligible for the Joyce E Dawkins Memorial Scholarship, applicants must be a student whose parent, grandparent or legal guardian is either currently employed or was previously employed in the Fairfax County Public Schools pupil transportation field. See Naviance Student or <https://fairfaxea.org/scholarships/> to apply.  
Deadline May 1, 2021

**CRG - LINDA ELAINE MALOY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:** CRG Residential, LLC, will award a one-time \$5,000 scholarship to one deserving graduating high school senior, who has suffered the loss of a parent, parental figure, or immediate family member, or whose family is currently facing a health-related issue that has created emotional and/or financial hardship for the student and his/her family. This scholarship will be awarded based on character, attitude, and perseverance in the face of difficult times. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the university/college/vocational school to be applied to the student's tuition. To apply see <https://crgresidential.com/linda-e-maloy-scholarship-application/>  
Deadline March 1, 2021

**The Rafi Law Firm Golden Gavel Scholarship:** In order to qualify for the Rafi Law Firm Golden Gavel Scholarship applicants can be a junior or senior in high school planning to attend a trade school, college, or university after high school graduation. Applicants must have at least a 2.8 GPA, submit copy of unofficial transcript, complete online application, and submit an essay on one of the topics given in application. See Naviance Student to apply or <https://www.rafilawfirm.com/rafi-law-firm-scholarship/>  
Deadline Dec. 15, 2020

**THE DREAM.US Scholarship Program:** Applicants must meet Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or TPS Eligibility or come to the US before Nov. 1, 2015 and plan to attend one of the Partner Colleges. For more information and application see Naviance Student or <https://www.thedream.us/>  
Deadline February 25, 2021

**Michael Giannulis Scholarship:** The Michael Giannulis Scholarship comes as monetary aid to students who need financial resources to achieve a higher education. Applicants must be admitted to one of the accredited US colleges or universities in the country and planning to

pursue a four-year degree. For more information and application see Naviance Student or <https://michaelgiannulisscholarship.com/>

Deadline July 1, 2021

**The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) Scholarship:** The Northern Virginia Chapter offers scholarships to students of African-descent who are high school seniors and have excelled academically with plans to pursue a college degree or post-secondary technical training during the 2021-2022 school year. See Naviance Student to apply or

[https://www.novancnw.org/northern\\_virginia\\_nova\\_ncnw\\_section\\_scholarship.html](https://www.novancnw.org/northern_virginia_nova_ncnw_section_scholarship.html)

Deadline January 22, 2021

**Virginia Airport Operators Council John R. Lillard Scholarship:** In order for your application to be considered, you must be a Virginia high school senior, have at least a 3.50 unweighted GPA; be planning a career in the field of aviation, and must be enrolled or accepted into an aviation related program at an accredited college. See Naviance Student to apply or

[https://doav.virginia.gov/globalassets/pdfs/education/2020-21-lillard\\_scott-scholarship-application.pdf](https://doav.virginia.gov/globalassets/pdfs/education/2020-21-lillard_scott-scholarship-application.pdf)

Deadline March 5, 2021

**Virginia Dept. of Aviation Willard G. Plentl Aviation Scholarship:** The Willard G. Plentl Aviation Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to a Virginia High School senior who is planning an aviation career in a non-engineering area. A certification of acceptance into a non-engineering, aviation-related postsecondary education program is required. Examples of non-engineering aviation careers include (but are not limited to) pilots, aviation maintenance technicians, aviation managers, etc. Scholarship applicants must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.5. See Naviance Student to apply or

<https://doav.virginia.gov/globalassets/pdfs/education/2020-21-plentl-application.pdf>

Deadline March 12, 2021

## **Enrichment Programs**

**US Department of State Internship Programs:** The U.S. Department of State offers programs that help students gain experience and insight into our work, as well as a number of fellowships that assist in funding your education and can lead to employment. For more information and to learn about our many student programs and career opportunities, visit [careers.state.gov](https://careers.state.gov), where you can also register under “Keep Me Informed” to receive updates on open vacancies and other relevant information. (See attached flyer)

**Girls in Technology! GIT Mentor Protege Program for Girls 9-12 grade! Apply now!** Women In Technology's flagship program “Girls In Technology Mentor-Protégé Program”, is designed to engage, educate, and inspire high school girls (Grades 9-12) in the DMV area to the vast array of opportunities available in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Girls In Technology's mentoring program connects high school girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers with professional women in STEM. The program is free and consists of five virtual sessions, one evening per month, from November-April. Girls in the program learn about STEM education and careers, scholarship opportunities, build leadership skills, and develop skills for success and confidence. More info: <https://www.womenintechology.org/girls-in-technology>

**HKP Solutions – Spring 2021 Software Engineering Internship** – deadline date Dec. 11, 2020  
- event date Dec. 14, 2020 - May 28, 2021 <https://tinyurl.com/hkp-spring2020-tech>

**High School Diplomats** – deadline date Jan. 15, 2021 – event date July 21 - August 1, 2021 -  
<http://www.highschooldiplomats.com/about>

**Saturday Enrichment Program** – event date Feb. 13, 20 & 27 or March 6, 13 & 20, 2021 from  
10am to 12pm - <https://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/precollegiate/sep/index.php>

**High School Summer Academy** – deadline date April 1, 2021 - event date June 13 – July 17,  
2021 - <https://precollege.wustl.edu/high-school-summer-academy>

**BLAST – Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology** – deadline date Feb. 8,  
2021 – event date June and July 2021 - <https://vsgc.odu.edu/blast/>

**High School Summer Institutes** – deadline April 1, 2021 – event date Summer 2021 -  
<https://precollege.wustl.edu/high-school-summer-institutes>

**Back2Fairfax Teacher Seminar** – event date Dec. 15, 2020 from 5pm to 7pm -  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-annual-back2fairfax-teacher-seminar-tickets-82642641365>

**Neuroscience Scholars Program** - deadline date Dec. 30, 2020 – event date May 26, 2021 or  
June 2021 and end July 10 or 14, 2021 - <https://www.jhnsps.org/>

**Summer Scholars Program** – deadline date April 30, 2021 – event date July 4 – 23, 2021 -  
<https://ssp.dcie.miami.edu/>

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

**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>

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

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

**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.rntobsonlineprogram.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>