

# WPHS College and Career Center Updates

## October 2021

Greetings West Potomac students and families! Happy Autumn to all!

Please read below for information on what's happening in the College and Career Center, upcoming events, college information sessions, financial aid, test prep programs, selected scholarships and other opportunities.

Also make sure to follow the College & Career Center on Twitter @wphsccc!

### **College and Career Center :**

Do you need help with making plans after high school graduation? I partner with school counselors, teachers, and staff members to help students make informed decisions about post-secondary opportunities. The CCC is opened Monday – Friday from 8 am – 4 pm. I am available to meet with students and parents virtually or by phone. Please send an email to Mrs. Young at [kbyoung1@fcps.edu](mailto:kbyoung1@fcps.edu) if interested in scheduling a time to meet. I can also be reached via phone at 703-718-2548.

### **College Information Sessions:**

College admissions representatives have been visiting the CCC every day since the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>. To date 71 representatives have come to the CCC and 525+ juniors and seniors have attended the visits to hear information directly from representatives about their schools. College representatives have consistently commented on how impressed they've been with how engaged students have been and the questions students have asked during their visits to WPHS.

There are still over 30 colleges and universities registered to visit the CCC through mid-November. College representatives continue to register to visit WPHS to meet students. Check Naviance for the most up-to-date list of colleges visiting WPHS.

Juniors & seniors can also still register to attend college visits through **Naviance Student**. The registration process instructs students to print the confirmation page as a "Pass" or take a screen shot on their cell phone to show teacher(s) whose class(es) they will be missing at least 2 days prior to the event. Students should also check in with their teacher prior to coming to the Career Center the day of the visit.

**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS (as of 10/18):**

Kenyon College	October 18, 2021	10:00 AM
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus	October 18, 2021	11:30 AM
Kent State University	October 18, 2021	1:15 PM
Purdue University-Main Campus	October 18, 2021	2:00 PM
University of Miami	October 19, 2021	9:45 AM
Belmont Abbey College	October 19, 2021	10:30 AM
Mississippi State University	October 19, 2021	11:15 AM
Franklin University Switzerland	October 19, 2021	1:00 PM
University of Virginia-Main Campus	October 20, 2021	10:30 AM
Bryant University	October 20, 2021	1:00 PM
Virginia State University	October 20, 2021	1:45 PM
U of Maryland-Baltimore County	October 21, 2021	10:30 AM
Merrimack College	October 21, 2021	1:00 PM
Hampton University	October 21, 2021	1:45 PM
Washington and Lee University	October 25, 2021	10:00 AM
Emmanuel College	October 25, 2021	11:30 AM
University of Delaware	October 25, 2021	1:15 PM
Gettysburg College	October 25, 2021	2:00 PM
Ringling College of Art & Design	October 26, 2021	9:00 AM
Northern Virginia Community College	October 26, 2021	11:15 AM
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	October 26, 2021	1:45 PM
University of South Carolina-Columbia	October 27, 2021	10:30 AM
Saint Elizabeth University	October 27, 2021	11:15 AM
Marist College	October 27, 2021	1:00 PM
U.S. Air Force Academy	October 28, 2021	9:00 AM
St. Mary's College of Maryland	October 28, 2021	9:45 AM
Pace University, New York City Campus	October 28, 2021	10:30 AM
College of William and Mary	October 29, 2021	9:00 AM
Randolph College	October 29, 2021	9:45 AM
Wilson College	November 8, 2021	10:45 AM
Wentworth Institute of Technology	November 9, 2021	9:00 AM
Pennsylvania State U – Main Campus	November 9, 2021	10:30 AM
Old Dominion University	November 10, 2021	1:00 PM
Stony Brook University	November 15, 2021	10:45 AM

**\*\*\*\*This list is being updated daily. Please make sure to check Naviance on a regular basis for the most current list of dates and times colleges have scheduled visits to WPHS.**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup>: FCPS VIRTUAL COLLEGE WEEK:** FCPS families are invited to attend virtual sessions on a variety of topics, including how to pay for college, dual enrollment, AP/IB, how to apply to a military academy, and college essay writing. [Registration](#) is required and open. Students and families can sign-up for as many sessions as they wish. Don't forget to check out the [FCPS Virtual College Week](#) webpage for updates and to learn about various college fairs available to students. Please direct any questions about Virtual College Week to Karen Huffman at [kshuffman@fpcs.edu](mailto:kshuffman@fpcs.edu).

**October 21<sup>st</sup> & October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Seniors, do you have questions about FAFSA? If you missed our CAF Financial Aid Champion Mrs. Rowsey on 10/8, she will be in the Career Center during each lunch period and available to answer questions from seniors regarding FAFSA. No appointment necessary! Seniors can stop in during lunch to get assistance.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>:** HSF College 101 – Eastern/Atlantic Time Zone | 10AM ET - 1PM ET

<https://ee.hsf.net/en/events/hsf-college-101-eastern-atlantic-time-zone?fbclid=IwAR1dCgJSdpL-FTfWXtmvxTGzacy0up5RjnDuKpiI70DSy9hIdwJSYDWHVow>

The College 101 Series features free, bilingual, 3-hour, college preparation workshops held virtually in various time zones. The programs are designed to help middle and high school students – and their parents – prepare, plan, and pay for college. Topics include preparing for and applying to college, choosing a college that's the right fit, writing a personal statement, researching financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and understanding the real cost of a college education. Students and parents can choose to receive information in either English or Spanish.

For additional dates and times please visit: <https://www.hsf.net/college-101>

**November 9<sup>th</sup>: FAFSA Line-By-Line:** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens on 10/1. It is the form colleges utilize to determine if a student will receive financial aid to help pay for college. Plan to join one of the virtual sessions to find out what questions are asked and what information will be needed to complete the FAFSA. **\*Seniors, check your fcpsschools.net email account for Zoom links for each session. Zoom links for each session were also emailed to any senior parent with an email address on file with FCPS.\***

**November 17<sup>th</sup> OR December 11<sup>th</sup>: Scholarship 101:** Learn about the different kinds of scholarships that are offered, where to locate scholarship opportunities, and how to best complete scholarship applications. **\*Seniors, check your fcpschools.net email account for Zoom links for each session. Zoom links for each session were also emailed to any senior parent with an email address on file with FCPS.\***

### **Financial Aid Information:**

SENIORS: The Free Application for Financial Aid or FAFSA opened on October 1<sup>st</sup>. *College Access Fairfax* is a free resource for FCPS students and families and available to answer questions about the financial aid process. They have held several free webinars on the paying for college, including a webinar on completing the FAFSA line by line. If you missed the webinars, please visit their website <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/> to see a full description and details of all the services they offer, including videos of previous workshop presentations and scholarships available to FCPS students.

If you need one-on-one help in completing the FAFSA, our Financial Aid Champion Ms. Rowsey is available to assist students and parents in completing the 2022-2023 FAFSA. Please contact her by email to request an appointment at [khrowsey@fcps.edu](mailto:khrowsey@fcps.edu).

### **SAT, ACT and PSAT Test Prep:**

**Applerouth/PTSA Test Prep** will offer numerous mock tests and three class sessions during the school year. Classes target prep for December, March/April, and June official tests. The full schedule and registration can be found on <https://www.applerouth.com/schools/8946/>

WPHS student need-based scholarships are available through the WPHS College and Career Specialist Mrs. Young at [kbyoung1@fcps.edu](mailto:kbyoung1@fcps.edu).

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

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Scholarship opportunities are available to FCPS students to review and apply to through Naviance Student. Students review and apply for scholarships by logging into *Naviance Student*>*Colleges*>*Scholarship & Money*>*Scholarship List*. See below for a list of scholarships with deadlines through the end of December. This site is updated **WEEKLY** and students are ENCOURAGED to review on a regular basis as deadline dates are critical. Detailed application instructions for all scholarships listed below are in "Naviance Student."

Don't Text and Drive Scholarship: *Deadline: 9/30*

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship: *Deadline: Oct. 31*

North American Van Lines 2021 Logistics Scholarship: *Deadline: 12/15*

PTSD Scholarship: *Deadline: 12/15*

The Allen Schott Blackhail-Pay it Forward Scholarship: *Deadline: 12/31*

Silver Dollar Financial's Disaster Relief Scholarship: *Deadline: 12/15*

Oppu Achievers Scholarship: *Deadline: 12/31*

Eduloh Scholarship: *Deadline: 6/31*

### **ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:**

Enrichment programs are available to FCPS students to review through Naviance Student. Students can find an updated list of programs by logging into *Naviance Student*>*Colleges*>*Research Colleges*>*Enrichment Programs*. This site is continuously updated and students are ENCOURAGED to review on a regular basis as deadline dates are critical. Detailed instructions for all enrichment programs listed below are in "Naviance Student."

Scripps Howard Emerging Journalists Program at Elon – event dates Oct. 14 at 7pm, Nov. 17 at 7pm, Dec. 11 at 3pm, Jan. 11 at 7pm and Feb. 5, 2022 at 2pm -

<https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/communications/about-the-school/scripps-howard-emerging-journalists-program-at-elon/>

AI For All High School Students – event date Oct. 17, 2021 from 3pm to 4pm -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ai-for-all-high-school-students-by-stanford-and-mit-researchers-tickets-178339868347>

Virtual Fall Event Series – event date Oct. 18 – 21, 2021 6pm and 7pm sessions -

<https://admission.virginia.edu/VESW-Fall2021>

Mid-Atlantic & New England Regional Event – event date Oct. 24, 2021 at 11am -

[https://connect.nyu.edu/portal/regional\\_events](https://connect.nyu.edu/portal/regional_events)

GW BLS Department Virtual Open House – event date Oct. 27 from 7pm to 7:45pm or Oct. 28 from 3:30pm to 4:15pm -

<https://www.evite.com/event/037EPPHWBP5IUMC6QEPMEBQEXBRT4Y/rsvp>

<https://www.evite.com/event/037EOWEE3H6XOECTIEPMEBQGCGJRGYA/rsvp>

Washington Youth Summit on the Environment – event date June 26, 2022 to July 1, 2022 - <https://wyse.gmu.edu/>

NSA High School Student Programs – deadline Oct. 31, 2021 – event date school year 2021-22 or summer 2022 - <https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/NSA/nsastudents.html>

Entrepreneurship Summer Program – early deadline Dec. 20, 2021 – regular deadline Feb. 15, 2022 – event date summer 2022 - <https://launchx.com/summer-program/>

High School Diplomats (HSD) – deadline Jan. 15, 2022 – event date July 20 – 31, 2022 - <http://www.highschooldiplomats.com/>