



WHATS BRUIN IN THE CAREER CENTER

October 1, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1	FAFSA Application Opens
October 5	Financial Aid Night (Region 4)
October 7	VDOT Virtual Job Fair
October 13	PSAT/SAT @ LBSS
October 15	Application Workshop in Career Center
October 18-21	FCPS Virtual College Week

COLLEGE REP INFO SESSIONS – Come meet with a College Representative. I am adding Universities every day! Sign up in Naviance and print/screen shot the confirmation page. You will show the print screen/screen shot to your teacher to be released from class. For all virtual visits please bring your laptop and headphones. To sign up click colleges at the top of Naviance homepage than click 'college visits' from the dropdown menu.

Upcoming sessions include:

Virtual	10/5/2021	11:10 AM	Career Center	Stony Brook University
In-Person	10/5/2021	12:00 PM	Lecture Hall	Virginia Commonwealth University
In-Person	10/5/2021	1:15 PM	Career Center	University of New Hampshire
In-Person	10/5/2021	12:40 PM	Career Center	Catholic University of America
Virtual	10/6/2021	8:20 AM	Career Center	American University
In-Person	10/6/2021	11:10 AM	Career Center	University of Vermont
Virtual	10/7/2021	8:55 AM	Career Center	John Hopkins
In-Person	10/7/2021	10:30 AM	Career Center	Johnson & Wales University-Providence
In-Person	10/7/2021	11:10 AM	Lecture Hall	University of Virginia-Main Campus

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

Application Workshops

Student Services is hosting an application workshop in the Career Center on Friday, October 15th during all HS lunches. It will give students a chance to work on their applications and have counselors available to answer any questions. If you are interested, please sign up in Naviance under college visits or just stop by during lunch.

College Access Fairfax Regional Financial Aid Seminars for Seniors and Their Families

College Access Fairfax, in collaboration with School Counseling Services, is offering a Financial Aid presentation for each FCPS Region this fall. 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. Attendees will have the ability to ask general questions after the presentation. Seniors and their families can participate in any presentation at their convenience and do not need to attend the presentation for their region. [Click her for flyer and zoom links.](#) You will need to be on the students FCPS account to access the flyer & meeting.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS (OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 21, 2021)

FINANCIAL AID ESSENTIALS – FOR STUDENTS

NOVA Financial Aid staff members will walk new & returning students through the financial aid process-- from securing an FSA ID, to completing the FAFSA each year, and verification. You will learn how to communicate with financial aid staff, what to expect in your aid notification, how to apply for scholarships, and your academic responsibilities for maintaining financial aid eligibility. You will also hear about appeals, Satisfactory Academic Progress, and making the most of limited Pell Grants and student loans.

REGISTER HERE:

[MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 3:00PM](#)

[WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021 10:00AM](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE - Please note the date for this is October 21 NOT October 18. If you have already registered for this course you are registered for October 21.

Paying for College can be a challenge. Fortunately, there are a number of programs available to help students and families cover their educational expenses. Join us to see how these programs (both new and old) can help you meet your goals!

REGISTER HERE:

[THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 6:00 PM](#)

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COMPLETING VERIFICATION AND FAFSA UPDATES

Verification is the process of “proving” the data submitted on the FAFSA. Typically, about one in three student’s FAFSAs is selected for verification. Until verification on a selected file is completed, no financial aid is packaged for that selected student. NOVA Financial Aid staff members will walk you through the verification process, help you understand what is required and point out areas that cause problems. The sooner you complete the process, the sooner you will know what aid is available for you.

REGISTER HERE:

[TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 10:00AM](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

FINANCIAL AID ESSENTIALS – FOR PARENTS

Parental information is required on the FAFSA for most students under the age of 24. NOVA Financial Aid staff members will talk with parents about the financial aid process. Parents will learn what is required of them, from securing their own FSA ID to completing the FAFSA and verification. Parents will learn how to communicate with financial aid staff, what staff members can and cannot share with parents, what to expect in your student’s aid notification, how your student can apply for scholarships, and the academic responsibilities for maintaining financial aid eligibility.

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SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Many sources of financial aid are available to NOVA students from federal, state, VCCS, institutional and private resources. Almost all of these resources require a “return on investment”. Students must do their part and make reasonable academic progress toward program completion. NOVA Financial Aid staff members will explain the rate of completion and GPA requirements of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), the extenuating circumstances that could be appealed and the process for doing so, the value of understanding an advisement report and of creating an academic plan.

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[WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021 3:00PM](#)

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FINANCIAL AID VIRTUAL LOBBY

Visit our virtual office and speak with a NOVA Campus Financial Aid Manager one-one-one. This is your opportunity to ask any questions or seek any help needed regarding your financial aid.

JOIN HERE:

[FINANCIAL AID VIRTUAL LOBBY](#)

Invitation to Admissions Information Session & Tour of USCG Air Station Atlantic City

Saturday, October 2, 2021 at USCG Air Station Atlantic City for an Admissions Workshop hosted by the [U.S. Coast Guard Academy](#).

In addition to learning about the Coast Guard Academy Admissions Process and touring an operational hangar, you will hear from:

- Fixed-Wing & Rotary Aviators
- A Tactical Law Enforcement Team Leader
- An Afloat Officer
- Current Cadets & Parents

Register or learn more [here](#)

As the USCGA Mid-Atlantic Admissions Officer, I hope you can attend. Registration is open now and will close on Monday, September 27, space is limited so register soon! I look forward to meeting you and your family to learn more about the [U.S. Coast Guard Academy](#), the [Coast Guard](#), and [careers](#) that are wide open to you as an Academy graduate!

Discover USC

USC is hosting an in-person Discover USC events in several cities this fall. This is a great way for students to find out more information about USC, our programs, and the application process. We are finding that some folks are taking advantage of our digital programming, while some are excited to have an in-person experience.

Click the links below to view the flyers for the Discover USC programs in your area:

[Monday, October 11th - Discover USC - Washington, DC](#)

VDOT Virtual Career Fair

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) participates in the Federal Highway Administration initiative to promote the transportation industry and the careers it offers to America's youth.

Each year, VDOT contributes to the education and recruitment of the transportation industry's future workforce by holding a career fair.

The purpose of the career fair is to showcase the benefits of careers in transportation and inspire students to consider transportation-related fields while they make their future career goals and plans.

Engineering firms, organizations, agencies and contractors from all across Virginia participate in this event.

Student registration Link <https://www.jobsconnected.com/vdot/>

Students are welcome to come to the Career Center (L102) if they would like to attend during Advisory/WIN time.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES – Check back next week

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Check X2VOL in Naviance for new opportunities posted by non-profit organizations. Current volunteer needs include: [Volunteer Fairfax](#) - **Students are invited to search the Directory of**

Youth Service Opportunities to find service opportunities. Families may also find opportunities to serve together through VolunteerNow.

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

Scholarships

UVA School of Architecture, <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/events/ugrad-info-sessions-and-tours-fall-2021>

European Universities Consortium (EUC) US, Canada & Caribbean, <https://europeanuniversities.eu/contact-us/tour-schedule/>

Explore Design Futures, <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/events/explore-design-futures>

Leadership Enterprise For a Diverse America (LEDA), <https://ledascholars.org/our-program/leda-scholars-program/recruitment-admissions/apply/>

Enrichment Programs

School of Architecture – event date Sept. 17, 22, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 or Dec. 1, 2021 -

<https://www.arch.virginia.edu/events/ugrad-info-sessions-and-tours-fall-2021>

European Universities Consortium (EUC) US, Canada & Caribbean – event date Oct. 5 & 6, 2021 from 5pm to 8pm -

<https://europeanuniversities.eu/contact-us/tour-schedule/>

Explore Design Futures – event date Nov. 3, 2021 from 6pm to 7:30pm - <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/events/explore-design-futures>

Leadership Enterprise For a Diverse America (LEDA) – deadline Dec. 14, 2021 – event date 7 weeks in summer 2022 -

<https://ledascholars.org/our-program/leda-scholars-program/recruitment-admissions/apply/>