



# WHATS BRUIN IN THE CAREER CENTER

**January 26, 2024**

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 30	6-8:30PM	FCPS Gap Year Fair
January 31	8:30AM	Presentation on Opportunities @ NVCC Medical Education Campus.
February 5-8	4-7 PM	Instruction 2 Industry Career Virtual Expo Events
February 6	8:30AM	NOVA Application Workshop in Career Center
February 6	6-8PM	FAFSA Completion Workshop @ LBSS
February 17	1-4PM	Career Expo and Job Fair @ Dulles Expo 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](#)

### FAFSA/VASA Completion Event (Rescheduled)

A FAFSA/VASA Night will be held at Lake Braddock Secondary School on 2/6/24. 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. Please see attached flyer for documents needed.**

### 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/PkXykQBavx747mXr8>**

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=K0I2bCtVODNwUHdNb3g2UFpISzhaZz09Details> attached.

### 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.

## High School Visitation @ UVA for STEM Students

The Society of Women Engineers at the University of Virginia invites high schoolers to apply to our **High School Visitation** program on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024** held on our Charlottesville Grounds. The program provides high school students a comprehensive look at engineering fields and UVA's engineering curriculum 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 Spring 2024 Application** which can be found [here](#).

The online application must be completed by 11:59 pm on Sunday, February 18th, 2024.

## Instruction 2 Industry Career Expo Events

In February, school divisions across the region will team up with [Virginia Ed Strategies](#) to host the annual Instruction 2 Industry Career Expo event. This Northern Virginia regional event will allow high school students to connect virtually and in person, with more than 60 local industry professionals from in-demand career fields. The purpose of these **FREE** career exploration events is to provide students with opportunities to prepare for tomorrow's workforce today.

**Virtual sessions will be held on February 5-8, from 4-7 p.m., and the in-person Career Expo and Job Fair event will be held on Saturday, February 17, from 1-4 p.m., in the North Hall of the Dulles Expo Center.**

**Students should register today on the [Instruction 2 Industry Events Page](#)**

[i2i Flyer](#)

## Juniors - West Point Leadership and Ethics Conference (WPLEC)

The West Point Society of DC is hosting the 17th Annual West Point Leadership and Ethics Conference (WPLEC) for the National Capital Region. It will be held at the Arlington campus of the George Mason University Business School (Van Metre Hall, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia) on **Friday, March 15th, 2024**.

WPLEC 2024 will use an ethical decision-making curriculum developed by the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York. Cadets from West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, and college ROTC programs, as well as young civilian professionals, will facilitate sessions where students develop solutions to leadership and ethical challenges typically faced by young adults. There will also be keynote speakers who will share their perspectives on why ethics are fundamental to leadership. Students will be eligible to compete for scholarship awards if they elect to apply what they've learned during the conference in an essay they complete within two weeks following the conference.

Lake Braddock can send four outstanding **11th grade** student-leaders, two male, and two female. If you are interested in applying, please fill out the [google form](#) by February 1st, 3PM

## 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).

**George Mason's N. VA Regional College Fair is Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>**

<https://events.admissions.gmu.edu/nvrcfstudents/>

## 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.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

### **Scholarships**

- [Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship](#) Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: 2/8/2024 **Application in Naviance.**
- [BMW/SAE Engineering Scholarship](#) Amount: \$1,500/year Deadline: 3/21/2024 **Application in Naviance.**
- [The Princeton Prize in Race Relations](#) Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 1/31/2024 **Application in Naviance.**
- [The Richard and Elizabeth Dean Scholarship](#) Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: 1/31/2024 **Application in Naviance.**
- ["A Bold Life" No essay scholarship](#) Amount: \$500 Deadline: 1/31/2024 **Application in Naviance.**
- [Diversity Scholars Program](#) Amount: Up to \$20,000 Deadline: 3/15/2024 **Application in Naviance.**

### **Enrichment Programs**

- [Ace Classes SAT Prep](#) Deadline: None Event dates: Ongoing, virtual classes and in-person available
- Springfield Music Club Volunteer Opportunity: Email [gtroncoso.pages@gmail.com](mailto:gtroncoso.pages@gmail.com) to volunteer, additional details on Naviance
- [2024 Innovate TJ](#) Event date: 3/16/2024
- [Virginia Tech Summer Camp Virtual Presentation](#) Event date: 1/23/2024
- [Applerouth's Winter Testing Weekend](#) Event dates: 2/10-2/11 and 2/24-2/25
- [CIEE Gap year abroad program](#) Event dates: Varies by program
- [E-Day by University of Alabama](#) Deadline: 2/16/2024 Event date: 2/22/2024
- [George Mason Junior Visit Day](#) Event date: 3/25/2024
- [INOVA Volunteer Opportunities](#) Event dates: 4/1-6/16/2024