



WHATS BRUIN IN THE CAREER CENTER

January 17, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

NVCC Application Workshop	Feb 12, 2025	Career Center
ASVAB @ LBSS	Feb 25, 2025	Little Theatre

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Every senior and at least one parent needs to get an FSA ID at least three days before starting the FAFSA form. Follow the steps here <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Find recorded and live events to help with the completion on the College Access Fairfax website.

<https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/>

FAFSA/VASA Completion Workshop Schedule Updates

Here is an updated calendar of FAFSA/VASA completion events. Two from last week which were snowed out have been rescheduled and added.

FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Thursday, January 16, 2025	South Lakes HS	5:30 - 7:30 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Chantilly HS	6:00 - 8:00 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	TJ	6:00 - 8:00 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Thursday, January 23, 2025	Falls Church HS	7:00 - 9:00 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Thursday, January 30, 2025	Hayfield SS	5:00 - 7:00 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Tuesday, February 4, 2025	West Potomac HS	6:00 - 8:00 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Thursday, February 6, 2025	Lewis HS	5:00 - 7:30 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Saturday, February 8, 2025	Justice HS	10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Tuesday, February 11, 2025	Westfield HS	6:00 - 8:00 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Wednesday, February 12, 2025	Edison HS	6:00 - 8:00 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Saturday, February 15, 2025	GMU	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
FAFSA/VASA Completion Event	Thursday, February 20, 2025	Annandale HS	5:30 - 7:30 PM

Families are welcome at any school regardless of their base school.

U.S. Department of Education Upcoming Webinar: FAFSA Corrections, Unusual and Special Financial Circumstances

On **Thursday, January 23rd at 3pm** the U.S. Department of Education will host a free webinar that guides through making corrections to the 2025-26 FAFSA. This event is for students, parents, and college/career school professionals, and will feature the following:

- A side-by-side comparison detailing the differences between unusual circumstances and special circumstances
- An overview of the types of supporting documentation needed to substantiate a student's claim of unusual and special circumstances
- A guide on how to submit supporting documentation and make the necessary changes to a FAFSA form

Spread the word with family, friends, and your network! Register [here](#).

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

We will be offering the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test at Lake Braddock Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 8:00am in the Lecture Hall. To learn more about the ASVAB or view practice tests please visit the following site <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab> If you are a junior or senior and interested in taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) please sign up at the link below by February 14th.

You must be on a school computer to sign up. <https://forms.gle/2wkLWnzAA2N69RWq8>

ADDITIONALLY students must turn in [parent permission form](#)

GAP Year Fair

CPS School Counseling Services and Go Overseas invite you to attend the [2025 Gap Year Fair](#) to learn about the growing array of gap year opportunities. The fair will provide students with broad exposure to gap year programs that emphasize experiential education and personal growth through travel, language immersion, directed study, outdoor adventure, community service, and internships.

Student Registration: Once registered you will receive an email confirmation.

[2025 Gap Year Fair Registration](#)

Color of Justice Program

High school students are invited to explore the legal profession at the Color of Justice Program **on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Fairfax Courthouse.

This is a great opportunity for students to gain valuable insights into the legal system and can also participate in an optional essay contest for a chance to win a prize! Registration is open until **March 3, 2025**. Students can register individually through this [link](#).

Heartbeat of Innovation Event

There is an upcoming all-day event opportunity for female students, grades 7-12th at Inova Fairfax on **February 8th, 2025**. The Heartbeats of Innovation: A STEMInist Cardiovascular Career Exploration Event will explore various STEM activities and careers around cardiovascular health. Register [here](#):

Health Care Careers Webinar Series

We aim to help spark interests and encourage students who would otherwise not be as engaged around going into medical careers. Given the wealth of cultures, languages and lived experiences collectively represented in our community, we aim to have a future healthcare workforce that is representative of the community. Though there are often opportunities for health career exposure through volunteerism, health academies, social networks and mentorships, we at Dream B!G want to help spark interests and encourage students who have not and would not otherwise be as engaged.

Webinar: Exploring High-Demand Health Care Roles and Education Next Steps (Part 1)

Date: Jan. 29, 2025 (4-5 p.m.) | Register here: <https://shorturl.at/kxNI1>

This webinar will focus on three high-demand roles and the education required to pursue them. It will feature hospital professionals sharing their perspective and highlight short term credential programs available that provide a pathway to health care careers

Webinar: Exploring High-Demand Health Care Roles and Education Next Steps (Part 2)

Date: Feb. 12, 2025 (4-5 p.m.) | Register here: <https://shorturl.at/YgVSz>

This webinar will focus on health care career paths for students pursuing two- and four-year degrees after high school. It will feature hospital professionals sharing their perspective and highlight degree programs and financial aid available through the G3 Program

Webinar: Hospital Roles for Aspiring Nurses

Date: Feb. 26, 2025 (4-5 p.m.) | Register here: <https://shorturl.at/pUgJ1>

This webinar will explore the diverse roles and specialty areas for nurses in hospital settings and

the available education options to pursue nursing careers

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check out [Volunteer Fairfax](#) for some great opportunities. All service hours must be entered and verified in x2Vol by May 1st to be eligible for the [Service Learning cord or the Civic Seal](#).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Opportunity

FCPS is collaborating with Volunteer Fairfax for the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Students and families can volunteer on **Saturday, January 25**, at Give Together at the James Lee Community Center.

Volunteer Fairfax invites families to participate in thoughtful, engaging service projects working alongside local nonprofit and government agency partners across a variety of mission areas. Projects will include food packing, creating care packages, environmental stewardship, and support for animal welfare. This event is free and open to the public but [registration is required](#).

ECHO Teen Volunteer Program

ECHO is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that assists individuals/families in need within the Burke/Springfield community by offering food, clothing, housewares, and financial assistance for housing/utilities.

ECHO's Teen Volunteer Program allows teens between 13 and 18 to volunteer on scheduled **Wednesday evenings** during the regular school year, from **7:00 until 8:30 pm. (No ECHO clients are in the building during this time.)**

The program is limited to six teens per week. Two Adult Program Supervisors will support the teens, assist them with their assignments, and sign verifications for teens collecting service hours. A teen may sign up for two sessions for the 2024-2025 school year. To sign up, please visit ECHO's webpage, www.echo-inc.org/volunteer/how-to-volunteer, and click the Signup Genius link.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Check Naviance for new scholarship opportunities vetted by FCPS, including (but not limited to):

Scholarships

[Future Conservation Leaders Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 4/1/2025

[Abbott & Fenner Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 6/10/2025

[AES Engineer Scholarship](#) Amount: \$500 Deadline: 10/8/2025

[Taiwanese American Community Scholarship Award](#) Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 4/16/2025

[James River Equipment Scholarship with VHSL](#) Amount: Up to \$3,000 Deadline: 3/3/2025

[FEEA Scholarship](#) Amount: Up to \$5,000 Deadline: 3/13/2025

[Freemont Foundation Scholarships](#) Amount: Unknown Deadline: 2/1/2025

[Gladys Carol Scholarship](#) Amount: Unknown Deadline: 3/20/2025

[Harvey-Wilder Foundation Scholarship](#) Amount: Unknown Deadline: 3/31/2025

[FCIDD Annual Scholarship](#) Amount: Varies Deadline: 2/15/2025

[ACF Visionary Scholarship](#) Amount: Up to \$2,500 Deadline: 6/1/2025

Enrichment Programs

[UCD High School Program](#) Deadline: 2/15/2025 Event date: 7/8-7/22/2025

[FCPD Community Police Academy](#) Event date: 3/13-5/17/2025

[Stanford Clinical Summer Internship](#) Event date: Varies

[Western Carolina University's Engineering Information Session](#) Event date: 2/4/2025

[High School Entrepreneurship and Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Video Pitch Competition](#) Deadline: 3/1/2025 Event date: 4/1/2025

[National Summer Program Fair](#) Event date: 1/30/2025

[Physics of Atomic Nuclei \(PAN\)](#) Deadline: 3/5/2025 Event dates: 7/20-7/25/2025

[BU Summer Journalism Academy](#) Deadline: 4/19/2025 Event dates: 6/23-7/11/2025

[PIP Academy 2025](#) Event dates: July 2025

[Harvard Pre-College Summer School](#) Deadline: 2/12/2025 Event dates: Three sessions, see Naviance or website for dates

[NSO Summer Music Institute](#) Deadline: 1/20/2025 Event dates: 6/23-7/21/2025

[Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program \(ASSIP\)](#) Deadline: 2/2/2025 Event dates: 6/18-8/8/2025

[Engineering Summer Academy at UPenn](#) Deadline: 3/1/2025 Event dates: 7/6-7/26/2025

[Yale Entrepreneurial Society High-School Fellowship \(YES\)](#) Deadline: 1/25/2025 Event dates: Mid-February-Mid-April

[Banson NYC Fashion Summer Camps](#) Event dates: Session A: 6/22-6/27/2025 Session B: 7/13-7/18/2025

[Hackathon](#) Event date: 2/1/2025

[Urban Journalism Workshop](#) Deadline: 1/24/2025 Event dates: 3/8-4/26/2025

[2025 West Point LEADS DC Metro](#) Deadline: 2/7/2025 Event date: 2/14/2025

[Junior Science and Humanities Symposium](#) Deadline: 1/17/2025 (today!) Event date: 2/22/2025

[Johns Hopkins University Junior Preview Day](#) Event date: 2/17/2025

[Youth Advisory Board](#) Deadline: 3/3/2025 Event dates: 2025-2027 academic years