



WPHS College and Career Center Updates

March 2020

Upcoming Events

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) March 26th 2:00 PM: Admissions representative in the College and Career Center to present information on their admissions process to include portfolio submission. Students register to attend in “Naviance Student” under college visits or see Mrs. Carter for a “PASS.”

SENIOR CONVOCATION Wednesday June 3: Springbank Auditorium 9:00 - 11:00am
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.

***SENIORS PLEASE** turn in copies of scholarship awards you will be using to attend college to Mrs. Carter in the College and Career Center (Rm 332) by May 22th. We MUST have documentation of scholarship awards in order to include in convocation awards program. Questions contact Mrs. Carter ecarter@fcps.edu

NOVA Workforce/NVCC Tech Pathways Program March 4th 10:00 AM: Tech Pathways is a program for students to learn more about data, cyber, and programming careers. It’s also an opportunity to think about how students’ unique interests might relate to a career in technology. Tech is a high-growth, incredible field to be in—here in Northern Virginia—so consider pursuing this field. Plan to attend this session to learn more. See Mrs. Carter in the College and Career Center for “Pass” to attend.

University of Pittsburgh Saving a Life “SimMan” Experience March 10th: The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy will visit West Potomac High School March 10th and bring the “SimMan” team with them to give our students an authentic, real-life simulation of what a health care provider in a hospital setting might experience. SimMan is a life-size human model that provides a simulation of a medical condition while exhibiting lifelike functions. Students will see SimMan on a gurney, in a hospital gown, experiencing a heart attack. Students will have the opportunity to take SimMan's blood pressure and vitals while listening to his heart as he experiences a simulated heart attack. The demonstrating team will go through the process of diagnosis, determine medications/procedures necessary to treat SimMan's condition. Students will observe the various roles medical experts play while they determine the appropriate, lifesaving treatment for a patient in an emergency room setting. The SimMan simulation is close to an authentic, real-life hospital emergency experience and will provide an extraordinary learning opportunity for students. Presentations scheduled for 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM, see Mrs. Carter for “Pass” to attend.

Military Service Academy and ROTC Scholarship Night: Thursday March 12th 7:00 PM West Springfield High School, information provided by representatives from United States Service Academies, Senior Military Colleges ROTC Programs, Congressional Office Representatives and Enlistment Recruiters. Multi-school event is sponsored by: West Springfield HS, Lake Braddock SS, Robinson SS, TJ Science for Technology HS, South County HS, Lee HS, Hayfield SS, West Potomac HS, Mt. Vernon HS, and Edison HS.

FINANCIAL AID----West Potomac High School Financial Aid Champion is available to assist students and parents in completing the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile!!! [Katrina Rowsey](mailto:khrowsey@fcps.edu) (khrowsey@fcps.edu) in the CCC March 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 and 31 from 11:15 AM-1:20 PM.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB): Interested in military enlistment after high school graduation? **The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be administered in the CCC March 24th from 8:30-11:00AM.** The ASVAB is a multiple-choice test, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. Registration is **REQUIRED** please see Mrs. Carter in the CCC by March 20th.

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY SUMMER SESSIONS Programs have a fee but are excellent windows into academy life. Juniors who are considering an academy should consider applying to the appropriate summer program.

- **U.S. Military Academy Summer Leaders Experience – applications close March 15**
<https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program>
- **U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar – applications open now, deadline March 31, 2020**
<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/NASS.php#fndtn-panel1-Steps-For>

SAVE THE DATE West Potomac High School Student Services is proud to present College 101 Night on Tuesday, April 14th for parents and students in grades 9-10. **The program will run from 6:00-7:30 PM in Springbank Auditorium.** Erin Slater, Assistant Director of Admissions at Randolph-Macon College, will be presenting an overview of the college admissions process. Her presentation includes what colleges look for in applicants and how admissions offices make decisions. There will also be a fun and interactive mock admissions activity. Join us for this behind the scenes look about the college admissions process!

West Potomac Job Fair Thursday March 26th: Where is it? West Potomac High School Cafeteria. 3:00-4:15. Job Fair designed to connect West Potomac students (juniors and seniors) with local Alexandria businesses and companies who are looking for part-time or full-time employees. Juniors and Seniors looking for jobs after school, during the summer or after high school graduation in June plan to attend! There will also be opportunity to attend RESMUE wiring workshops in the CCC before date of fair in the CCC. Watch your Class of 2020 and 2021 Google Classroom for more information

2020 FAIRFAX COUNTY TEEN JOB FAIRS – There will be a Fairfax County Teen Job Fair and Resume Building Workshops Fairfax County High Schools during March. These job fairs focus on Fairfax County teens (approximately 16 to 18 years old) looking for full time employment, after-

school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, volunteer experiences, or wanting tips to build their resume. Volunteer opportunities and resume building workshops will be available for younger students starting to build their resume. During previous job fairs, a combined total of over 120 employers attended all events. Consider all available Teen Job Fairs held on Saturdays at the following FCPS high schools:

7 March, 10 am – Noon at W.T. Woodson High School

7 March, 2-4 pm at South County High School

14 March, 2-4 pm at Chantilly High School

21 March, 10 am – Noon at Mount Vernon High School

28 March, 10 am – Noon at West Springfield High School

[Special Opportunities](#)

CAMP WOODS AND WILDLIFE June 22-27, Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA - The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) offers their Camp Woods & Wildlife as another environmental opportunity for youth this summer. The six-day residential camp takes place at the Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, where campers experience hands-on field-based learning about natural resources conservation and other environmental fields. Students interested in participating in this year's camp program must be nominated by any adult. VDOF is currently accepting 2020 nominations for attending Camp Woods & Wildlife. For more information and the nomination form, visit <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forestry/camp/index.htm>. **The deadline for submitting nomination forms is April 10.**

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP July 12-18, Blacksburg, VA - The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts sponsors this week-long summer conservation camp in July for Virginia high school students on the campus of Virginia Tech. The program brings together 70 interested students for a week of learning about Virginia's natural resources from hands-on experience with conservation professionals and faculty from Virginia Tech. For more information and the application, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/youth-conservation-camp>. **The application deadline is April 22.**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FUTURE AGENTS IN TRAINING (FAIT) August 3-7, 9 am – 4 pm, FBI WFO, 601 4th St., NW, Washington, DC – The FBI's Future Agents in Training program invites high school students for hands-on training that will help educate them about the mission of the FBI. Trainees learn about the FBI's criminal, counterterrorism, intelligence, and administrative responsibilities. Trainees will also learn about investigative techniques that include gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses and working cases. See link for more information <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/fbi-wfo-2020-fait-application-020320.pdf/view>. **Completed applications are due March 31.**

SUMMER CONSERVATION CREW PROGRAM June 29 – August 7, Washington, DC – The Student Conservation Association's 2020 DC Summer Conservation Program will have crews of high

school members, aged 15-19, working in parks throughout the D.C. Metro Area. The crews will work Monday through Friday each week during the summer program in local parks (Rock Creek Park, Greenbelt Park, Fort DuPont Park and more) doing hands-on trail work, obtain valuable work-skills and green job training, and participate in a week long, all expenses paid, recreation trip. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.thesca.org/serve/program/washington-dc#clc>. **Completed applications are due May 1.**

WALTER REED ARMY INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH (WRAIR) GEMS PROGRAMS June 15- August 10, The WRAIR GEMS program offers middle and high school students a platform to engage in hands-on STEM activities that are designed to stimulate inquiry-based thinking, scientific skills, and an interest in STEM careers. Students will explore science through hands-on activities, simulations, computer applications, and classic laboratory experiments. Visit <https://www.usaeop.com/program/silverspring/> to learn more about GEMS and to apply. **Completed applications are due April 15.**

Internships

SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL INTERNSHIPS: Interns are needed for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Interns support all aspects of the event production from public relations to technical crew. Summer interns are expected to work through the ten days of the festival (last week of June and first week of July, including 4 July.) Internships can be from six weeks to a full year, full- or part-time. A completed application must include an essay, resume, transcript, and recommendations. For more information and to apply, visit <https://festival.si.edu/about-us/internships/smithsonian>. **Completed applications are due March 15th.**

OTHER SMITHSONIAN INTERNSHIPS: The Smithsonian office of fellowships and internships offers several opportunities. See link for more information <https://www.smithsonianofi.com/internship-opportunities/>. **Deadlines will be rapidly approaching.**

Scholarship Information

Scholarship opportunities are available to FCPS students to review and apply for through Naviance Student. Students review and apply for scholarships by logging into Blackboard, 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 below for a list of scholarships updated this week! List below is only a few of the numerous options for scholarships. Seniors can also review Scholarship bulletin board located in the main hallway outside Student Services.

Omicron Theta Zeta Scholarship – deadline March 20, 2020

George Angulo Scholarship – deadline March 31, 2020

Sleepare Scholarship – deadline March 31, 2020

Izaak Walton League of America Scholarship Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc. – deadline April 1

Federal Water Quality Association, Natl. Capital Environmental Scholarship – deadline April 6

Allied Van Lines Scholarship – deadline Dec. 15, 2020
CAIL Annual Scholarship – deadline Dec. 31, 2020
McDonald Worley Annual Scholarship – deadline Dec. 31, 2020
Nettles Morris Annual Scholarship – deadline Dec. 31, 2020
The Weinstein Firm Annual Scholarship – deadline Dec. 31, 2020
ITE Diversity Scholars Program - deadline March 15, 2020
Phi Beta Sigma Our Cause Education Scholarship Foundation – deadline March 21, 2020
National Guard Bureau Officers' Spouses Club Scholarship – deadline March 31, 2020
Alpha Phi Alpha, Theta Rho Lambda Chapter Scholarship – deadline April 24, 2020
Colonel Charles Young Memorial Scholarship – deadline April 24, 2020
Samuel Kwarteng Scholarship - deadline May 1, 2020
Stratford Landing ES Legacy Scholarship – deadline May 1, 2020
Virginia School Plant Management Association Annual Scholarship – deadline May 11, 2020
Auto Safety and Technology Scholarship – deadline June 15, 2020
OohLaLa Pets Scholarship – deadline Oct. 15, 2020
Safe Driving Practices for the Next Generation Scholarship - deadline Dec. 15, 2020
Que Lluva Cafe Scholarship – deadline March 14, 2020
ScholarCHiPs – deadline March 15, 2020
Northern Virginia Business & Professional Women Merit Scholarship – deadline March 22, 2020
Iota Epsilon Sigma Book Scholarship – deadline March 31, 2020
Print & Graphics Scholarship – deadline April 1, 2020
Aimco Cares Opportunity Scholarship – deadline April 11, 2020
Auxiliary of Inova Fairfax Medical Campus Healthcare Scholarship – deadline May 1, 2020
Ashley R. Thompson Memorial Scholarship – deadline May 4, 2020
Distraction-Free Driving PSA Scholarship – deadline June 1, 2020
Dangers of Vaping Scholarship – deadline June 15, 2020
Gospel Worship Experience Scholarship - deadline June 30, 2020
Adam Veron Scholarship – deadline Aug. 1, 2020
Rick Sayegh MD Scholarship – deadline Sept. 1, 2020
Birth Injury Survivor Scholarship – deadline Dec. 1, 2020

Enrichment Opportunities

Research Mentorship Program – deadline March 15, 2020 – event date June 21 – Aug. 1, 2020 - <https://www.summer.ucsb.edu/pre-college/pre-college-programs>
VA-10 Academy Day – event date April 4, 2020 - https://wexton.house.gov/uploadedfiles/academy_day_2020_flyer.pdf
Air Force Information Session – event date April 4, 2020 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/air-force-information-session-tickets-93545088879>
EcoCareers Conference – deadline March 30, 2020 – event date April 1 & 2, 2020 - <http://www.nwfecoleaders.org/conference>
Cornerstone Summer Institute – deadline date April 1, 2020 – event date June 20 – 26, 2020 - <https://slavery.virginia.edu/cornerstone-summer-institute/>
Summer Research Academies (SRA) – deadline April 15, 2020 – event date June 28 – July 25, 2020 - <https://www.summer.ucsb.edu/pre-college/pre-college-programs>

High School Summer Programs – deadline May 15, 2020 – event date June 21 – 28 and/or June 19 – 25, 2020 - <https://smconservation.gmu.edu/programs/high-school-summer-programs-for-college-credit>

FBI Washington Field Office Future Agents in Training (FAIT) Program – deadline May 30, 2020 – event date Aug. 3 – 7, 2020 - <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/fbi-wfo-2020-fait-application-020320.pdf/view>

Actuarial Science Camp – event date June 21 – 26 or July 5 – 10, 2020 -

<https://www.lvc.edu/life-at-lvc/summer-community-programming/actuarial-science-camp/>

Clemson University Summer Programs – event date 8 different sessions Mary 31 – Aug. 1, 2020 - <http://www.clemson.edu/summer/summer-scholars/>

Mason Global Gateway – event date 2020-21 school year -

<http://studyabroad.gmu.edu/gateway/>

Summer Business Academy - Early deadline March 6, 2020 Regular deadline May 1, 2020 – event date one week in June, July or Aug. 2020 - <https://www.academies.hsa.net/business>

Summer Coding Academy - Early deadline March 6, 2020 Regular deadline May 1, 2020 – event date one week in June, July or Aug. 2020 - <https://www.academies.hsa.net/coding>

Summer Politics Academy - Early deadline March 6, 2020 Regular deadline May 1, 2020 – event date one week in June, July or Aug. 2020 - <https://www.academies.hsa.net/politics>

Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) Summer Program – deadline April 1, 2020 – event date July 5 – 10, July 12 – 17, or July 19 – 24, 2020 - <https://www.uscga.edu/aim/>

[SAT/ACT Test Prep-Upcoming Mocks, Classes and Events](#)

Test prep schedule and registration open for 2019/20!! Check the schedule now and plan over the summer for your SAT/ACT classes and mocks tests. **See link for information:** <https://westpotomachs.fcps.edu/announcements/get-your-best-score-satact-test-prep>

PTSA Program Manager: Marilyn Aboff, marilynaboff@yahoo.com

Test Prep Scholarships: WPHS student **need-based scholarships** for mocks and classes are available through the College and Career Center Specialist, Liz Carter eecarter@fcps.edu