College & Career Corner

November 15, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 16   FAFSA Line by Line virtual workshop, 7pm – join here
Nov. 20   College 101 Night virtual program, 7pm – join via zoom
Dec. 7   Scholarship 101 virtual presentation, 10am – join here
Dec. 13   ASVAB Career Assessment, 10am in CVHS Lecture Hall – register here

NEWS & INFORMATION

FCPS IT Coursera Career Academy provides interested students with **no-cost access** to over 30 industry-recognized courses and certifications in high-demand fields such as cybersecurity, cloud computing, data analytics, and more. It's a fantastic way for students to explore career pathways and build valuable skills for their future. For more information, click here or email sfsimmons@fcps.edu.

In October, FCPS students and families had the opportunity to attend 10 virtual sessions related to post-secondary planning success. Recordings of the sessions are now available. Topics include Paying for College, NOVA (in Spanish as well!), Exploring Naviance, Standardized Testing, Common App, Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment, Considerations for students with Disabilities, and Scholarship 101.

Class of 2026 – we are planning our first **ever Junior Focus Day** on March 4, 2025! We are seeking your input regarding topics for breakout sessions that meet your needs and interests. Please fill out this questionnaire. This is for juniors ONLY and must be accessed through your FCPS email.

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:

- Multilingual Learners' Day of Service Event date: 11/16/2024
- Friends of SJCS-VA: Food Delivery Volunteer Event date: Wednesdays in Nov and Dec 2024
- Thanksgiving Food Drive at St. Andrew – November 23 and 24 – email mmulholland2@cox.net or sign up here
- Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Timothy – Sunday, Nov. 24 – email uscpcop@msn.com or sign up here
- Bull Run Winterfest – Dec. 6 from 4-8:30pm. Set up, work craft and game stations, and clean up. If you work the entire event, dinner will be included for all volunteers! Sign up here or email bullrunptapresident@gmail.com
- Centreville ES Holiday Market - Saturday, December 7th from 9:30am-2pm

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

Hagan Scholarship Amount: Up to $7,500 Deadline: 12/1/2024
Silent Servant Scholarship Award Amount: $595 Deadline: 5/11/2025
The Dream.US Scholarship Amount: Up to $33,000 Deadline: 2/28/2025
"Broad Horizons" Scholarship Amount: $1000 Deadline: 1/31/2025
Michel Merhige Scholarship Amount: $1,500 Deadline: 2/28/2025
Breanna Coleman Memorial Nursing Scholarship Amount: $5,000 Deadline: 1/24/2025
Alpha Phi Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter Ira Dorsey HBCU Scholarship Amount: Varies Deadline: 4/13/2025
L. Patrick Laing Memorial Scholarship Amount: Up to $2,000 **New Deadline** 4/10/2025
Generation Hope Scholarship Amount: Up to $2,400 Deadline: 4/1/2025

Science Ambassador Scholarship Amount: $20,000 Deadline: 12/16/2024
Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards Amount: Up to $10,000 Deadline: 1/15/2025 (Or first 1000 applicants)
Equitable Excellence Scholarship® Program Amount: Up to $5,000 Deadline: 12/18/2024
2025 Davidson Fellows Scholarship Amount: Up to $50,000 Deadline: 2/12/2025
NVADACA Scholarship Amount: $5,000 Deadline: 2/28/2025
DataSetGo Scholarship Amount: $5,000 Deadline: 4/15/2025
Credit Worthy Scholarship Contest Amount: $1,000 Deadline: 1/15/2025
Account Careers National Scholarship Amount: $5,000 Deadline: 4/15/2025
Financial Futures Tax Simulation Scholarship Amount: $2,500 Deadline: 1/12/2025
FutureSmart Scholarship Amount: Up to $5,000 Deadline: 1/13/2025
BrandSource Scholars Amount: Up to $12,000 Deadline: No deadline
10X Digital Marketing Scholarship Amount: $4,000 Deadline: 12/1/2024

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:

Sports Industry Networking & Career (SINC) Conference Event date: 2/21-2/22/2025
STEM Scholars Program Deadline: 12/1/2024
John Jay College Open House Event date: 11/16/2024
Smithsonian Internship Opportunities Event dates: Summer 2025
Stanford Clinical Summer Internship at Stanford Deadline: 2/24/2025 Summer 2025, virtual and In-person sessions
UNC Asheville Fall Open House Event date: 11/23/2024
Wake Forest University Pre-College Event dates: Summer 2025
STEM for Rising 9th and 10th Graders at Brown Event dates: 7/13-7/25/2025
Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Q&A Session Event date: 11/21/2024
USC Summer Programs Virtual Information Session I Event date: 1/14/2025
USC Summer Programs Virtual Information Session II Event date: 2/11/2025
USC Summer Programs by USC Pre-College Deadline: 5/2/2025 Event dates: 6/15-7/12/2025
Wilderness Adventures 2025 Event date: June-August 2025
I3 Competition Deadline: 12/18/2024
Health Career Scholars Academy Deadline: 2/25/2025 Event date: 6/29-7/26/2025
2025 BMAG Art Submission Deadline: None, currently accepting submissions
Givology Internships Deadline: Rolling admissions
High School Scientific Training and Enrichment Program (HiSTEP) Webinar Deadline: Admission to program closes 1/8/2025 Event date: 11/21/2024
Telluride Association Summer Seminar (TASS) Event date: 6/22-7/26/2025
Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological & Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) Deadline: 1/9/2025 Event date: 4/26/2025
CIEE Global Navigator Virtual Fair Event date: 11/18-11/21/2024
The Earth Prize Competition Deadline: 11/31/2024 (to register) Event date: 1/31/2025
Hairdresser Strong Shadow Program Event dates: Ongoing
Veterinary Medical Career Fair & Information Sessions Event dates: Online library of previous webinars on how to apply
Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Information Sessions and Tours In-person dates in Spring 2025, virtual on Wednesdays
Germanna Community College/ Virginia Works Apprentice Hiring Fair Event dates: 11/21-11/22/2024
Entrada Scholars Program College Access Programs Deadline: Application opens 12/1/2024 Event dates: 7/6-7/30/2025
Fairfax collegiate SAT Prep Courses Event dates: Various sessions through June 2025, Chantilly and McLean locations