WPHS College and Career Center Updates
February 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 if interested in scheduling a time to meet.

Academy Open Houses

West Potomac Academy Virtual Open House Monday, Feb. 8th, 6:15-7:30pm. See attached flyer.

Edison Academy Virtual Open House Wednesday**,** Feb.10th, 6:30-7:30 pm. See attached flyer.

College Search Tips

Check out the link below for tips on how to learn about colleges on-line.
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/10-ways-to-learn-about-colleges-online

College Information Sessions and Fairs

College Planning Night for Juniors and Parents, Class of 2022

Event Date March 10th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Session will be held virtually with panel of college admissions representatives presenting information on the college admissions review process, college search process-finding the right fit, Application sources: Common Application and Coalition Application, SAT/ACT tests, community college option and financial aid/scholarships. Plan to attend and learn more about the college admissions process! More detailed information coming soon!

Edison High School's 11th Annual HBCU Fair

February 22, 2021 from 9am -3:30pm – This fair will be held virtually.
Please see https://sites.google.com/fcpsschools.net/ehshbcu2021/home for a running list of participants and more information. You must be logged on to your FCPS Google Account to

access the site. Each college will present for 10 minutes. After the college presentation, students will have an opportunity to move to a supervised link to ask questions and speak with the College Representative.

Alfred Street Baptist Church Virtual HBCU College Festival:
SENIORS/JUNIORS – Registration is open. Event date Feb. 20, 2021 from 8am to 3:30pm - https://www.alfredstreet.org/hbcu-fest/

Big Future Days College Fair– event dates Feb. 23 from 5pm to 9pm, March 7 from 4pm to 8pm and March 11 from 5pm to 9pm - http://cb.org/bigfuturedays

The College Place is hosting an HBCU Virtual College Tour Series! During the month of February, we will feature virtual tours of over 30 Historically Black Colleges and Universities on Tuesdays and Thursdays at6:30pm EST. All HBCU Series sessions will take place at this link: https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/96027749366 For more information contact Tomika Brown, Director-The College Place, Richmond, at tbrown@ecmc.org.

NVCC Scholarships

Northern Virginia Community College/ NOVA Foundation and the Financial Aid Office are excited to announce the opening of the first scholarship cycle for the 2021 - 2022 academic year. The scholarship application period will begin on January 11, 2021 and will close on February 11, 2021. Students may submit one application to apply for multiple opportunities. For a list of available scholarships and to apply, students can visit NOVA's scholarship website, https://nvcc.academicworks.com. Questions can be directed to the Scholarship Coordinator, Darryl Shell, at dshell@nvcc.edu.

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: KatrinaRowsey khrowsey@fcps.edu www.collegeaccessfairfax.org 757-284-1609

Financial Aid 101 Webinar
Feb. 18, 2021; 6pm - 7:30pm www.schev.edu/123Go

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.

SAT & ACT Test Prep Mocks and Group Classes
View full schedule and Register Here Upcoming mock test dates include 2/27, 3/6 and 3/13.

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

Questions? Contact Marilyn Aboff, marilynaboff@yahoo.com.

Career Information Sessions

Indel Power Group's Technician Apprentice Program – event date 2021 - https://www.indelpower.com/apprentice

Northern Virginia Transportation Career Fair – event date Feb. 25, 2021 - http://www.virginiadot.org/novacareerfair/

Military Services

Military Information Sessions: FCPS Region 3 High School's College and Career Specialists (Mount Vernon, West Potomac, Edison, Lewis, Hayfield, South County, and Bryant) are collaborating to provide military information sessions to our seniors interested in enlistment. We are reaching out to our recruiters from all branches: Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard to set up information sessions for each branch of service throughout March. Sessions will be held on Mondays after school at 3:00 p.m. and registration will be required. More information available soon via email and Class of 2021/2022 Google Classrooms.

Interested in military enlistment after high school graduation? The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be administered for all Region 3 High Schools at Mt. Vernon High School March 22, 2021 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. See link below to pre-register:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEnBN-PDZwU7TkAIHocBft9tc0IHrgNbNnEXCa4RVaD1Klag/viewform

Military Academy Summer Seminars*

**Note- Admission to these programs is highly competitive- not everyone who applies will be admitted.*

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) for Rising Seniors (current juniors) - Applications available February 8: https://www.uscga.edu/AIM/

U.S. Military Academy Summer Leaders Experience for Rising Seniors (current juniors) – Applications available now; deadline March 15: https://www.usma.edu/admissions/summer-program

U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar for Rising Seniors (current juniors) - Applications available now; deadline March 31: http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/NASS/index.php

U.S. Naval Academy Summer STEM Program for Rising 9th-11thGraders (Current 8th/9th/10th graders) - Applications available now; deadline March 31: http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM/index.php

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 LISTED BELOW****

Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship – deadline Feb. 19, 2021

AFCEA – Washington DC Chapter Scholarship – deadline Feb. 25, 2021

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter – deadline Feb. 26, 2021

TGNCK Founder's Scholarship – deadline March 1, 2021

Alpha Phi Alpha Jewel Scholarship – deadline March 12, 2021

OppU Achievers Scholarship – deadline March 31, 2021

Naval Officers' Spouses Club of Washington, DC Scholarship – deadline April 1, 2021

Committee for Dulles Community Outreach Scholarship – deadline April 9, 2021

Wikilawn Grass for Class Scholarship – deadline August 20, 2021

Hispanic Leadership Alliance Scholarship – deadline Feb. 26, 2021

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Zeta Chi Omega Chapter, Cooley-Moore Scholarship – deadline March 9, 2021

National Pan-Hellenic Council of Northern Virginia Scholarship - deadline March 31, 2021

Solvable.com Scholarship – deadline May 14, 2021

Samuel Kwarteng Scholarship – deadline May 15, 2021

AMS Minority Scholarship – deadline Feb. 12, 2021

Virginia Latino Higher Education Network (VALHEN) – deadline extended to Feb. 12, 2021

Gladys Carol Scholarship – deadline March 31, 2021

AMS Opportunity Scholarship Fund – deadline April 2, 2021

Bentley Family Scholarship Fund – deadline April 2, 2021

Booz Allen Hamilton Vision Scholarship – deadline April 2, 2021

Charles Homer Barton Memorial Scholarship – deadline April 2, 2021

Elizabeth Coury Scholarship – deadline April 2, 2021

Rose Koury Scholarship – deadline April 2, 2021

Vince International Scholarship - deadline April 2, 2021

Alpha Phi Alpha, Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter Ira Dorsey Scholarship – deadline May 1, 2021

Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship Program – deadline May 31, 2021

Michael E Weintraub Esq Grant – deadline Oct. 1, 2021

Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) Scholarship – deadline Feb. 15, 2021

Barber Family Foundation Scholarship – deadline Feb. 20, 2021

Coolidge Scholarship – deadline extended to Feb. 24, 2021

STEM Scholarships – deadline March 3, 2021

VBA Bank Day Scholarship Program - deadline March 5, 2021

Bridging the Dream – deadline March 8, 2021

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – NOVA Alumnae Chapter Sch – deadline March 12, 2021

Peter Williams Memorial Scholarship – deadline March 31, 2021

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

Pell-Dane Scholarship – deadline April 1, 2021

NVTC Foundation Kilberg Scholarship – deadline April 9, 2021

Andrews Federal Credit Union College Scholarship – deadline April 16, 2021

Huth Scholarship – deadline June 1, 2021

Suzanne McGee Memorial Music Scholarship – deadline June 1, 2021

SMAC's Cancer Fighter Scholarship – deadline Feb. 15, 2021

Women's Cyber Security Scholarship – deadline Feb. 22, 2021

American Chemical Society Scholars Program – deadline March 1, 2021

Microsoft Disability Scholarship – deadline March 1, 2021

National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity – deadline March 1, 2021

SEG Foundation Scholarship – deadline March 1, 2021

Amazon Black Employee Network Scholarship – deadline March 4, 2021

Information Security Undergraduate Scholarship – deadline March 8, 2021

Lockheed Martin Vocational Scholarship – deadline March 11, 2021

Fairfax Alliance of Black School Educators (FABSE) Scholarship – deadline March 12, 2021

Beyond the Burroughs National Scholarship Fund – deadline March 15, 2021

Virginia Smiles Scholarship – Katie Higgins Memorial Scholarship – deadline March 29, 2021

Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) Scholarship – deadline April 1

Esperanza Education Fund Scholarship – deadline April 1, 2021

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship – deadline April 1, 2021

Phi Beta Kappa High School Awards – deadline April 10, 2021

The Rotary Club of Alexandria CTE Scholarship – deadline April 23, 2021

USGIF Scholarship Program – deadline May 16, 2021

Washington Korean Women's Society Scholarship – deadline May 25, 2021

Tribeca Capital Group Scholarship – deadline June 15, 2021

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.

University of Miami: Summer Scholars Program – event date July 4 – 16, 2021 or July 4 – 23, 2021 - https://ssp.dcie.miami.edu/

VCU Pre-College Summer Intensive – event date July 5 – 31, 2021 from 9:30am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 4:30pm - https://arts.vcu.edu/academics/pre-college-prep/pre-college-summer-intensive/

CTE Summer Academy – event date July 12 – 16, 2021 or July 19 – 23, 2021 or July 26 – 30, 2021 - https://www.fcps.edu/academics/summer-learning-programs/camps-and-institutes-CTE-summer-academy

Fairfax & DC Area USA Gap Year Fair 2021 – event date Feb. 9, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm - https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairfax-dc-area-usa-gap-year-fair-2021-registration-131822357219?aff=2021GYFEventonGO

Pathways to Science – deadline April 2, 2021 – event date June 27 – July 2, 2021 - https://pathwaystoscience.com/

Alvin Ailey Summer Intensive – deadline June 1, 2021 – event date for ages 17-25: July 12 – 23 and for ages 14-16: July 26 – Aug. 6, 2021 - https://www.alvinailey.org/school/programs/summer-intensive

Inspiring Future Women in Science – Live Q&A – event date Feb. 11, 2021 from 4pm to 5pm - http://www.perimeterinstitute.ca/outreach/students/programs/inspiring-future-women-science#IFWIS

Study Abroad Virtual Education Fair – event date Feb. 11, 2021 from 3pm to 9pm - https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/virtual-education-fair/

Teen Job Fair – event date March 13, 2021 from 2pm to 5pm and March 20, 2021 from 11am to 2pm - https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfairs

Transportation: Your Ride to the Future Career Fair – event date April 22, 2021 from 9am to 1pm - http://www.virginiadot.org/novacareerfair/

Columbia Summer Immersion New York City (1 week) – deadline Feb. 11, 2021 – event date Aug. 9 – 13, 2021 - https://precollege.sps.columbia.edu/highschool/online/courses/1-week

Columbia Summer Immersion New York City (3 weeks) – deadline Feb. 11, 2021 – event date June 28 – July 16, 2021 or July 20 – Aug. 6, 2021 - https://precollege.sps.columbia.edu/highschool/online/courses/3-week

Pathways Flight Academies – deadline Feb. 28, 2021 – event date June 21 – July 2, 2021 and July 5 – 16, 2021 - https://vsgc.odu.edu/pathwaysflightacademies/

Society of American Military Engineers – US Air Force Academy Camp – deadline March 15, 2021 – event date June 25 – July 2, 2021 or July 26 – 31, 2021 https://www.same.org/stemcamps

Society of American Military Engineers – US Army Camp – deadline March 15, 2021 – event date June 13 – 19, 2021 - https://www.same.org/stemcamps

Society of American Military Engineers – US Marine Corps Camp - deadline March 15, 2021 – event date June 20 – 26, 2021 - https://www.same.org/stemcamps

Society of American Military Engineers – US Navy Camp – deadline March 15, 2021 – event date June 20 – 26, 2021 - https://www.same.org/stemcamps

Technical Aide – Summer Early High School Job – deadline Feb. 15, 2021 – event date June 21 – Aug. 13, 2021 - https://mitre.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/MITRE/job/McLean-VA/Technical-Aide---Summer-Early-High-School--McLean-_R101468

Technical Aide – Summer Emerging Technologies Job – deadline Feb. 15, 2021 – event date June 21 – Aug. 13, 2021 - https://mitre.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/MITRE/job/McLean-VA/Technical-Aide---Summer--McLean-_R101715

Summer Science Program (SSP) - deadline March 5, 2021 - event date June 13 - July 21, 2021 or June 20 - July 18, 2021 - https://summerscience.org/admissions/is-ssp-for-you/

Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program - deadline March 10, 2021 - event date June 21 - July 2, 2021 or July 12 - 23, 2021 or Aug. 2 - 13, 2021 - https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program

Carnegie Mellon's Summer Academy for Math and Science - deadline March 17, 2021 - event date July 3 - Aug. 14, 2021 - https://www.cmu.edu/pre-college/academic-programs/sams.html

Black College Institute (at VA Tech) - deadline April 1, 2021 - event date June 13 - 16, 2021 and June 20 - 23, 2021 for Seniors June 27 - 30, 2021 for Juniors - https://vt.edu/admissions/black-college-institute.html

Finland-U.S. Future Leaders Scholarship – deadline Feb. 15, 2021 – event date July 2 – Aug. 13, 2021 - https://www.afsusa.org/study-abroad/scholarships/finland-us-future-leaders-scholarship/

Texas Space Grant Consortium STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) – deadline Feb. 22, 2021 – event date May 1 – Aug. 4, 2021 - http://www.tsgc.utexas.edu/sees-internship/

Washington University in St. Louis High School Summer Academy – deadline date April 1, 2021 - event date June 13 – July 17, 2021 - https://precollege.wustl.edu/high-school-summer-academy

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

University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy – deadline Feb. 22, 2021 – event date June 27 – July 24, 2021 - http://www.hcsa.pitt.edu/

Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive – deadline Feb. 22, 2021 – event date June 27 – July 24, 2021 - https://global.lehigh.edu/iacocca-institute/high-school/lehigh

Gap Year Volunteering: How You Can Give Back While on Break – event date gap year - https://www.publicservicedegrees.org/volunteering/for-a-gap-year/

Nursing Internships for High School Students – event date Summer 2021 - https://www.rntobsnonlineprogram.com/nursing-internships-for-high-school-students/

Precollege Summer Immersion Program Webinar – event date Feb. 17, 2021 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm -https://www.pace.edu/pre-college-immersion-program/webinars

Youth Registered Apprenticeship – event date Feb. 22, 201 from 12pm to 1pm - https://bit.ly/3rcIRnZ

E.L.I.T.E (Exemplifying Leadership in a Team Environment) Leadership Academy – deadline March 1, 2021 – event date March 13, 20, 27 April 10, 17 & 24, 2021 from 10am to 12pm - https://www.latinasleadingtomorrow.org/

Reynolds Young Writers Workshop – deadline March 8, 2021 – event date June 20 – 27, 2021 - https://reynolds.denison.edu/

Precollege Summer Immersion Program – event date July 11 – 23, 2021 - https://www.pace.edu/pre-college-immersion-program

Summer Immersion Program – deadline May 31, 2021 – event date July 12-16 and July 26-30, 2021 9am to 3pm - https://smhs.gwu.edu/biomedical-laboratory-sciences/programs/summer-immersion-program

TERP Young Scholars – deadline June 1, 2021 – event date July 11 – 30, 2021 from 11am to 3pm - https://oes.umd.edu/pre-college-programs/terp-young-scholars-online

BLAST Summer Program for Rising 9th and 10th Graders
Application Deadline: Monday, February 8th
https://vsgc.odu.edu/blast/

Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology offers an exciting way for rising 9th and 10th grade students to spend three days of summer! Participating students get to stay in a college dorm and see what campus life is like on-site at one of our three partner universities: Old Dominion University, Virginia Tech, or the University of Virginia. Each day of BLAST is jam-packed with science, technology, engineering, and math-related (STEM) activities and demonstrations led by faculty of the university. Students come away from BLAST with a greater sense of curiosity, deeper insight about the variety of careers that exist in STEM, and enhanced readiness for advanced STEM programs.

Click the links provided to watch videos from past BLAST sessions. You will find more information about the program, as well as the online application, through the tabs above.

The BLAST program is a partnership between the Virginia Space Grant Consortium, Old Dominion University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

AmeriCorps – Presentation hosted by the West Potomac Key Club – Event date Tuesday, March 9, at 3:15 pm on Zoom. AmeriCorps is an opportunity for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and their country through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. AmeriCorps members address critical needs in literacy, health, housing, technology, the environment, economic development, and many other fields. It is a chance to apply your skills and energy toward helping others and strengthening the organizations that make a positive difference in Americans' lives. Join presentation though Zoom link below to LEARN MORE!

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/94636559925?pwd=ODlpYk5LeVZlUHdVNk9GZGswMFlSQT09
Meeting ID: 946 3655 9925
Passcode: 242308

Girls in Technology! GIT Mentor Protege Program for Girls 9-12 grade! Apply now!: Women In Technology's flagship program "Girls In Technology Mentor-Protégé Program", is designed to engage, educate, and inspire high school girls (Grades 9-12) in the DMV area to the vast array of opportunities available in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Girls In Technology's mentoring program connects high school girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers with professional women in STEM. The program is free and consists of five virtual sessions, one evening per month, from November-April. Girls in the program learn about STEM education and careers, scholarship opportunities, build leadership skills, and develop skills for success and confidence. More info: https://www.womenintechnology.org/girls-in-technology