



# WHATS BRUIN IN THE CAREER CENTER

**January 12, 2024**

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 16	6-8PM	FAFSA Completion Workshop @ LBSS
January 30	6-8:30PM	FCPS Gap Year Fair
January 31	8:30AM	Presentation on Opportunities @ NVCC Medical Education Campus.
February 6	8:30AM	NOVA Application Workshop in Career Center
February 26	8:30AM	ASVAB offered at LBSS

## STUDENT NEWS

### Interesting Articles

[Can ChatGPT get into Harvard?](#)

[The Extra Mile; How Extracurricular Activities Impact College Admissions](#)

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### FAFSA/VASA Completion Event

A FAFSA/VASA Night will be held at Lake Braddock Secondary School on 1/16/24. This event will take place in the Lecture Hall starting at 6:00pm. The best place to park will be outside of Door 1. We will have staff there to direct you into the room where we will have helpers! Please complete this [form](#) so we have a headcount of how many families to expect.

**Student & a parent should [get a verified FSA ID](#) prior to attending a FAFSA Completion Event.**

### ASVAB - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is administered at Lake Braddock Secondary School once during each school year in the late winter. Juniors and Seniors interested in taking the ASVAB for career exploration or with plans to enlist in the military after graduation and need to take this test for enlistment may register. The ASVAB test date for 2023-2024 is scheduled for February 26, 2024.

**Register for the ASVAB here -** <https://forms.gle/PkXyQBavx747mXr8>

Detailed information on the ASVAB can be found at: <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/joining/asvab-test>

Practice questions are available at: <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/joining/asvab-test-sample-questions>

The next ASVAB Parent Q&A session will be held on JANUARY 22, 2024 at 6:00PM EST via Zoom at

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601222764?pwd=K0I2bCtVODNwUHdNb3g2UFplSzhaZz09Details> attached.

### Virginia State Police Work-Based Learning Opportunities

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Work-Based Learning Team is pleased to offer a live webinar with the Virginia State Police (VSP) to discuss available CTE HQWBL opportunities statewide. FCPS has been identified as having

proximity to the following VDOE's Superintendent's Region 4 [VSP satellite office locations](#) for the opportunities listed below:

- Field Communication Technicians
- Office Services Assistants
- Office Service Specialists
- Program Support Technicians

An informational webinar will be conducted **Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.** with the VSP to share more information and answer your questions. Students must register [here](#) by Wednesday, January 17, 2024 to confirm attendance and receive a webinar link. Questions about the webinar should be directed to Susan McNamara, VDOE Region IV WBL Specialist.

### **SAVE THE DATE - 2024 Gap Year Fair**

FCPS School Counseling Services and [Go Overseas](#) are co-hosting the annual FCPS Gap Year Fair on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at George C. Marshall High School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** This event is for high school students and their families who are interested in learning more about the growing array of gap year opportunities. Student registration will open on **November 20, 2023**. Contact Pamela White, Postsecondary Special Projects Liaison, at [pcwhite@fcps.edu](mailto:pcwhite@fcps.edu) or 571-393-1102 if you have any questions.

### **Receive Benefits Through the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form**

Starting in late Fall 2023, students will be able to access the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form through the main fee waiver webpage, [sat.org/feewaivers](https://sat.org/feewaivers). After submitting responses to a few questions on a form, students may receive approval for fee waiver benefits by email within a few days. College Board may reach out to adult contacts that the student provides to confirm their fee waiver eligibility. Once approved, students will see their fee waiver benefits loaded into their account.

### **Apprenticeship 101**

This rigorous three-week introduction to construction skills covers topics including basic safety, hand and power tools, construction math, communication skills, introduction to construction drawings, and construction careers. For more information see attached flier or contact [educationalcounseling@fcps.edu](mailto:educationalcounseling@fcps.edu).

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

FCPS Service-Learning information can be accessed by joining the Schoology Group (access code: QGQR-N77P-Z2ZFX) Be sure to check out [Volunteer Fairfax](#) for some great opportunities.

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## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**\*\*\*Check back next week**

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

### **Scholarships**

[FABSE Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 3/3/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[Harris K Leonard Memorial Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1,800 Deadline: 2/12/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship](#) Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000 Deadline: 3/15/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[The Community Foundation Scholarships](#) Amount: Varies per scholarship Deadline: 2/7/2024 **\*\*Many of these are school specific, please read through them per school to advertise\*\***

[Global Public Health and UN Sustainable goals Research Scholarship Contest](#) Amount: Full scholarship for 1 on 1 research program Deadline: 3/31/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[Plein Environmental Scholarship Fund](#) Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: 4/26/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

[Fairfax Civitan Scholarship](#) AmountL \$1,000-\$5,000 Deadline: 2/15/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

### **Contest**

Martin Luther King Jr Oratorical Contest

Deadline: Extended to 1/15/2024, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Contact [MLKOr1atoricalContest@gmail.com](mailto:MLKOr1atoricalContest@gmail.com) for more information and contest application.

### **Enrichment Programs**

[AMIGOS International Summer Program](#) Deadlines: Open till filled Event date: Varies on dates and location

[The White House and Presidents' Park Summer Photography Program](#) Deadline: 4/26/2024 Event date: 7/8-7/26/2024

[The experiment: Digital Leadership in STEM](#) Deadline: 5/13/2024 Event date : 6/24-8/3/2024

[FLEET Engineering Competition](#) Event date: 3/7/2024

[Arctic Ops Conference](#) Event date: 3/5-3/6/2024

[Affording College webinar by NYU Financial Aid](#) Event date: 1/17/2024

[BYU Independent Study Program](#) Event date: Varies by program

[STEM Camp Internship Program at the Children's Science Center Lab](#) Deadline: 3/1/2024 Event date: 6/17-8/16/2024

[Veterinary Medicine Careers Exploration](#) Event date: 3/9/2024

[VCU Acceleration Pre-Health Concentration Program](#) Event date: 5/1/2024

[LEADing for Life GSLI Programs](#) Event date: Two zoom info sessions 1/18, 2/1/2024