



## WPHS College and Career Center Updates April 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 help, 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 [eecarter@fcps.edu](mailto:eecarter@fcps.edu) if interested in scheduling a time to meet.

### **Senior Convocation**

#### **Senior Convocation – Date TBD**

Convocation is our Senior Honors and Awards ceremony where seniors are recognized for their academic accomplishments and scholarship awards. Honor graduates will also be recognized and receive an “honor medal” to wear on graduation day. An Honor Graduate is a senior who has earned an overall cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and higher over their entire high school career.

**Scholarship Awards** – Seniors please forward copies of scholarship awards you will be using to attend college to Mrs. Carter in the College and Career Center via email [eecarter@fcps.edu](mailto:eecarter@fcps.edu) by May 14th. We MUST have documentation of scholarship awards to include them in the convocation awards program. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Carter.

### **College Information Sessions and Fairs**

#### **College 101---College Planning Night for Sophomores/Freshman Students and Parents**

**April 13th 7:00-8:00:** Freshmen and sophomore students/parents are invited to learn about the college search process, preparing for college, the college application, admissions review process, SAT/ACT, and MORE! See attached flyers for more information. (Spanish version also available)

**Discover NOVA Nights April 21, 2021 | 6:00PM:** High school students and parents are invited to discover all that Northern Virginia Community College has to offer. This webinar will showcase academic programs, transfer and workforce opportunities, and student success services

available right in your backyard. Learn more about: Labor Market Trends, Academic Programs, Transfer Opportunities, Dual Enrollment, Getting Started Steps, Paying for College, Support Services, Student Life & More!

Register in advance to attend this virtual webinar:

[https://vccs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_B-Zc51HJRfSsGT467XFzhQ](https://vccs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B-Zc51HJRfSsGT467XFzhQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Northern Virginia Regional College Fair LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:00-8:00 pm, ET**

This year's virtual Northern Virginia Regional College Fair welcomes high school students from the northern Virginia and Washington D.C. metropolitan area! Historically, NVRCF helps more than 1,500 students make connections with institutions across the United States. This year we will have participating institutions from across the globe! Here is the link and student registration information for the April 8 Virtual College Fair.

<https://events.admissions.gmu.edu/nvrcf-check-in/>

**NOVA VISION 2021 April 13, 2021 4:00 – 6:00 PM:** FCPS & NVCC (NOVA) are offering a virtual opportunity for students with disabilities to learn about available options at the post-secondary level. The conference will include a presentation from Disability Services, student panel and a Q&A session. To access the ZOOM link, you must register in advance for this meeting!

<https://vccs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArdu-qqzgoEtZd5BsdYaSiu8SPxdNiJpW3>

## **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: Katrina Rowsey [khrowsey@fcp.edu](mailto:khrowsey@fcp.edu)  
[www.collegeaccessfairfax.org](http://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](mailto:marilynaboff@yahoo.com).

### **SAT & ACT Test Prep Mocks and Group Classes**

View full schedule and [Register Here](#). Upcoming mock test dates include 4/10, 4/17, 5/8 and 5/15.

### **Scholarships**

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

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

## **Military Service and Academy Information**

### **Military Mondays, Region 3 High Schools**

Event Dates – Mondays at 3 PM in April

Information sessions from the military branches listed below offered for all Region 3 high schools including West Potomac. To sign up and receive a link, please fill out google form: <https://forms.gle/wVdiyLrYYnxGNfED6>

Marines – 4/5

Navy – 4/12

Air National Guard – 4/19

These Sessions will be recorded.

### **US Military Academy Day 2021**

Event Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Event Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Virtual

Senator Mark Warner invites high school and middle school students, their parents or guardians, and school counselors to Academy Day 2021. Attendees will be provided with a comprehensive overview of the United States service academies and their admission processes. You will hear from all five academies as well as representatives from the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board, the University of Virginia ROTC programs, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, the Virginia Military Institute, and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin University. Representatives from Virginia congressional offices will also share information about the application procedures for congressional nominations.

To ensure you receive the invitation and the registration link for the event, please email [academy\\_noms@warner.senate.gov](mailto:academy_noms@warner.senate.gov). or see link: <https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/academynominations>

**Air Force ROTC Scholarship Information Session:** On Monday, April 12th at 1:00pm 2d Lt Colin Boerger, an AFROTC Admissions Advisor, will be giving a presentation on the Air Force ROTC program. Come and learn about the scholarship, internship, and professional development opportunities Air Force ROTC can offer you while you attend college! Register for the meeting using the following link: <https://afrotc.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsfumgqzksEo76IspTajjqQCyIx7bzLOw>

### **Military Academy Summer Seminars**

**U.S. Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) for Rising Seniors** (current juniors) - Applications available now; deadline April 15: <https://www.uscga.edu/AIM/>

## **Job Fairs & Employment Information**

### **2021 Virtual Career Exploration Fair Monday, April 19, 2021 – Friday, April 30, 2021**

This event will be VIRTUAL offering a combination of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (recorded) sessions and workshops. Arlington Public Schools (APS) and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are teaming up to host a Virtual Career Exploration Fair. High school students will have the opportunity to connect with over 100 local industry professionals from in-demand career fields. Additionally, students can attend college and career ready workshops and information sessions.

High School Students can take part in the following ways: ▪ Learn about work-based learning (WBL) opportunities. ▪ Attend industry panel discussions. ▪ Take part in mock interviews. ▪ Attend resume workshops. ▪ Learn about postsecondary education, training, and apprenticeship opportunities.

Event registration: <http://bit.ly/2021careerexp>

For more information visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and search “2021 Virtual Career Exploration Fair”

### **Fairfax County Park Authority – NOW HIRING!**

Do you want to get paid to work on your tan, make friends, and have fun all summer? We have the job for you – come get paid to play at the **Fairfax County Park Authority!**

We are actively hiring to fill over 400 summer positions including: Lifeguards, Park Attendants, Camp Counselors, Golf Staff, Lakefront Attendants, and more.

Are you interested in working at the **Water Mine**? Learn more here: [The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole is Hiring!](#)

Are you interested in working with **Rec-PAC**? Learn more here: [Rec-PAC Hiring Goes Virtual – Featuring On-the-Spot Job Offers!](#)

Not sure where you want to work? Explore **all** of our **jobs opportunities** and find the right job for you here: [Jobs at the Park Authority](#)

If you have any questions, please email us at [FCPAJOBS@Fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:FCPAJOBS@Fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Belle Haven Country Club:** NOW HIRING for seasonal positions and employment over the summer season. Interested students may apply directly at the Belle Haven Country Club website "join our team" located at the bottom of the page.

<https://www.bellehavencc.com/>

<https://www.bellehavencc.com/default.aspx?p=dynamicmodule&pageid=389228&ssid=309725&vnf=1>

## **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 CLASS OF 2021 GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE SCHOLARSHIPS BELOW\*\*\***

National Press Club Sch for Journalism Diversity - deadline extended to April 15

Alfred Street Baptist Church Foundation – deadline April 30

Jack and Jill of America -Fran Robinson Mem– Reston – deadline April 30

Jack and Jill – Reston Chapter – Sybil Caldwell Education Sch - deadline April 30

Virginia EL Supervisors Association Scholarship – deadline April 30

Growth Scholarship – deadline June 30

Mount Vernon-Lee Business Scholarship – deadline April 30

North American Van Lines 2021 Logistics Scholarship – deadline Dec. 15

Seabee Memorial Scholarships – deadline April 15

E-Waste Scholarship – deadline April 30

Mary Lee Peterson Arts Scholarship Program – deadline June 15

Digital Privacy Scholarship – deadline June 30

Don't Text and Drive Scholarship – deadline Sept. 30

Technology Addiction Awareness Scholarship – deadline Jan. 30

Army Emergency Relief MG James Ursano Scholarship – deadline April 1

EMBODI Scholarship – deadline April 20

Jack and Jill of America/Elizabeth Houston Scholarship Burke-FFX Sch – deadline April 30

Washington Korean Women’s Society Scholarship – deadline May 25, 2021

## **Enrichment Programs**

Enrichment Program opportunities are available to FCPS students to review and apply for through **Naviance Student**. Students can review more information on programs below by logging into Naviance Student, Colleges Tab---Research Colleges then Enrichment Programs. This site is updated **WEEKLY** and students are **ENCOURAGED** to review on a regular basis as program deadline dates are critical.

GW BLS Department Virtual Open House – event date April 20, 2021 from 7pm to 9pm - [https://www.evite.com/event/037E4MEEZU5SNAJGCEPLOVBD5W25RQ/rsvp?utm\\_campaign=send\\_sharable\\_link&utm\\_medium=sharable\\_invite&utm\\_source=evitelink](https://www.evite.com/event/037E4MEEZU5SNAJGCEPLOVBD5W25RQ/rsvp?utm_campaign=send_sharable_link&utm_medium=sharable_invite&utm_source=evitelink)

Student Representative to the School Board – deadline April 17, 2021 – event date April 26, 2021 and 2021-22 school year - [https://www.fcps.edu/blog/application-2021-student-representative-school-board?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.fcps.edu/blog/application-2021-student-representative-school-board?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

Mini-PhD Program – deadline May 1, 2021 – event date Saturdays 1pm to 3pm from June 19 – Aug. 7, 2021 - <https://www.emerginginvestigators.org/mpp>

Summer High School Program – event date July 7 – 21, 2021 - <https://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/studyatucd-unitedstatesofamericausa/summerprogrammes/summerhighschoolprogram/>

Virtual Career Exploration Fair – event date April 19 – 30, 2021 - <https://www.fcps.edu/news/high-school-students-invited-virtual-career-exploration-fair>

VetCAMP 2021 – deadline April 9, 2021 – event date June 28 – July 1 or July 5 – 9, 2021 - <https://cals.ncsu.edu/vetpac/vetcamp/>

Youth Conservation Camp – deadline April 30, 2021 – event date July 12 – 16, 2021 - <https://vaswcd.org/conservation-camp>

Sports Business Boot Camp – deadline June 6, 2021 – event date June 7 – 9, 2021 - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsIMMeSUIKSsGmg2FY\\_aID0uPAxMH60-N2-w-9Y4G8n7ZLFA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsIMMeSUIKSsGmg2FY_aID0uPAxMH60-N2-w-9Y4G8n7ZLFA/viewform)

ACM Presents...Program Connections (Virtual Open House) – deadline April 9, 2021 – event date April 10, 2021 from 9am to 12pm - <https://www.allegany.edu/open-houses/>

ACE Virtual Open House – event date June 1 or June 7, 2021 from 7pm to 9pm - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwkZG3nLqXG5Iab1z3xwmc8E7aG9hAXGOFx2vV8HLjtSsAPQ/viewform>

Harvard International Relations Scholars – event date June 17 – 19, 2021 - <https://www.harvardforeignpolicy.org/harvardirscholarsprogram>

Cinematic Arts Summer Program – event date June 28 – Aug. 6, 2021 - <https://cinema.usc.edu/summer/index.cfm>

Law-Related Education – event date June and July 2021 - <https://www.legaltechcenter.net/courses-and-training/legal-education-for-high-school-students/>

Mason Game and Technology Academy (MGTA) Summer Classes – event date June – Aug. 2021 - <https://mgta.gmu.edu/summer-fairfax/>

The Joy of Coding – deadline April 15, 2021 – event date July 5 – Aug. 13, 2021 - <https://continuum.engin.umich.edu/programs/jumpstart-coding/>

One Lab Summer Studio – deadline May 1, 2021 – event date June – Aug. 2021 - <https://www.onelab.org/>

Discover Swarthmore Fly-in Program – see your HS College & Career Center Specialist for nomination by June 15, 2021 – event date Fall 2021 - <https://www.swarthmore.edu/admissions-aid/discover-swarthmore-fly-program>

Northern Virginia Regional College Fair – event date April 8, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm - <https://events.admissions.gmu.edu/nvrcf-check-in/>

CCI NoVa Node Internship Experience – deadline April 18, 2021 – event date Mid-June to Mid-August 2021 - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d1MPPAzfrgfUO6AHt0Qu7xm1r\\_isPjmP/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d1MPPAzfrgfUO6AHt0Qu7xm1r_isPjmP/view)

PREFACE: The Rensselaer Summer Engineering Design Program – deadline April 16, 2021 – event date June 28 – July 16, 2021 - <https://info.rpi.edu/pre-college-initiatives/preface-renselaer-summer-engineering-design-program-2021>

STARTALK – deadline April 15, 2021 – event date July 6 – 30, 2021 - <https://fairfaxacademy.fcps.edu/student-services/career-experiences/startalk>

Summer STEM – deadline April 4, 2021 – event date 12 days in Session 1: July Session 2: July & Aug. 2021 - <http://cooper.edu/engineering/summer-stem>

High School Summer Academy in Architecture – deadline June 15, 2021 – event date July 11 to Aug. 6, 2021 - <https://www.rwu.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/saahp/special-programs/high-school-summer-academy-architecture>

Data Science for High School Students (DS4HS) – event date Summer 2021 - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIY9egK38aWEr\\_JMJOfgt6DkaoWkiqWqXV73pjnWlgQ\\_mrow/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIY9egK38aWEr_JMJOfgt6DkaoWkiqWqXV73pjnWlgQ_mrow/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628)