



WHATS BRUIN IN THE CAREER CENTER

September 13, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

September 19	HS Back to School Night
October 9	PSAT/SAT @ LBSS
October 20	FCPS College Fair @ GMU
October 23	Paying for College, 6:30pm in the Lecture Hall

APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Come to the Career Center during Advisory/Bruin Block to get help with your college applications. Be sure to make an E-Hall pass. It will cap at 30 students. **September 27th, October 24th, October 28th.**

COLLEGE REP INFO SESSIONS – Come meet with a College Representative. College visits start next week. I am adding Universities every day! Students will need to sign up in Naviance and make an E-Hall Pass for the date & time of visit. I will than ‘approve’ it from my end. Please stop by the Career Center (L102) if you need help signing up. The full list of visits can be found in Naviance. Upcoming sessions include:

Date	Time	College
9/16/2024	11:10am	Wellesley College
9/16/2024	12:00pm	University of Southern California
9/16/2024	12:40pm	Columbia University in the City of New York
9/16/2024	1:30pm	Oberlin College
9/17/2024	9:00am	University of Mary Washington
9/17/2024	12:00pm	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
9/17/2024	1:30pm	Franklin and Marshall College
9/17/2024	8:20am	Tufts University
9/18/2024	10:30am	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
9/18/2024	1:30pm	Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus
9/18/2024	8:20am	Virginia Commonwealth University
9/18/2024	9:30am	University of Mississippi,
9/19/2024	12:00pm	The Catholic University of America
9/19/2024	12:40pm	Radford University
9/20/2024	9:00am	University of Virginia-Main Campus
9/20/2024	11:10am	Eckerd College

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

The Financial Aid Process for Seniors

LBSS Student Services and College Access Fairfax is offering a Financial Aid night for seniors and their parents. College Access Fairfax is committed to helping FCPS students with the complex task of acquiring financial aid for post-secondary education. Topics to be covered include understanding financial aid, how the financial aid process works, and the steps that families need to take to secure financial aid. The program will be in the **Lecture Hall, October 23, 2024 at 6:30pm.**

Alcanza College Fair

George Mason University will be hosting the 24th Annual **ALCANZA** College Fair on Wednesday October 16th. George Mason hosts **ALCANZA** as part of our effort to increase college interest and awareness among high school students in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area during Hispanic Heritage month. This event was created to get Latinx students motivated and excited about their post-secondary plans, and the program is open to all students in the Washington D.C. metro area to explore their educational opportunities beyond high school. Over 150 colleges from all over the nation will attend **ALCANZA**, and we expect about 2,000 high school students to participate. LBSS Student Services is taking a bus to the college fair, 10am – 1pm. If you are interested, please stop by the Career Center for forms. Forms must be turned in by the student.

College Fair and Look to the Future Events (HS)

Fairfax County Public Schools high school students and their families are encouraged to participate in these events. The 2024 College Fair will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at George Mason University's Eagle Bank Arena from 4:00 - 6:30 pm. Approximately 220 colleges and universities will be represented, including two and four-year colleges and US Service Academies. Following the fair, the Two-Night Postsecondary Virtual Event will be held on Monday, October 21, and Tuesday, October 22, 2024, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Please [register](#) for these events if they plan to attend. Both events will help students be better prepared for the next chapter of their educational journey.

Free NASA Opportunities for Virginia High School Students!

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium provides FREE NASA-related programs for Virginia's high school students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The programs have an interactive online STEM learning experience and are highlighted by a seven-day residential summer academy at NASA.

10th GRADE

Virginia Space Coast Scholars (VSCS) focuses on the current missions flown or managed by NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore. <http://vsgc.odu.edu/spacecoast/> - This online course application is **OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 24**.

11th AND 12th GRADE

Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) focuses on NASA's human spaceflight missions and the Journey to the Moon and on to Mars. Students learn from NASA experts on how to design space missions! <http://vsgc.odu.edu/VASTS/>, applications are **OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 24**.

Virginia Earth System Science Scholars (VESSS) focuses on the challenges the next generation of scientists and engineers to become part of the solution to the societal issues faced by the impacts of climate change. Engaging students in real-world investigations of the Earth and its systems using the latest research and data from NASA. <http://vsgc.odu.edu/VESSS> applications are **OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 24**.

Society of Women Engineers @ UVA

High School Visitation program on **Saturday, October 19th, 2024** held in Charlottesville. The program provides high school students a comprehensive look at engineering fields and UVA's engineering curriculum through the female perspective. Throughout the day, students will get to explore UVA engineering through informative speakers, an interactive design activity, tours, and much more. The program is designed to benefit participants with all levels of engineering experience, but we particularly target those students who are not yet familiar with the field and may be interested in applying to engineering schools or pursuing a STEM career.

To apply, students should complete the **HSV Fall 2024 Application** which can be found [here](#). Students who have previously applied to HSV, are in the targeted grade level, and demonstrate a strong interest in engineering through their short answer questions will receive priority acceptance. The attached information packet provides more information about the event and instructions on how to apply online through our [website](#).

The online application must be completed by 11:59 pm on Thursday, September 19th, 2024.

VT Defense Civilian Training Corps

The [Defense Civilian Training Corps](#) is a program for students to build civilian careers in the Department of Defense (DoD). This program is open to all students at VT with an interest in DoD careers related to acquisition, digital technologies, critical technologies, science, engineering, and finance.

Community Police Academy is Accepting Applications for their Fall 2024 Class

Ever wondered why the police do things a certain way? The FCPD Community Police Academy (CPA) is now accepting applications for the 2024 Fall session, starting on **Thursday, September 12th**.

The CPA meets every Thursday for 10 weeks from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

You'll get behind-the-scenes tours of police facilities and hear from specialists on topics that only FCPD can offer. You can ask detectives questions, check out the latest crime-fighting technology, and even go on a police ride-along!

It's completely FREE and will give you a new perspective on our work.

Learn more and apply here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/ServicesAH/CommunityPoliceAcademy>

If you have any questions, please email: cpa@fairfaxcounty.gov, MPO Meg Hawkins, Direct: 703-814-7045

[Community Police Academy Flyer Fall 2024](#)

[CPA Application Form 2024](#)

Affordability Announcement from University of Richmond

The University of Richmond is expanding the number of students in Virginia who will qualify for [Richmond's Promise to Virginia](#). Beginning in fall 2025, qualified Virginians whose total parental income is \$75,000 or less will receive grant aid equal to **100% of tuition, housing, and food at the University of Richmond**.

Alfred Street Baptist Church's HBCU Fair

Save the Date for The Alfred Street Baptist Church HBCU Festival will be on 11/9 at the St James Sports Complex in Springfield. It's the largest HBCU festival in the country.

Travel Opportunity

Join English Teacher, Ms. Moore, for the Spring Break 2025 Trip to the beautiful countries in Eastern Europe (Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia & Herzegovina). An interest meeting will be held, virtually, Wednesday, September 11th, at 7:30 pm. Sign-up here to get the meeting link OR to receive information about the trip. <https://bit.ly/4dXWrE0>

This is not an FCPS sponsored event.

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 [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](#).**

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

AMRC Lifeguard

Audrey Moore Rec Center is looking for individuals who have an interest in emergency response and enjoy aquatics. As a lifeguard you are part of a unique team that is responsible for responding to all emergency that take place at the facility. Training is free and all individuals who work for the facility get to enjoy free access to the pool, fitness center, basketball course, and more! Work hours are flexible with competitive pay! For additional information please reach out to Nicholas.ambrose@fairfaxcounty.gov or scan the QR code on the flyer in the Career Center to apply!

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

LBSS Nomination Required Scholarships

Below are two scholarships with upcoming deadlines. I will collect self-nomination forms and then a committee will determine which students move forward for ultimate consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions. The title of each scholarship links to the relevant website. The scholarships link in the colleges tab of Naviance lists many other amazing scholarships as well. These are simply the ones that require a nomination from LBSS with deadlines through October.

[UVA Jefferson Scholarship](#)

LBSS can nominate ONE senior to compete for this full scholarship to UVA. Jefferson Scholars are selected on the basis of demonstrated excellence in the areas of leadership, scholarship and citizenship. Typical Jefferson Scholars are in the top 5-10% of the class and have demonstrated uncommon academic abilities, exceptional leadership talents and an understanding of the broader community around them. Seniors who would like to be considered for the nomination must submit the [LBSS Self-Nomination Form](#) for Scholarships. The Self-Nomination form is due to Ms. Hunter skhunter@fcps.edu by **October 18, 3PM**. Please note: Seniors applying to another college or university under a binding early decision plan are not eligible to apply. Prior interest in UVA and financial need are not factors in selecting a nominee.

[UVA Walentas Scholars Program](#)

LBSS can nominate ONE senior to compete for this full scholarship to UVA. The Walentas Scholars Program develops leaders, citizens, and scholars who are pioneers—the first or among the first in their families to earn a bachelor’s degree from a college or university. **Nominees must be first generation**. LBSS will consider all first-generation students in the senior classes who are outstanding contributors to their schools and families. Successful candidates have demonstrated exceptional leadership talents, an understanding of the broader community around them, and have demonstrated uncommon academic abilities. To be considered, please fill out the [Self-Nomination form](#) and email to Ms. Hunter skhunter@fcps.edu by **October 18th, 3PM**.

United States Senate Youth Program

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will select two student delegates to represent Virginia in the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Each delegate will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the week of March 1-8, 2025. Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.

Top candidates will be invited to interview with a panel of judges appointed by the VDOE and take the Public Affairs examination. The exam, prepared by the Hearst Foundation, is designed to test knowledge of the United States government, the United States Constitution, American History, and knowledge of public affairs and current events. Final selection will be based upon the student's application, essay response, the examination results, outstanding academic performance, and demonstrated qualities of leadership and community service.

Selected delegates must hold a leadership position in any one of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations during the entire 2024-2025 academic year:

- Student Body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
- Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
- Student Council representative
- A National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies such as the National English and Social Studies Honor Societies that include service components)
- Student representative elected or appointed (appointed by a panel, commission, or board) to a local, district, regional or state-level civic, service and/ or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator, where the student holds a high-level position of representation to a constituency in a year-round capacity providing service to others.

The positions listed below DO NOT qualify the student for the program:

- Attendance or officer position at Boys/Girls Nation or State summer conference
- General Member of a National Honor Society (serving as an elected officer is acceptable)
- Member or leader of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or a sports team
- A founder or chairperson of a self-created group
- A participant, captain or officer in Mock Trial, Debate Team, Model UN or other academic club, mock legislature, conference, or competition where the primary engagement is for individual educational benefit.

All applications must be submitted and timestamped by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024. All applications will be submitted through the [Online Student Application Portal](#). (Students must be logged out of their fcps schools accounts to gain access.) Each application will consist of contact information, two letters of recommendation, a personal essay, an academic essay, and administrative verification. Lake Braddock Secondary School can support three candidate applications. If more than three students apply, VDOE will notify the school and a selection committee will select the candidates to move forward for consideration. **For this reason, students who apply are asked to provide a copy of their application to Ms. Hunter by emailing it to skhunter@fcps.edu or by delivering it to the main office.**

For more information, visit <https://ussenateyouth.org/>.

Scholarships

[2024 Student-Athlete Achievement Awards Nomination](#) Amount: Varies Deadline: 10/11/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[Money Metals Exchange Gold-Backed Scholarship](#) Amount: Up to \$2500 Deadline: 10/31/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[The Good Works Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1000 Deadline: 10/31/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[Hagan Scholarship](#) Amount: Up to \$7500 each semester Deadline: 12/1/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[Sallie Mae Scholarship](#) Amount: \$2000 Deadline: 9/30/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[National Space Club and Foundation Keynote Scholarship](#) Amount: \$20,000 Deadline: 11/1/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[ROTC Scholarships](#) Amount: Varies Deadline: 10/14/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[AES Engineers Scholarship](#) Amount: \$500 Deadline: 10/8/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[Andy Nieto Memorial First Generation Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1200 Deadline: 9/12/2024

Enrichment Programs

[PharmD Open House at UMaryland](#) Event date: 11/2/2024

[Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program \(FCYLP\)](#) Deadline: 11/8/2024 Event date: 2024-25 school year

[Climate Leaders Fellowship by Rustic Pathways](#) Deadline: 9/23/2024 Event date: 10/11-12/9

[Intro to Pharmacy by U Maryland Webinar](#) Event date: 9/13/2024

[Explore Hopkins: Washington, DC](#) Event date: 10/5/2024

[PCACAC College Fair/Night](#) Event date: 9/30/2024

[Oberlin 2024 Performing Arts College Fair and Visit Day](#) Event date: 10/7/2024

[SCAD information session](#) Event date: 9/28/2024

[8 of the Best Colleges Webinar](#) Event date: 9/8/2024

[Georgia Tech Admission Event](#) Event dates: 9/27, 10/11, 11/15

[Notre Dame on the Road - Chantilly](#) Event date: 10/8/2024

[LEDA Scholars Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America Program](#) Information session held 9/12 Deadline for program: 12/11/2024

[Interior Design Summer Workshop for High School Students at Ball State University](#) Event dates: Summer 2025, various dates on website. Virtual and In-person classes available

[First Jobs SPEC Symposium](#) Event date: 9/18/2024

[Bowdoin Basics for Students and Families](#) Event date: 9/11 or 9/26

[Open House at Montclair State University](#) Event date: 10/13 or 11/10