



# College & Career Corner

September 13, 2024

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 17 MEFA Financial Aid 101 virtual presentation, 6:30-7:30pm - register [here](#)
- Sept. 22 College Essay Guy Application & Supplemental Essays Crash Course from 5-7pm
- Sept. 26 Scholarship Workshop with Marianne Ragins, 6:30-8:30pm – register [here](#)
- Oct. 7 College App Boot Camp, 3-4pm in the CVHS Library – seniors register [here](#)
- Oct. 16 MEFA Financial Aid 101 virtual presentation in Spanish, 6:30-7:30pm – register [here](#)
- Oct. 20 [2024 FCPS College Fair](#), 4-6:30pm at GMU - [registration](#) is encouraged
- Oct. 21-22 [Two-Night Postsecondary Virtual Event](#), 5-8pm - links published one week before
- Oct. 28 College App Boot Camp, 3-4pm in the CVHS Library – registration coming soon
- Nov. 8-9 Alfred Stret Baptist Church HBCU Fair – information and registration [here](#)

## NEWS & INFORMATION

At the **GMU** info session yesterday, **Director of Admissions Pat Money** shared that students with a **GPA of 3.5 or higher and applying Early Action will automatically be screened for merit scholarships**. Apply by the EA deadline of Nov. 1! **Students who demonstrate FULL need based on their FAFSA (which opens Dec. 1) will qualify for FREE TUITION.**

MEFA's [Financial Aid 101](#) webinar for families will be offered on a weekly basis from Sept. 17 through mid-December. The presentation will provide a helpful overview of the entire financial aid process, and include information on financial aid applications and eligibility, types of financial aid, and how colleges determine the details of financial aid offers. RSVP to one of the monthly sessions [here](#). A session in **Spanish** will be offered on Oct. 16 – register [here](#). Webinars will be recorded and posted online for families who are unable to attend a live event.

Seniors – need help with your college applications? Meet with your College & Career Specialist and school counselors for the **College App Boot Camp in the CVHS Library on Monday, Oct. 7 after school**. [Register](#) to receive small group or individual assistance with recommendations, essays, Common App and more! Bring your questions and your laptop.

As [this article](#) shares, “Employment growth in the mental health field – for psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists, counselors, psychiatric aides and social workers – is expected to be triple the projection for a typical US job.”

Are you or your family members preparing for college and exploring scholarship opportunities? Join the FREE virtual workshop on Sept. 26 from 6:30-8:30pm led by \$400,000 scholarship winner and bestselling author, Marianne Ragins. Get expert advice and learn strategies to maximize your chances of receiving college money. Register [here](#).

**Alfred Street Baptist Church** invites students and families to the country's largest **HBCU Festival** on Nov. 8 (virtual) and 9 at the St. James in Springfield, VA. Apply on-site and receive same-day admissions decisions! Fun and informative HBCU seminars and scholarships available. Register [here](#).

**COLLEGE REP INFO SESSIONS** – 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. Upcoming sessions include:

- Sept. 16 – Oberlin College (10:45am)
- Sept. 19 – University of Minnesota (12pm), Columbia University (1:45pm), University of Mary Washington (2:15pm)
- Sept. 20 – Bridgewater College (9am), University of Southern California (10:45am)
- Sept. 25 – Marist College (9am), VCU (10am in Lecture Hall), American University (2:15pm)
- Sept. 26 – Savannah College of Art & Design (9am), Butler University (10:45am), Radford University (2pm)

**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](#) (log in under the Careers tab). Opportunities include:

[GIVE Youth](#) is a non-profit organization offering free tutoring for students in kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Weekly tutoring sessions start on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10:30am-12:30pm weekly at the Centreville Regional Library. To volunteer, fill out this [form](#). Email [directors@giveyouth.org](mailto:directors@giveyouth.org) with questions.

**Bull Run ES** is having a **Back to School Bash on Sept. 20** and is seeking volunteers from 4:15-8pm. Students must like working with children and will be setting up/running games, positively engaging with families and cleaning up after the event. Sign up for at least 1 hour of service [here](#).

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

UVA Jefferson & Walentas Self-Nomination – due to [kastamper@fcps.edu](mailto:kastamper@fcps.edu) by 11:59pm on Oct. 7, 2024

[2024-2025 International High School Essay Contest Scholarship](#) Deadline: 10/31/2024 Amount: \$500

Harris Goodall Squires Memorial Scholarship for students enrolled in an ESOL program for at least 1 year Deadline: 4/1/2025 Amount: \$5000 \***Application in Naviance PDF\***

[Barbara Lotze Scholarship for Future Teachers](#) Deadline: 12/1/2024 Amount: \$3000

[Darrigo, Diaz & Jimenez Annual Scholarship for Emergency Responders](#) Deadline: 11/30/2024 Amount: \$1000

[Visual Arts Fellowships from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts](#) Deadline: 11/1/2024 Amount: \$4000

**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:

[National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency high school student internship application](#) is open until September 30, 2024 for current Juniors to intern at NGA in the summer of 2025. Email [thomas.f.nance@nga.mil](mailto:thomas.f.nance@nga.mil) with questions.

[Explore Your Future With Us: Careers And Income-Generating Pathways For Undocumented Students](#) Deadline: 10/11/2024 Event date: 10/21/2024

[PharmD Open House at UMaryland](#) Event date: 11/2/2024

[ATconnect's Open House](#) Event date: 9/15/2024

[Yale Entrepreneurial Society High School Fellowship](#) Deadline: 9/20/2024 Event date: Oct-Nov 2024 Saturdays

[Bryn Mawr Alumnae/Interview Days](#) Event date: Various dates, check website for sessions

[How to Apply and Finance a UConn Education](#) Event date: 9/19/2024

[HHP Academic Sessions by ECU](#) Event dates: Various sessions throughout fall check website for specific sign ups

[Radford University Open House](#) Event dates: 10/19 and 11/16

[Regeneron Science Talent Search- Society for Science](#) Deadline: 11/7/2024

[Veterinary Medicine Careers Exploration](#) Event date: 10/19/2024

[Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program \(HPREP\)](#) Deadline: 10/7/2024 Event date: 10/19-12/7

[Shape the Future of ML and AI](#) Deadline: 9/28/2024 Event dates: 9/22-12/8 Sundays.

[Diversity Overnight at Case Western Reserve University](#) Event date: 10/10-10/11

[BranchOut! College admissions webinar](#) Event date: 9/19/2024

[West Point Admissions Event - Georgetown University](#) Event date: 10/12/2024

[Northern Virginia Urban League Guild PSAT Workshop](#) Event date: 10/5/2024

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