



WHATS BRUIN IN THE CAREER CENTER

September 20, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

October 9	PSAT/SAT @ LBSS
October 16	Alcanza College Fair (field trip forms in the Career Center)
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. **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
9/23/2024	9:00am	James Madison University
9/25/2024	9:00am	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
9/25/2024	9:45am	Drexel University
9/25/2024	10:30am	Florida Institute of Technology
9/25/2024	11:10am	Mary Baldwin University
9/25/2024	12:00pm	West Virginia University
9/25/2024	12:40pm	College of Charleston
9/25/2024	1:30pm	University of Rhode Island
9/25/2024	8:20am	Binghamton University
9/26/2024	9:45am	Butler University
9/26/2024	10:30am	Wake Forest University
9/27/2024	10:30am	Marymount University
9/27/2024	11:10am	University of Florida

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 or print attached 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**.

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.

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 three 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**.

[Harry Byrd, Jr. \\$25,000 Leadership Award](#)

Please complete nomination [form](#) no later than October 24, 2024, 3PM.

The Leadership Award seeks to reward applicants who consistently display excellence of character, qualities of leadership, devotion to duty, and academic accomplishment. While academic excellence is a consideration, the selection of award recipients emphasizes the importance of leadership and public service. Therefore, most recipients are leaders who go above and beyond their peers to improve themselves and to make a difference in the lives of others. Most recipients engage in endeavors that demonstrate their independence, initiative, courage, personal discipline, strong work ethic, commitment to community service, leadership qualities, ability to confront challenges, and pursuit of academic excellence.

For example, prior award recipients:

- Served on school honor councils;
- Worked on political campaigns;
- Served in student government;
- Traveled overseas to serve others;
- Led a morning fitness program;
- Started charitable organizations;
- Learned multiple languages;
- Attended community college while in high school; and
- Participated as captains of sports teams and academic teams.

[The Carson Scholars Program](#)

The Carson Scholars Program awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. **Carson Scholars must have a GPA of 3.75 and display humanitarian qualities through community service.** Additional information is available online at www.carsonscholars.org/scholarships/.

High School Student Services may nominate one student grades 9-11 for the Carson Scholars Fund Scholarship. Participating in the local school selection process does not guarantee the nominated student will receive the Carson Scholar award. The student selected as the nominee will be required to submit a separate application provided by the Carson Scholar Fund organization. Students who have previously been awarded a Carson Scholarship are not eligible to apply again.

If you would like to be considered as a potential nominee, please complete [Google form](#) by **11:59pm on October 15, 2024.**

Scholarships

Anthony Richard Tilghman Memorial Scholarship [Application in Naviance](#).

[National Security Language Initiative for Youth \(NSLI-Y\)](#) Amount: Varies Deadline: 11/12/2024

[Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship](#) Amount: \$20,000 Deadline: 9/30/2024

[2025 Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1,500 Deadline: 9/30/2024

[Universal Technical Institute Academic Excellence Grant](#) Amount: \$3000 Deadline: 9/30/2024

[The Coolidge Scholarship](#) Amount: Full Ride Scholarship Deadline: 12/11/2024

[Voice Of Democracy Scholarship](#) Amount: \$35,000 Deadline: 10/31/2024

[American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Scholarship](#) Amount: \$2500 Deadline: 10/31/2024

[Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Award](#) :Award amount \$25,000 deadline 12/2/2024

[This scholarship is school-based; each College and Career Specialist needs to enter the scholarship into Naviance with an internal deadline.](#)

Enrichment Programs

[High School Diplomats](#) Deadline: 1/15/2024 Event dates: July 2025

[George C. Marshall Ethical Leadership Conference](#) Event dates: 9/27-9/28 or 10/30/2024

[Mark Cuban Foundation AI Bootcamps](#) Deadline: 9/30/2024 Event dates: 11/2,11/9 and 11/16/2024

[Introduction to Quantum Computing with Google Quantum AI](#) Event dates: 9/29-12/14, Second semester: 1/12/2025-4/13/2025

[U.S. Intelligence Community Work Study Program](#) Deadline: 10/31/2024

[Media Lab Fellowship](#) Deadline: 11/15/2024

[VCU Virtual Prospective Student Information Session](#) Event date: 9/25/2024

[Robert E. Jenkins Scholastic Chess Tournament](#) Deadline: 11/5/2024 Event date: 11/9/2024

[Civic and Activism Remote Internship](#) Event date: Rolling admission, apply anytime

[VALHEN's: Preparate Para La Educacion Superior](#) Event date: 9/25/2024 (Event is presented in Spanish)

[Level Up Virginia](#) Event date: 9/26/2024

[Your 1-2-3 Approach to Paying for College registration by Sallie Mae](#) Event date: 9/25/2024

[Thrive Scholars 6-year program](#) Deadline: 12/15/2024 Event date: Onboarding April-June 2025

[Northern Virginia transportation career fair](#) Event date: 10/29/2024

[Behavioral Health Assembly](#) Event date: 9/29/2024

[2024 Venture into Volunteering Fair](#) Event date: 11/3/2024

[University of Virginia School of Architecture](#) Event dates: 9/25, 10/23 and 11/20/2024

[Free Application Week 2024 for ECU](#) Event date: 9/23-9/27/2024