



## WPHS College and Career Center Updates May 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**

**Virtual NOVA Programs:** Virtual Sessions to support High School Seniors with Getting Started at NOVA can be found on the NVCC link

<https://www.nvcc.edu/first-year-admission/sessions/index.html>

**The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia** accepting applications for the 2021 High School Leaders Program. The Sorensen Institute's High School Leaders Program (HSLP) offers a concentrated study in Virginia politics and government for high school students from across the state.

The 2021 High School Leaders Program will take place virtually, via Zoom, over the course of three weeks in July. The class will meet Monday-Friday July 12-29 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Program days will feature lectures, presentations, discussions, and workshops. Students must be at least 16 years old by the start of the HSLP and at least a rising junior, class also open to graduating seniors. Successful completion of the High School Leaders Program earns each student three graded college credits from the University of Virginia. Applications are due by midnight on Monday, May 17. Application instructions for the HSLP can be found on <https://sorenseninstitute.org/programs#apply>

**PCACAC's Inclusion, Access and Success Committee:** invites you to a student-focused session lead by current college students on May 11, 2021 from 5:00 - 5:30pm ET!

GOALS FOR THIS SESSION:

- To connect current college students to incoming freshman so that they can discuss attending college during a pandemic
- To help encourage college-going student success

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Being a student during the pandemic
- Getting help with classes
- Mental Health resources available to students
- Math and Writing Labs during virtual learning

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92804688897?pwd=ZnUza2NwTkFHUUo0NkN4NTA3K24wQT09>

## **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@fcps.edu](mailto:khrowsey@fcps.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 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, [ecarter@fcps.edu](mailto:ecarter@fcps.edu).

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

## **Job Fairs & Employment Information**

### **2021-2022 FCPS IT Internships Program Now Accepting Student Applications (HS)**

**Students** currently in grades 10-12 are eligible to apply for a one year part-time paid internship with the office of Information Technology in FCPS. The application window is open now and the deadline to apply is May 7, 2021. Students should visit the FCPS IT Internship Google Site <http://bit.ly/2021ITintern> for additional information about the five different positions and learn how to apply. Questions can be sent to Bretton Spar [bespar@fcps.edu](mailto:bespar@fcps.edu)

**Students and Trucks:** Students and Trucks is a 100% student owned and operated moving and junk removal business. We help customers in the DC metro area with small moves, junk removal, and furniture delivery. We are looking for students who would like a flexible, full time or part time job. Starting pay is high and our students make large tips on almost every job. Being physically capable and strong enough to pick up furniture safely is the biggest requirement, and students must also have a strong work ethic and can talk to customers on every job. Not only do our student employee receive their base pay and tips, but we regularly have meetings with the team and entrepreneurs and other successful people in the area. You can apply by contacting Ethan Steinberg at 703-967-2601 (call or text), or emailing [studentsandtrucks@gmail.com](mailto:studentsandtrucks@gmail.com).

### **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/>

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## **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\*\*

Elmer Timberman Masonic Lodge Scholarship – deadline May 31

Fair Lakes Scholarship – deadline June 25

OppU Achievers Scholarship – deadline June 30

Jack Howley Scholarship – deadline Dec. 15

Elevation Education Scholarship – deadline May 14

Salute to the Harlem Renaissance Scholarship – deadline May 14

College Book Scholarship – deadline May 31

Opheila Foundation Class of 2021 Scholarship – deadline May 31

Ethiopian Heritage College Scholarship – deadline June 25

Foundation for Eleanora R Spratt Scholarship (FERSS) – deadline June 30

Benjamin Gordon Cambridge Capital Grant – deadline Dec. 31

Kaiser Permanente Health Equity Scholars Program – deadline May 15

Northern Virginia Business & Professional Women Sch – deadline May 22

John Giorgi Grant – deadline Feb. 1, 2022

Jack and Jill of America/Elizabeth Houston Sch Burke-FFX Chapter – deadline extended May 7

Mount Vernon-Lee Business Scholarship – deadline extended May 7

Jack and Jill of America – Fran Robinson Memorial – Reston Chapter – deadline extended May 14

Jack and Jill – Reston Chapter – Sybil Caldwell Education Scholarship – deadline extended May 14

Open Door Presbyterian Church Scholarship – deadline extended May 28

R.C. Cartwright Scholarship Program – deadline May 31

Quercus Blanco - deadline June 25

The You Matter Scholarship – deadline June 25

### **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.

**FCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE)** will offer two enrichment camps this summer - Tech Adventure Camp (2-6 grades) and CTE Summer Academy (7-11 grades). For details on the activities planned, please see links below. These summer programs give students the opportunity to dive deeper into CTE program areas, encourages career exploration, and helps develop useful skills. All information can be found on our websites!

For Tech Adventure Camp go to [http://bit.ly/FCPS\\_TAC](http://bit.ly/FCPS_TAC). For CTE Summer Academy go to [http://bit.ly/FCPS\\_CSA](http://bit.ly/FCPS_CSA).

**The Fairfax County Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs** is currently accepting applications for the Student Human Rights Commission for the 2021-2022 school year. In 2009, the Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools launched the Student Human Rights Commission (SHRC) program as a means to promote dialogues on diversity among youth, to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of differences, to create exposure to human and civil rights laws, such as Fairfax County Human Rights Ordinance and the Fair Housing Act, and to encourage leadership and active participation in government. The program is open to high school students attending Fairfax County Public Schools. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by Monday, May 10, 2021. To download the application, please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/humanrights/shrc](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/humanrights/shrc).

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

International Research Institute Summer Research Opportunities – event date Summer 2021 - <https://iri-nc.org/>

FCPS IT Internship Program – deadline May 7, 2021 – event date 2021-22 school year - <https://sites.google.com/fcpsschools.net/fcpsitinternship>

Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission – deadline May 10, 2021 – event date 2021-22 school year - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/humanrights/shrc>

Fairfax County Police Department – Police Leaders of Tomorrow – deadline May 17, 2021 – event date June 14-18, 2021 -<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesiz/plot>

High School Leaders Program – deadline May 17, 2021 – event date July 12-29, 2021 from 10am to 4pm -<https://sorenseninstitute.org/hslp>

Fast Track Online – deadline May 28, 2021 – event date June 14 – July 16, 2021 - <https://vul.edu/fast-track-2021/>

Fairfax County Police Department – Teen Police Academy – deadline June 7, 2021 – event date July 12-16, 2021 -<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesiz/teenpoliceacademy>

Fairfax County Police Department – Future Women Leaders in Law Enforcement – deadline June 30, 2021 – event date Aug 9-13, 2021 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesah/fwle>

Summer Programs – event date June 13–25, 2021 or July 5-16, 2021 or July 18-30, 2021 - <https://youngfoundersinstitute.com/summer-programs/>

Blue Shirt Program – event date June 28 – Aug. 6, 2021 - <https://marymount.edu/admissions/blue-shirt-program/>

Physician Shadowing in China – event date July 12-25, 2021 -<https://shadowinchina.org/online-program/>

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

Medicine Encompassed – event date now -<https://www.medicine-encompassed.org/>