

NEWS, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

College & Career | November 18, 2024

New & Noteworthy

Details posted in Schoology > Student Services Course Updates and online **here**

Exclusively for FCPS High School Students: Coursera Career Academy Program

- Free opportunity for high school students through the FCPS IT Coursera Career Academy.
- No-cost access to over 30 industryrecognized courses and certifications in high-demand fields such as cybersecurity, cloud computing, data analytics, and more.
- Fantastic way for students to explore career pathways and build valuable skills for their future.

FCPS Post Secondary October 2024 Session Recordings Now Available on YouTube

- Paying for College
- Scholarship 101
- Standardized Testing in the College Process
- Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), and IB in FCPS
- Considerations for Students with Disabilities in High School vs College
- Are you Common App Ready?
- Exploring Naviance Student
- NOVA The Community College Option
- NOVA La Opcion del Colegio Comunitario
- NOVA Certificates & Workforce Development Programs

College Access Fairfax Workshops

Upcoming events hosted by College Access Fairfax. Prior recordings available here.

- FAFSA/VASA Completion Event for all FCPS Seniors, details here.
- Scholarship 101 Virtual Event, details here.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) | Grade 12

The FAFSA is set to open on or around December 1, 2024. Seniors planning to attend college in the Fall of 2025 will complete the 2025-26 FAFSA Application. Prepare now so you can complete the 2025-26 FAFSA form as soon as it's available. **Here** are some ways you can get ready and below are some helpful resources.

- Federal Student Aid
- · Level Up Virginia
- College Access Fairfax

ASVAB Career Exploration Program

will be given at Madison HS on December 4 (Register by 11/22) | Grades 11 & 12

Grades 11 & 12: Are you interested in matching your skills to potential careers? Consider taking the ASVAB to learn more about your interests and skills. The ASVAB measures your strengths - it's not a "pass" or "fail" test.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is required for military enlistment, BUT is also a career exploration program that includes an aptitude test and interest assessment to help guide you with careers and jobs that might be of interest to you.

Students complete this Google Form to register, be sure you are signed into your @fcpsschools account.

Learn more at www. asvabprogram.com. Talk to your school counselor or Mrs. Otto in the College & Career Center.

FCPS Gap Year Fair | January 28, 2025 at Marshall High School, 6:00pm-8:30pm

FCPS School Counseling Services and Go Overseas are co-hosting the annual FCPS Gap Year Fair on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 are George C. Marshall High School from 6:00-8:30pm. This event is for high school students and their families who are interested in learning more about the growing array of gap year opportunities. Student registration (here) will open on November 20, 2024.

NOVA's Early Online College | Application due January 8, 2025 | Grades 11 & 12

NOVA's Early Online College (EOC) gives qualified juniors and seniors an opportunity to take up to two tuition-free courses per semester.

- Completed application for EOC is due by 5pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2025
- Online courses being on February 4, 2025 and end on April 28, 2025
- EOC Information Session Recording here, passcode: Z3U=x+UY
- View full list of EOC courses here
- Criteria for participation in Dual Enrollment here

Planning Ahead | Other



- December 4: ASVAB at Madison HS, details & sign up here by November 22
- December 16: **NOVA Information Session** for Seniors, details & sign up here
- 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, register here
- February 26: **U.S. Service Academy & ROTC Night**, 7pm at Fairfax High School, details coming soon
- Level Up Virginia for postsecondary planning
- <u>Naviance</u> 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)
- <u>College Access Fairfax</u> for financial aid resources, appointments to meet virtually with a financial aid champion, scholarship opportunities
- Tiggbee Career Exploration Series, details here in Schoology
- Belong Vienna College Career Success Coach Program, details <u>here</u> & interest form <u>here</u>
- <u>FairTest</u>: Listing of test free/test optional institutions be sure to verify the information on the individual college or university website.



- Scholarships and enrichment programs are updated weekly by FCPS in <u>Naviance</u> and also posted for students in <u>Schoology</u> > Student Services Course Updates.
- Past College & Career Newsletters are available for students <u>here</u> in Schoology.

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Interested in attending a U.S.
Service Academy?
Meet with a current cadet:

West Point Cadet

• 11/25 at 10:15am

Naval Academy Cadet

• 11/25 at 10:45am

All students welcome! ~ Sign up <u>here</u> ~

Virginia Military Institute (VMI)

• 11/25 Cafeteria during all lunches

Military recruiters visting JMHS during all lunches in the Cafeteria

- 12/17/24 Navy
- 12/19/24 VA National Guard

FCPS Military Information & Guidelines here.

