



College & Career Corner

October 9, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 9 Due date for juniors to complete PSAT Day Intent to Participate Form:
<https://forms.gle/PrpCu6JUmnMDYxK9A> - email spkomara@fcps.edu with questions
- Oct. 12 NACAC Virtual College Fairs - <https://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/> (additional dates on Oct. 18 and Nov. 8)
- Oct. 19 10th grade Check & Connect at 10am – meet your counselor in their BBCU classroom
- Oct. 19 NOVA Pathway Information Session, 11:30am – join using the link and passcode 690505
<https://vccs.zoom.us/j/95818460135?pwd=b0tuZDM4b3B5cDRkZ0o2VzE2aVFXdz09>
- Oct. 19-23 FCPS Virtual College Week, sessions at 5pm and 7pm each night – visit [CFCN web page](#) for details
- Oct. 22 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) application due from sophomores – see listing in Naviance
- Oct. 22 ALCANZA Virtual College Fair, 3-5:30pm – <https://events.admissions.gmu.edu/alcanza/>
- Oct. 24-25 Volunteer Fest - <https://www.volunteerfairfax.org/volunteerfest-2020/>
- Oct. 29 PSAT for 11th grade students
- Oct. 29 Senior Application Workshop Day – get help with essays, applications, NOVA Pathway, and FAFSA!
More details to come!

NEWS & INFORMATION

Students and parents often ask about the **validity of programs such as the National Society of High School Scholars and College Admissions Assistance**. **Please be an informed consumer**- check into their ratings from the Better Business Bureau and online, and don't sign up for anything without doing your research first. Information on scholarships, financial aid and college can always be found for FREE- you do not need to pay for it.
<http://www.collegeprepresults.com/is-nshss-national-society-of-high-school-scholars-a-scam-or-a-real-award/>

The **CVHS PTSA** supports important school programs such as senior scholarships, educational grants, special student projects, and teacher appreciation events. **Seniors must be a student member of the PTSA by December 1, 2020 in order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship next spring**. For more information on the PTSA and to access the membership form, visit <https://cvhsptsa.webs.com/>.

Multiple **Financial Aid Night** presentations will be offered by FCPS partner College Access Fairfax. If you are unable to attend the virtual program, sessions will be **recorded and posted** on <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/>.

Academic Common Market - Students seeking a major/program not offered by a college in Virginia may qualify for **in-state tuition rates at an out-of-state school**. [This website lists the agreements established between states and schools for particular programs](#). Students must be accepted to the school in that specific program in order to qualify for in-state rates. Agreements are updated annually but there are currently 293 separate agreements for VA residents.

Seeking help with your FAFSA or other financial aid questions? Contact CVHS Financial Aid Champion Bonnie Horowitz at bdhorowitz@fcps.edu. Fill out this zoom support request: <https://forms.gle/NHhUMZCoHJm4igVD8>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – FCPS is encouraging students to participate in safe forms of service learning this school year. Now more than ever it is important for students to be engaged and look for ways to help one another through safe acts of service. Virtual service learning examples, along with other support resources, can be accessed by visiting the new [FCPS Service Learning Google Site](#).

The **CVHS Hand in Hand Club** offers opportunities for hands-on service activities such as writing cards and knitting blankets for family shelters. Attend the interest meeting on October 13th at 3:15pm to learn more. Join the Google classroom with the code h2nlaos to access the meeting and other important information.

COLLEGE INFO SESSIONS – College representatives will offer 30 minute informational sessions via zoom every Monday through Nov. 9. These sessions are for FCPS Region 4 students only. Zoom signup links were emailed to students and posted in the 11th and 12th grade CVHS Student Services google sites. Confirmed universities include:

October 12	Fort Valley State University, College of William & Mary, Spelman College, University of Pittsburgh
October 19	Purdue University, Bridgewater College, Christopher Newport University, Penn State, University of Delaware
October 26	University of Lynchburg, Virginia Military Institute, Georgetown University, University of South Carolina, College of Charleston
November 2	Marymount University, University of Central Florida, Coastal Carolina University, Elon University, Hollins University
November 9	Clemson University, Randolph-Macon College, East Carolina University, Kentucky State University, Virginia State University

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

CVHS SCHOLARSHIPS:

- UVA Jefferson Scholars – CVHS self-nomination due by Oct. 22, 2020
- Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Award – CVHS self-nomination due by Oct. 26, 2020
- CVHS PTSA – seniors must be a student member by Dec. 1, 2020 in order to apply for 1 of 5 scholarships in the spring - <https://cvhsptsa.webs.com/>
- Student Peace Award – open to juniors or seniors – CVHS self-nomination due by Oct. 30, 2020

NEW:

- Dell Scholars Program – deadline Dec. 1, 2020
- OppU Achievers Scholarship – deadline Dec. 31, 2020
- Automotive Women’s Alliance Foundation Scholarship – deadline Jan. 9, 2021

CONTESTS:

- VWF Voice of Democracy - <https://www.vfw.org/VOD> - deadline Oct. 31, 2020
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contests – email MLKOratoricalContest@gmail.com for application - deadline November 15, 2020

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 location. Recent additions include:

College of Charleston Virtual Meeting Opportunities – event date Oct. 2020 and Nov. 2 from 2pm to 7pm - <https://admissions.cofc.edu/> - <https://admissions.cofc.edu/meet-your-counselor/rebecca-drewry.php>

UVA School of Architecture Virtual Opportunities – event date Oct. 2020 – Dec. 2020 - <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/apply/visit-us>

Intro to Quantum Computing Course – event date Oct. 11, 2020 – May 15, 2021 - <https://www.codeconnects.org/quantum-computing-course.html>

Preview Georgia Tech – event date Oct. 12 – Oct. 29, 2020 Mon-Thurs from 4pm to 7pm - <https://admission.gatech.edu/visit/preview-georgia-tech>

Six Colleges Information Sessions (Amherst, Bowdoin, Carleton, Pomona, Swarthmore and Williams) – event date Oct. 13 and Oct. 27, 2020 from 7pm to 8pm - <https://www.sixcolleges.org/>

Science, Technology, & Arts @ Rensselaer Program (STAR) - event date Oct. 18, 2020 from 4pm to 8pm - <https://admissions.rpi.edu/STAR>

Open House at Agricultural Technology at Virginia Tech – event date Oct. 24 at 10am - <https://www.cals.vt.edu/academic-programs/agtech.html>

Campus Connection Day (VA Tech) – deadline date Oct. 18, 2020 – event date Nov. 7, 2020 - <https://vt.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visit/campus-connection-day.html>

Givology Internships – event date 2020-2021 3 weeks, 10 hours a week - <https://www.givology.org/get-involved/internships/>

EF Gap Year – event date 2021-2022 - <https://efgapyear.com/>

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