

College & Career Newsletter

Madison High School | October 28, 2024

All Grades | VolunteerFest | November 1



Volunteer Fairfax is bringing together an incredible mix of volunteers, local nonprofits, corporate partners, and human service providers all in one dynamic place. Dive into the Community Fair where you'll discover a trove of service activities designed to tackle pressing community needs from emergency preparedness to hunger relief, environmental conservation to animal welfare, and so much more!

Friday, November 1st from 9am-2pm at The PARC in Tysons.
[Details & Register here](#)

Grade 12 | FREE Application Weeks

- **Binghamton University, State University of New York (SUNY):** October 1 - November 3, no code needed. First 5 applications to SUNY institutions are FREE.
- **University of Cincinnati:** November 1-November 3 and select "Free Application Days November 1-14"
- **Culinary Institute of America (NY):** Submit your application by November 15 and use the fee waiver code REFERCIA25
- **Longwood University (VA):** October 25-November 1 and use code LU25
- **University of Mary Washington (VA):** Fee waiver code: 1908
- **Miami University (OH):** Apply by December 1 to have your application fee waived. Select "Miami Fee Waiver" from the dropdown.

Explore 529 FREE to apply colleges: commonapp.org/explore and under the filter "Application for first-year students" select "Charges no application fee"

All Grades | Keys to College Summit | November 2



Partnership for the Future (PFF) invites you to attend "**Keys to College Summit**"

This FREE half-day summit is designed to prepare high school students and families for college. Workshop topics will include Admissions, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Essay Writing, and College Student Panels. Giveaways plus a book scholarship raffle. Breakfast and snacks will be provided.

Saturday, November 2nd from 9:30am-1:00pm at VCU School of Business
[Details & Register here.](#)

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Grade 12 | Prepare for the 2025-2026 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Prepare now so you can complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA as soon as it's available on or before December 1, 2024. Here are some ways to get ready:

1. Prepare a [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) account if you don't already have one.
2. Learn about the [documents](#) you may need to fill out the FAFSA form.
3. Determine your [dependency status](#) and whether your parent(s) will be required to contribute information on the FAFSA form.
4. If you're a dependent student, use the [Who's my FAFSA Parent wizard](#) to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on the FAFSA form.

[College Access Fairfax](#) has an entire "[Resource](#)" section and a list of documents ([English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)) to help you prepare for filling out the FAFSA.

Grade 12 | Scholarship Reminders



Due 10/31: Optimist Club of Greater Vienna Carol Waite Brennan Youth Appreciation Awards. Students have access to the self-nomination form and details [here](#).

Scholarships and enrichment programs are updated weekly by FCPS in [Naviance](#) and also posted for students in [Schoology](#) > Student Services Course Updates.

Grade 12 | University of Mary Washington | Reception & On-Site Admissions

Regional Admission Reception/On-Site Admissions | November 13 | 6:00-8:00pm

Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Blenheim Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22030

Expedited application review and on-site admission decision for seniors who apply and submit an unofficial transcript at least 5 days prior to event.

Event Registration [HERE](#)

Grade 12 | Richard Bland College of William & Mary (RBC) | Fall Admissions Fair

Fall Admission Fair | November 2 | 10:00am-1:00pm

Explore a variety of academic programs | Learn about scholarships and financial aid options | Tour their scenic campus | Connect with current students to hear about life at RBC | Receive same-day admissions decisions for students who bring their transcripts

Event Registration [HERE](#)

RBC is a two-year residential college near Richmond, VA. There are several pathways for guaranteed admission to William & Mary as well as other many other institutions for RBC students.

Read more [here](#).

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Upcoming Events | Other

- October 29: **Scholarship 101** Virtual Event, 7-8:30am, register [here](#)
 - November 1: **VolunteerFest**, 9am-2pm at The Parc at Tysons, details & register [here](#)
 - November 1: **Partnership for the Future Keys to College Summit**, details & register [here](#)
 - November 2: **Richard Bland College of William & Mary Fall Admissions Fair**, details & register [here](#)
 - November 7: **HBCU College Fair** (field trip), details & sign up [here](#) by October 28
 - December 16: **NOVA Information Session**, details & sign up [here](#)
 - November 9: **Alfred Street HBCU College Fair**, details & register [here](#) by November 7
 - November 13: **University of Mary Washington Reception & On-Site Admissions**, details & register [here](#)
 - November 19: **Air Force ROTC Scholarship** presentation, details & sign up [here](#)
 - December 4: **ASVAB** at Madison HS, details & sign up [here](#) by November 18
 - January 15: **College Planning Night for Juniors & Families**, 7pm, details coming soon
 - January 28: **FCPS Gap Year Fair**, 6-8:30pm at Marshall High School, details & register [here](#)
 - February 26: **U.S. Service Academy & ROTC Night**, 7pm at Fairfax High School, details coming soon
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- **Level Up Virginia** for postsecondary planning
 - **Naviance** college and career planning, weekly scholarship & enrichment program updates, Madison specific college data, Academic & Career Plan & more!
 - **Preparing for College Guide & Workbook** (Spanish version coming soon)
 - **College Access Fairfax** for financial aid resources, appointments to meet virtually with a financial aid champion, scholarship opportunities
 - **Tigbee Career Exploration Series**, details [here](#) in Schoology
 - **Belong Vienna College Career Success Coach Program**, details [here](#) & interest form [here](#)
 - **FairTest**: Listing of test free/test optional institutions - be sure to verify the information on the individual college or university website.

REMINDER

- Scholarships and enrichment programs are updated weekly by FCPS in [Naviance](#) and also posted for students in [Schoology](#) > Student Services Course Updates.
- Past College & Career Newsletters are available for students [here](#) in Schoology.

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