



WPHS College and Career Center Updates January 2021

Greetings West Potomac students and families! Please read below for information on the College and Career Center, lunch and learn sessions, college information sessions, financial aid, test prep programs, career information sessions, 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 **Mrs. Carter**, ecarter@fcps.edu if interested in scheduling a time to meet.

January Lunch and Learn Sessions – Held During Lunch Block

Thursday January 14th - Learn about colleges in Virginia still accepting applications for fall 2021 admissions cycle. Information on how to register and receive a link to join the session will be posted to Class of 2021 Google Classroom on Friday January 8th.

Thursday January 21st - How to Apply to Northern Virginia Community College—NVCC representative will be available to assist students with application process and answer questions. Information on how to register and receive a link to join the session will be posted to Class of 2021 Google Classroom on Friday January 15th.

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

Edison High School's 11th Annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair
February 22, 2021 from 9am -3:30pm

This fair will be held virtually, see link for more information:

<https://sites.google.com/fcpsschools.net/ehshbcu2021/home>

SAVE THE DATE: Alfred Street Baptist Church HBCU College Fair Saturday February 20th.
Due to COVID fair will be virtual more information in February CCC newsletter!!

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.

College Access Fairfax Virtual FAFSA Line-by-Line Workshop

FCPS School Counseling Services and College Access Fairfax is offering a virtual FAFSA Line-by-Line workshop for FCPS seniors and their families via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. A flyer with more information and the registration links attached.

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_khrowsey@fcps.edu
www.collegeaccessfairfax.org 757-284-1609

Financial Aid 101 Webinars

Jan. 21 and Feb. 18, 2021; 6pm - 7:30pm 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.

SAT & ACT Test Prep Mocks and Group Classes

View full schedule and [Register Here](#) Upcoming mock test dates include 2/6, 2/27, 3/6 and 3/13.

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.

Career Information Sessions

Job Corps Live Presentation – Monday January 11th 11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.: Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the [U.S. Department of Labor](#) that helps young people ages 16 to 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. Learn more about careers in Automotive and Machine Repair, Construction-Carpentry and Electrical. For more information explore this link: <https://olddominion.jobcorps.gov/>. If interested in attending presentation send an email to Mrs. Carter, ecarter@fcps.edu by Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. to receive link to join at 11:00.

FCPS Region 3 High Schools information session on “CAREER OPTIONS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA”: **Thursday January 14th 6:30 p.m.** Presenters from Adult Community Education, Job Corps, WIOA, CET, Year-Up available with valuable information for students who desire to enter the workforce after high school graduation. These opportunities offer job training and placement after completion of programs. Log on to information session using this link: meet.google.com/xcw-tunb-wvo

Northern Virginia Transportation Career Fair – event date Feb. 25, 2021 - <http://www.virginiadot.org/novacareerfair/>

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities are available to FCPS students to review and apply for through Naviance Student. Students review and apply for scholarships by logging into Naviance Student, Colleges Tab then Scholarship & Money List. This site is updated **WEEKLY** and students are ENCOURAGED to review on a regular basis as deadline dates are critical. See below for list of scholarships updated over winter break! Application instructions for all scholarships listed below in “Naviance Student.”

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship – scholarship for a current DECA student. Deadline Jan. 14, 2021

KPMG Future Leaders Program -scholarship for a female, major in a business or a STEM track. Deadline Feb. 1, 2021

College Access Fairfax – Diane Fortna Murtha Memorial Sch – scholarship for a student interested in a degree in Music Education. Deadline Feb. 15, 2021

Aimco Cares Opportunity Scholarship – scholarship for students living in privately owned federally assisted rental housing. Deadline April 17, 2021

L. Patrick Laing Scholarship – Applicant must have been a member of the Fairfax Police Youth Club at any time. Deadline May 1, 2021

Birth Injury Survivor Scholarship – Submit proof of birth injury diagnosis. Deadline June 1, 2021

PetOnBed.com Scholarship – Must be high school graduate by scholarship deadline. Deadline Nov. 29, 2021

DECA Scholarships – Current DECA members. Deadline Jan. 15

Virginia Latino Higher Education Network (VALHEN) Sch – students must be Hispanic/Latino. Deadline Jan. 15

Point Scholarship - Must be a LGBTQ Deadline Jan. 25, 2021

Naomi Rabb Winston Scholarship in Art - The National Society of Arts and Letters awards scholarship to visual artists, aged 16 to 22. Applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and promise of future success. Deadline Feb. 1, 2021

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation -Students of active duty or reserve. Deadline March 2, 2021

Apple Scholarships - Must be primary account holder with Apple FCU. Both 2 year and 4-year scholarships available. Deadline March 15, 2021

Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship - Documented learning disability. Attend a 2-year college, a vocational or technical training program. Deadline April 5, 2021

Anne Ford Scholarship - Documented learning disability. Attend a 4-year college. Deadline April 5, 2021

Cancer Scholarship - Accepted to college to study medicine, public health, toxicology, or another related field. Deadline June 15, 2021

Community Leadership Scholarship - Attend 2- or 4-year college. Deadline June 15, 2021

Safe Driving Practices for the Next Generation Scholarship - Accepted to 2- or 4-year university or college. Deadline June 15, 2021

Simmrin Law Group Entrepreneurial Scholarship - Accepted to an accredited college/university in US. Deadline June 15, 2021

College Access Fairfax – The Encouragement Scholarship – Student must have a homeless or unaccompanied designation. Deadline Feb. 15, 2021

Long Nguyen and Kimmy Duong Scholarship Program – Vietnamese American students attending one of these 6 universities: University of Maryland, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College, Montgomery College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute or University of Virginia. Deadline Feb. 15, 2021

Virginia State Golf Association (VSGA) – VIP Scholarship – Must attend a Virginia college or university with interest in golf. Deadline Feb. 17, 2021

ITE Diversity Scholars Program – Must enroll in a university with an ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers Student) Chapter. Student has an interest in a career in transportation. American Indian/Alaska Native, Black-African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian. Deadline March 15, 2021

Enrichment Programs

Research Science Institute – event date June 27 – Aug. 7, 2021 - <https://www.cee.org/research-science-institute>

Camp Alleghany – Staff – event date – summer 2021 - <https://campalleghanyforgirls.com/our-staff>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Women’s Technology Program (WTP) - deadline Jan. 15, 2021 - event date June 26 - July 23, 2021 - <http://wtp.mit.edu/>

Summer Science Program (SSP) - deadline March 5, 2021 - event date June 13 - July 21, 2021 or June 20 - July 18, 2021 - <https://summerscience.org/admissions/is-ssp-for-you/>

Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program - deadline March 10, 2021 - event date June 21 - July 2, 2021 or July 12 - 23, 2021 or Aug. 2 - 13, 2021 - <https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program>

Carnegie Mellon’s Summer Academy for Math and Science - deadline March 17, 2021 - event date July 3 - Aug. 14, 2021 - <https://www.cmu.edu/pre-college/academic-programs/sams.html>

Black College Institute (at VA Tech) - deadline April 1, 2021 - event date June 13 - 16, 2021 and June 20 - 23, 2021 for Seniors June 27 - 30, 2021 for Juniors - <https://vt.edu/admissions/black-college-institute.html>

Finland-U.S. Future Leaders Scholarship – deadline Feb. 15, 2021 – event date July 2 – Aug. 13, 2021 - <https://www.afsusa.org/study-abroad/scholarships/finland-us-future-leaders-scholarship/>

Summer STEM Institute – early deadline Jan. 15, 2021 – regular deadline April 16, 2021 – event date June 20 -Aug. 1, 2021 - <https://www.summersteminstitute.org/>

Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program (ASSIP) – deadline date Jan. 31, 2021 – event date June 21 to Aug. 12, 2021 - <http://assip.cos.gmu.edu/>

Texas Space Grant Consortium STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) – deadline Feb. 22, 2021 – event date May 1 – Aug. 4, 2021 - <http://www.tsgc.utexas.edu/sees-internship/>

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.womenintechnology.org/girls-in-technology>

William & Mary 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>

Washington University in St. Louis 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/>

Lifeguard – event date Summer 2021 - <https://highsierrapools.com/employment/>

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

University of Pittsburgh 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/>

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>