



College & Career Corner

October 6, 2023

Translations in Spanish and Korean available on the CVHS [website](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 9 FCPS Staff Development Day (Student Holiday)
Oct. 11 PSAT Day
Oct. 15 FCPS College Fair, 4-7pm at GMU's Eagle Bank Arena – register [here](#)
Oct. 16-17 FCPS Virtual Post-Secondary Nights – virtual sessions at 5, 6 and 7pm – review and register [here](#)
Oct. 18 Alcanza College Fair field trip – students check email for confirmation and details
Oct. 23 [The Truth About College Admission for Families](#), 8pm – free webinar featuring Georgia Tech Director of Undergraduate Admission and other experts
Nov. 17-18 Alfred Street Baptist Church HBCU Festival – review and register [here](#)

NEWS & INFORMATION

[VCU announced a new guaranteed university admission program](#) for first-year freshmen who have a weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher. Note that some programs, such as arts and engineering, will have major-specific requirements and are not eligible for this program. Check out the [FAQ](#) for more details.

The [JMU Centennial Scholars Program](#) is now open! This scholarship covers the **FULL COST** of in-state tuition, fees, housing and meals for **first generation Pell Grant eligible students**. Incoming first year students must demonstrate high performance in a rigorous course load. Deadline is February 1, 2024. Email centscholars@jmu.edu with questions.

College Essay Guy has an excellent podcast on topics related to college admissions. Check out the latest about how admissions officers view your high school courses rigor, and context: [AP, IB, Honors, Oh My!](#)

The [Two-Night Virtual Post-Secondary Event](#) will be hosted by FCPS on Oct. 16-17. The workshops include Paying for College, Military 101, Standardized Testing in the College Process, Scholarship 101, NOVA Options, Considerations for Students with Disabilities and many more!

The [Alfred Street Baptist Church 21st Annual HBCU Festival](#) will be held on November 17-18, 2023. Approximately 80 Historically Black Colleges and Universities will be represented, many providing on-site admissions, music auditions, and waived application fees. Seminars help students navigate the college application process, financial aid and acclimate them to campus life. In 2022, nearly \$4 million in scholarships were awarded to high school seniors in attendance, many of whom were first generation college students.

The Department of Information Technology still has licenses available for the Student Pilot Program with Coursera, allowing interested FCPS High School students to access the full contents of the [Coursera Career Academy](#). This academy offers over 29 Professional Certificates from the world's leading companies. If students are interested, complete the [Coursera Student Interest Form](#). Program highlights include:

- Explore popular digital jobs and career paths, from **Cybersecurity Analyst** to **Data Science Analyst**
- Learn from experts at leading companies, including **Google, Meta, Microsoft, and IBM**
- Earn a valuable career micro-credential and access over [29 Professional Certificates](#)

COLLEGE REP INFO SESSIONS – Over 75 universities will visit CVHS in person this fall! Juniors and seniors must [register](#) and get teacher permission to be excused from class at least 24 hours before the session. Presentations are in the College & Career Center and last 30 minutes unless otherwise noted in Naviance. Upcoming sessions include:

- Oct. 10 – William & Mary, Butler
Oct. 16 – South Carolina, CNU, St. Francis University, UVA

Oct. 17 –Minnesota, Stevenson, Dartmouth, Tennessee, Rhode Island

Oct. 19 – Radford, Seton Hall, Binghamton

Oct. 20 – GMU, Alabama, American

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – FCPS encourages students to make connections between the classroom and community through authentic, intentional, and impactful [Service Learning](#). X2VOL is used to find, track, and verify service hours electronically through [Naviance](#) (under the Careers tab<Experiential Exploration). Opportunities include:

- Centreville Elementary School is seeking student volunteers to help with their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28th from 12:30-4:00pm. Sign up [here](#).
- [Herralink](#) connects high schoolers with residents in retirement homes who may not have someone to visit them regularly. Visit the [Events section](#) of the website attend events in October with Dulles Health & Rehab Center and Gainesville Health & Rehab Center.
- [Raising Responsible Citizens volunteering projects](#) - ongoing opportunities

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – [Check Naviance](#) for scholarship opportunities vetted by FCPS. From the home page, go to Colleges< Scholarships & Money< Scholarship Search. Recent additions include:

- [Dellums SMART Scholarship](#) – Deadline December 1st, 2023 - Scholarship amount varies
- [L. Patrick Laing Scholarship](#) – Deadline May 1st, 2024 – Amount \$1000
- [Student Peace Awards](#) - due to kastamper@fcps.edu by October 19, 2023 - Amount \$250
- American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest – Deadline December 1, 2023
- Amy Rondeau Scholarship Award – for members of the CVHS varsity football team – due to touchdown.cvhs@gmail.com by November 13, 2023

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO NOTE – [Check Naviance](#) for new opportunities vetted by FCPS. From the home page, go to Colleges< Research Colleges< Enrichment Programs. Search by category, date, and keyword. Recent additions include:

[US Naval Academy Information Session](#) – Event date October 18th, 2023

[Fall Open House at Pharmacy Hall](#) – Event date October 21st, 2023

[High School Internship with the NGA](#) - Deadline October 14th, 2023

[UVA Fall Fest](#) - Event date October 14th, 21st 2023

[Richard Bland College of William and Mary Admissions Fair](#) - Event date October 28th, 2023

[Fairfax County Fire Explorer Program](#) - Next information session October 14th, 2023

[Duke Ophthalmic Technician Program](#) – Next information session October 26th, 2023

[Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program](#) – Event date November 8th 2023

[Southeastern Conference \(SEC\) Virtual College Tour](#) – Event date October 10th 2023

[Fordham Ram Information Session](#) - Event date October 17th 2023

[X-Stem NOVA Science Festival](#) – Event date October 20th 2023

[Department of Education Virtual Internship](#) - Deadline October 27th 2023

[Steamfitters local 602 Open house](#) – Event date October 14th 2023

[Harvard, Princeton, UVA, Wellesley and Yale Info session](#) – Event date October 9th 2023

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