



# College & Career Corner

September 27, 2024

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

While the FAFSA will not open until Dec. 1, seniors and their parents are encouraged to secure an [FSA ID](#) now in preparation for completing the FAFSA. Students who are ineligible to complete the FAFSA should plan to fill out the [Virginia Alternative State Aid Application](#) (VASA), which will also open in December. If you are unsure whether to file the FAFSA or VASA, please visit [Level Up Virginia](#) for information.

**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. 30 – Randolph College (9am)
- Oct. 1 – Mary Baldwin University (9am), Longwood University (10am)
- Oct. 2 – Old Dominion University (9am), Shenandoah University (2pm)
- Oct. 8 – University of Richmond (9am), West Virginia University (10:45am)
- Oct. 10 – James Madison University (10am), University of Alabama (12:30pm), University of Wisconsin (2:15pm)

### **Notes from this week's sessions:**

Butler University is opening a new **direct admit** [Bachelor of Science in Nursing](#) program in fall 2025. Students who apply by Nov. 1 get full consideration for academic scholarships up to \$30K across all majors. Additionally, students will be screened for the **full tuition** [Morton-Finney Diversity Scholar Award](#) which seeks students with strong academics as well as a commitment to promote diversity and inclusion through high school and community activities.

**VCU** offers **guaranteed admission** for students with a 3.5 GPA. Review the details [here](#).

**Radford** renewed their [Tuition Promise](#) for students whose families have an adjusted gross income of \$100K or less and a Student Aid Index of less than \$15K as determined by the FAFSA. Direct admission is available for freshman applicants with a 3.3 GPA and a passing grade in Algebra 2. Students and families can explore campus, meet faculty and support services, and learn about admissions and financial aid at the **Open House** on Oct. 19. Register [here](#).

**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:

**SYA** is seeking volunteers for **Centreville Day on Oct. 19 from 9am-4pm**. Help with setup, handing out info, staffing mini games/demos and cleanup. Email [publicrelations@syasports.org](mailto:publicrelations@syasports.org) to volunteer. Please indicate what shifts you are available to work (1, 2 or all 3): 9am-noon, 11am-3pm or 1pm-4pm.

[2024 Venture into Volunteering Fair](#) Event date: 11/3/2024

Ongoing opportunities with [Herralink](#) to connect high school students with residents in retirement homes

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

**CVHS Self-Nomination Opportunities for SENIORS – submit to [kastamper@fcps.edu](mailto:kastamper@fcps.edu)**

UVA Jefferson & Walentas – full tuition, deadline Oct. 7

Harry F. Byrd Leadership Award - \$25K scholarship, deadline Oct. 21

Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County - \$250 scholarship for 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders, deadline Oct. 28

Virginia Tech Pamplin Leadership Award - \$5K scholarship, deadline Nov. 4

PTSA Scholarship – seniors must be a CVHS PTSA member by Dec. 1 in order to apply for 1 of 5 scholarships when the application is posted in January 2025 – join here <https://centrevillehsptsa.givebacks.com/>

**CVHS Self-Nomination Opportunities for UNDERCLASS STUDENTS – submit to [kastamper@fcps.edu](mailto:kastamper@fcps.edu)**

Carson Scholars Program - for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders, deadline Oct. 14

Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) - for sophomores, deadline Oct. 22

Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County - \$250 scholarship for 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders, deadline Oct. 28

**Additional opportunities**

Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies – three \$500 scholarships for CVHS seniors, deadline April 15, 2025

[College Scholarship Program - Jack Kent Cooke Foundation \(jkcf.org\)](#) Deadline: 11/14/2024 Amount: Up to \$55,000

[Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Award](#) Deadline: 12/2/2024 Amount: \$25,000

[FOSSI Scholarship](#) Deadline: 1/31/2025 Amount: \$40,000

[Akerson Family Foundation Scholarship](#) Deadline: 3/17/2025 Amount: \$50,000

[Community Scholars | Chick-fil-A](#) Deadline: 10/30/2024 Amount: Up to \$25,000

[The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists Scholarship](#) Deadline: 11/15/2024 Amount: See Naviance

[Visionary Scholarship](#) Deadline: 12/2/2024 Amount: Up to \$2,500

[Barbara Lotze Scholarship](#) Deadline: 12/1/2024 Amount: \$3,000

[Lamber Goodnow College Scholarship](#) Deadline: 12/1/2024 Amount: \$1,000

**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:

[Explore JMU: Academic Open Houses](#) Event dates: 10/5, 11/16

[Wellesley College’s Leadership Series](#) Event date: 10/20/2024

[The CSS Profile from The Coalition for College Webinar](#) Event date: 10/8/2024

[Ask Us Anything: College Applications from The Coalition for College](#) Event date: 10/24/2024

[Ram Session: Metro DC](#) Event date: 10/15/2024

[Virginia Tech Open House](#) Event date: 9/28 and 9/29 (This weekend!)

[Towson Academic Open House](#) Event date: 11/11/2024

[VCU Virtual Prospective Student Information Session](#) Event date: 10/2/2024

[SAT & ACT Test Prep Workshop](#) Deadline: 10/4/2024 Event date: 10/12, 10/19

[ConnectHER Film Festival](#) Deadline: 10/1 for entering, students can view and vote for other videos as well

[School Board Student Leadership Development Program](#) Event date: Various meeting dates throughout the school year

[High School Career Forum](#) Deadline: 10/24 Event date: 10/26/2024

[West Point Admissions Event at Fort Meade](#) Event date: 10/9/2024

[U.S. Naval Academy Candidate Information Session](#) Event date: 10/28/2024

[SuitUp with Kaiser Permanente Business Competition](#) event date 12/4/2024 (Program is limited to 25 students)

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