

# WHATS BRUIN IN THE CAREER CENTER

# February 14, 2025

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

ASVAB @ LBSS	Feb 25, 2025	Lecture Hall
NVCC Application Workshop	March 5, 2025	Career Center
<u>Teen Job Fair</u>	March 8, 2025	West Springfield HS
West Point Cadet info session	March 17, 2025	Career Center

# **STUDENT SERVICES NEWS**

#### **Military Academies Summer Opportunities**

- Naval Academy Summer Seminar apply by Mar 31.
- <u>West Point Summer Leaders Program</u> apply by Mar 15.
- <u>Coast Guard Academy Summer Program</u> apply by Apr 1.

#### **Military Academy Day 2025**

Senator Mark Warner invites high school and middle school students, their parents or guardians, and school counselors to Academy Day 2025. Attendees will be provided a comprehensive overview of the United States service academies and their admission processes.

In addition, students will be able to meet with officials from all five academies as well as representatives from the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board, Navy Talent Acquisition Group (NTAG) Richmond, ROTC programs at the University of Virginia, the United States Marine Corps, the Virginia Military Institute, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin University. Staff from Virginia Congressional offices will be available to answer questions regarding the application procedures for congressional nominations.

Save the Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: University of Mary Washington, Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall, 1301 College Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Invitation to follow. To ensure you receive it and the registration link for the event, please email <u>academy\_noms@warner.senate.gov</u>. For more information on the Academy Nomination Process, please visit <u>www.warner.senate.gov</u>.

#### **Discover NOVA: Open House**

Register for a chance to win a\$500 scholarship at the events! Coming to NOVA this fall? Join us at our open house events this spring! Discover NOVA is an in-person, campuswide event specifically designed for our first-year students.From application questions to getting your student ID, this event will help you start the semester prepared and ready for success. At Discover NOVA, new students can:Learn about program options. Explore financial aid and tuition payment options. Tour NOVA campuses. Connect with community partners. Get assistance with transfer resources. Meet academic advisors and more!

#### Annandale Campus: Thursday, March 27: 4-7 p.m. Register here

#### 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 <u>https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch</u>

Find recorded and live events to help with the completion on the College Access Fairfax website. <u>https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/</u>

#### FAFSA/VASA Completion Workshop Schedule Updates

Here is an updated calendar of FAFSA/VASA completion events.

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.			

#### After FAFSA: What's Next? Webinar

Please encourage your students and their families to attend a free webinar covering what happens after they submit the FAFSA. Local college representatives will walk them through reviewing their FAFSA Submission Summary, understanding award offers, the verification process, and exploring additional funding options. This is a great opportunity for students to get their financial aid questions answered!

**February 20 & February 27, 2025** (Both sessions cover the same information)

🙆 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Share this registration link with students and families: <a href="https://bit.ly/FAFSAwhatsnext">https://bit.ly/FAFSAwhatsnext</a>

For questions, contact <u>financialaid@schev.edu</u>.

#### Application for the 2025 Student Representative to the School Board

The School Board student representative speaks for the interests of Fairfax County Public Schools students. The student representative is not a member of the School Board but serves in a nonvoting, advisory capacity. Students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 are eligible to apply. <u>Watch this video to learn about the experience</u> from the current representative, Megan Sawant.

Application Information and Deadlines: To be considered for the election, students are required to provide the following: A written component is due **Monday, February 24**, A 30-second candidate video statement is due **Wednesday, March 26**. Candidates will be emailed a link to record their video on **Monday, March 17**. Both application components are required to be considered for the election. Read more about <u>the election process</u>.

#### Virginia Girls State summer program

Are you a current junior interested in the Virginia Girls State summer program? At Girls State, students have the chance to learn the process, objectives, and principles of democracy. Students will learn their individual responsibility to the community, state, and nation. Please find the criteria for applicants below:

- Must be a current junior
- Should demonstrate outstanding qualities of character, leadership, service to others, and academics (including attendance)
- Should exhibit an interest in the governmental process
- Must provide a copy of their Birth Certificate or their U.S. government-issued documentation verifying they are Legal Residents of the United States e.g., Green Card, Passport or Visa

 Must be committed to attend the Virginia Girls State Program at Longwood University from June 15-20, 2025

Please refer to this website for important information: <u>www.vagirlsstate.org</u> Please contact **Mr. Ranallo** at <u>gwranallo@fcps.edu</u> to obtain forms or if you have any questions. All completed application materials need to be given to Mr. Ranallo in HS Student Services by **3:00pm on Friday, February 28, 2025.** 

#### **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 <u>link</u>.

#### **Senior Class Mulch Sale**

Lake Braddock Class of 2025 needs your support! Please consider purchasing your spring mulch from the Lake Braddock Mulch Sale! Delivery is 7 weeks from Friday! All proceeds from this fundraiser directly benefit the All Night Grad Party for the Class of 25! Thank you for your support!

https://lbssptsa.org/online-store/ols/products/mulch?fbclid=IwY2xjawH99BRleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHc1caL0VUNrvutAijCKPrJseXISCauY-bdB\_efTpFwysAtmOND7qSf6aA\_aem\_RSOfdZC12kssRXnW836X1g

#### **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: Hospital Roles for Aspiring Nurses

Date: Feb. 26, 2025 (4-5 p.m.) | Register here: <u>https://shorturl.at/pUgJ1</u> This webinar will explore the diverse roles and specialty areas for nurses in hospital settings and the available education options to pursue nursing careers

Disclaimer: Opportunities offered by organizations other than Fairfax County Public Schools are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or a specific school.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Be sure to check out <u>Volunteer Fairfax</u> for some great opportunities. <mark>All service hours must be entered and verified in</mark> x2Vol by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for the <u>Service Learning cord or the Civic Seal</u>.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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

#### The Debbie Dogrul Resilience Scholarship

The Debbie Dogrul Scholarship, funded by The DDA Love Foundation -- the not-for-profit charitable organization of **Debbie Dogrul Associates, LLC.** -- seeks to give a \$3,000 one-time scholarship to a student who has

demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity and is on an upward trajectory, academically and personally. The student should represent our core values of Dedication, Diligence, and Attentiveness (DDA) and apply them to her/his community, school, academics and/or friends/family. This scholarship is for any student who plans to attend a 2-year community college, a 4-year college/university, or a vocational/technical school. The student should have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. The student should demonstrate in a brief essay how these core values are reflected in her/his life, how she/he has overcome adversity and how this scholarship will help your financial needs. Please submit a 1-2 page essay, transcript, and resume by **April 15th**, **2025.** Winner will be selected on **April 30th**, and notified shortly after with instructions on how to arrange picking up at our office. Link to apply teamdda.com/scholarship

#### **Chamber Scholarship Applications Open**

Applications are now open for business scholarships for graduating high school seniors provided by Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to graduating seniors pursuing further education in a business related field. At least one scholarship will be awarded to each high school in our service area.

Students may apply online at <u>https://mountvernonspringfield.com/business-scholarship-application/</u> or email <u>info@mountvernonspringfield.com</u> to request more information. The application deadline is Monday, April 28. Scholarships will be awarded on May 23 at a special reception at the US Army Museum.

#### **Student Inclusion Recognition Award**

\$500 to be awarded to one High School JUNIOR Girl or Boy at each of these schools in our area: Annandale High School, Lake Braddock High School, John Lewis High School, West Springfield High School **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:** Activities to counteract bullying and to promote inclusion, Commendable community

involvement, Participation in extracurricular activities at school. Application deadline is Friday, March 14, 2025

#### Scholarships

<u>Fairfax County Retired Educators, Inc. W. Harold Ford Scholarship</u> Amount: \$2,000 Deadline: 3/25/2025 \*\*Nomination scholarship\*\*

Phi Beta Kappa Association High School Awards Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 4/6/2025 Science Saves Video Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 Deadline: 5/5/2025 Thermo Fisher Scientific Antibody Scholarship Program Amount: Up to \$10,000 Deadline: 4/30/2025 The Plein Environmental Scholarship Fund Amount: \$5000 Deadline: 4/25/2025 Gloria Lee Gordon Scholarship Amount: Up to \$2,000 Deadline: 4/11/2025 \*\* Application in Naviance\*\* The National CCAA First-Year Scholarship Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 4/1/2025 Arlington-Fairfax Chapter- IWLA Scholarship Amount: Varies Deadline: 4/1/2025 \*\* Application in Naviance\*\* Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Scholarship Program Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: 3/31/2025 Chamber Business Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 Deadline: 4/28/2025 American Industries Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 Deadline: 5/30/2025

#### **Enrichment Programs**

Carnegie Mellon University Pre-College Programs Deadline: 3/1/2025 Event dates: Summer 2025 Robotics AI Community Outreach Event date: 3/17/2025 BEYA Experience Event dates: 2/13-2/15/2025 Pre-College Summer Arts Programs Event dates: Summer 2025 Juntos Podemos "Together We Can" Deadline: 3/14/2025 Event date: 4/12/2025 Northwestern Pre-College Online Program Event dates: Varies by program Duke Pre-College's Online Program Event dates: 6/16-6/27 and 7/7-7/18/2025 JMU Summer Honors Institute Deadline: 2/28/2025 Event dates: 7/13-7/19/2025 The Promise Scholar Program Event dates: Fall 2025 The Leadership Center of Arlington Inspire Program Deadline: 3/31/2025 Event dates: 6/23-6/27/2025 Cyberquest Competition Deadline: 3/3/2025 Event date: 3/29/2025 After the FASFA: What Happens Next? Webinar Event date: 2/20 or 2/27/2025 Civic Internship Opportunity Event date: Rolling admission High School Summer Programs at UMBC Event dates: Summer 2025 NEI Summer Intern Program Deadline: 2/19/2025 Event dates: Summer 2025