



College & Career Center Corner Newsletter

March 10, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022 Fairfax County Teen Job Fair (reminder) More information below	March 12
Military Night More information below	March 29
End of 3 rd Quarter/Early Release	March 31
Student Rep. FCPS School Board Application More information below	March 23
Teacher Workday (no school for students)	April 1
Spring Break	April 4-8

9th-11th Grade Parents & Students:

In accordance with FCPS Policy 1802, FCPS students can apply for the position of Student Representative to the School Board. The student representative is not a member of the School Board but serves in a nonvoting, advisory capacity, representing the interests of the students of Fairfax County Public Schools. Students who are currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 are eligible to apply, and they do not need to be current members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SAC).

Applications are due **March 23, 2022 at noon**. The application and related details can be found [here](#).

All Parents & Students:

In person at **West Springfield High School on Saturday, March 12th from 1-3pm** & **Chantilly HS on Saturday, March 19th from 11am-1pm**. Local businesses are eager to hire. While most job seekers attending the fair are between ages 16 to 18, limited opportunities are sometimes available for students as young as 14. Job opportunities at the fair include full-time, part-time, seasonal, volunteer, and internship opportunities. In addition to job opportunities at the fair, students will also be able to attend a career-building workshop, like a Resume Workshop and Interviewing 101.

The best part of this fair is that it is completely FREE. **For students, you simply register [here](#)**. There is no requirement to be a resident or student in Fairfax County, although the opportunities at the fair will be based in Fairfax County.

For more information on the fairs, you can visit [here](#).

Regions 3&4 will be hosting **Military Night** at West Springfield High School (6100 Rolling Road Springfield, VA 22152) on **Tuesday, March 29th from 6pm-8pm**. Representatives from Military Academies, Military Colleges, ROTC Programs, Recruiters, and Congressional Offices will be represented! If you have any interest in serving in the military, this is the event you do not want to miss! Please fill out this quick [Google Doc](#) if you plan to attend (must do so through your fcpschools.net account).



College Visits coming to the WSHS Career Center

College and University visit to West Springfield HS have concluded for the Fall. Be on the lookout for schools to visit in the Spring. There will not be as many as were in the Fall but there will visit.

Juniors and seniors, please sign up for college visits through Naviance Student. Here's the [video](#) showing you how to register. If you enter your favorite colleges in **Colleges I am Thinking About** in your Naviance Student account, you will receive an email notifying you when a visit is scheduled.

Parents- you cannot do this for your student. Parent access through Parent View is "view only" by design. Naviance Student is a student resource set up so that only students have the capability of entering information.

Here's a preview of the colleges and universities already scheduled for the coming weeks. Some are virtual and some are in person. Virtual visits will still take place in the College & Career Center. Please bring your laptops with you to the visits! All other visits will take place there as well unless otherwise stated. All visit are also on the WSHS Activities Calendar.

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| March 17 | Northern VA Community College (financial aid session)- ONLY for Seniors planning to attend NOVA & Marshall University |
| March 22 | University of Kentucky |
| March 23 | FCPS ACE Program & St. Bonaventure University |
| March 24 | Rutgers University & Baylor University |
| March 25 | Old Dominion University & Northern VA Community College- ONLY for Seniors (Next Steps after admission) |
| March 29 | Iowa State University |



Jobs & Volunteering

Local employment and volunteer opportunities are posted in the Career Center (on the bulletin board). Here are some that have been received:

Fairfax County Government Jobs for current positions open visit [here](#)

Genesys Works (CURRENT JUNIORS ONLY) would you like to earn up to \$15,000 in a paid corporate internship, an industry-recognized certification, and a successful plan for after HS? Genesys Works is an opportunity for a successful future! They provide free business and computer skills training, a paid corporate internship, and free college help! This is for **RISING SENIORS (current Juniors)** only! For more information visit their website [here](#)

Snag A Job is a great resource tool to use to locate full-time and part-time positions. Visit the [website](#) if you are currently in search of employment opportunities!

Work Permits

FCPS **DOES NOT** provide forms for students to obtain a work permit. To get one, you must go directly through the VA Department of Labor [website](#) to apply for one.

Opportunities in x2VOL

In x2VOL, CLICK the 'OPPORTUNITIES' tab to see opportunities posted by nonprofits (MS and HS only)

Ongoing Other

- **Volunteer Fairfax Directory of Youth Service Opportunities**
<http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/YSOD%2017-18.pdf>
- **ArtStream** is a nonprofit that provides creative and performance opportunities that build confidence, interaction, and independence skills for adults with disabilities, such as Autism and Down Syndrome. The successes of ArtStream program participants range from new jobs to better friendships to improved public speaking skills. Volunteer application: <http://www.art-stream.org/2016-2017-volunteer-application/>
- **Britepaths** is a non-profit based in Fairfax City that provides emergency assistance as well as financial education and mentoring services to Fairfax County residents in need. In many cases, youth under age 16 should plan to volunteer with an adult. See our Youth Volunteer Opportunity page for several upcoming youth-friendly opportunities: <https://britepaths.org/YouthVolunteer>
- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation** Volunteer in Virginia Opportunities <https://goo.gl/dBc61X>
- Interested in Hosting a **Rise Against Hunger Event** (formerly No Kid Hungry)?
<http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/> Contact Joyce Lynn: joycelynn9726@yahoo.com
- **HART (Homeless Animals Rescue Team)** relies upon our volunteers at our adoption events. Contact: rkouri@verizon.net
- **Fairfax County Stewardship – Remove Invasive Plants from Fairfax County's Natural Areas** Invasive invaders such as kudzu, wisteria and stilt grass are pushing out important native flora and diminishing the health of our parks. Help turn the tide against these exotic invaders by joining the Invasive Management Area (IMA) volunteers and pulling these weeds out by their roots. The IMA volunteer calendar can be [found online](#).
- **Food For Others** <https://www.foodforothers.org/volunteer/> and you can sign up: <https://goo.gl/F12Wqx>
- **Smithsonian Education Research Center – Citizen Science Volunteer Projects:**
<https://www.si.edu/volunteer/citizenscience>
- **Northern Virginia Family Services** http://www.nvfs.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=393189
- **Children's Science Center Youth Volunteer Opportunities** - The Children's Science Center offers our youth several different opportunities to volunteer and develop leadership skills. <http://childsci.org/get-involved/volunteer/youth/>
- **Fairfax County Storm Drain Education Volunteers** – First, volunteers find a location and obtain approval from the civic or homeowners' association. Second, there is a community education component. Finally, there is the labeling component. <https://goo.gl/SXGbpN>
- **Humane Society of Fairfax County** - We have many volunteer activities in which young adults can participate in to help the animals and the Humane Society of Fairfax County: <https://goo.gl/36jsRh>

Scholarships & Enrichment Programs

Scholarships

(WSHS Specific) Rob Benton & Ron Tugwell Scholarship is now open! The West Springfield High School Athletic Boosters awards scholarships to WSHS graduating seniors who participated in a Virginia High School League (VHSL) sanctioned event or FCPS supported club sport. Participation may include, but is not necessarily limited to athletes, performers, managers, trainers, statisticians, and videographers. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. The amount of the scholarship and the number awarded is determined by the annual budget.

As of 2022, the application is digital. We recommend that you prepare your answers in advance before completing the form.

2022 Questions:

- List your Athletic/Team participation while at West Springfield High School. Include participation at other high schools if you are a transfer student.
- What extracurricular activities, including community service, were you involved with during your high school years?
- From the lists above, what accomplishments are you most proud of? Why?
- 500 – 750 Word Essay answering: How has being a student athlete impacted your life, and how do you expect it to impact you in the future?

Application deadline: April 18, 2022 For more information and to apply online, go [here](#).

(WSHS Nominated Scholarship. Multiple can apply!) Emily & Fred Ruffing AACA Scholarship The scholarship is presented by the Annandale Christian Community for Action (AACA). It is intended for a graduating high school senior of the Northern Virginia area, who has a disability. All qualifying FCPS students are encouraged to apply; however, priority will be given to FCPS Administrative Area II (Justice and Annandale High Schools) students. Students must plan to pursue a full-time higher education program beyond high school. Applications and all supporting documentation must be turned into Ms. Frederick, in the College & Career Center, by **April 15, 2022 no later than 3:15pm**. The application and more details can be found in Naviance.

OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates Gold Mountain Scholarship will award \$2,000 to fifteen first-gen, Asian American or Pacific Islander (AAPI) high school students who are graduating this year and will be starting college in the fall. Applicants do not need to be a U.S. citizen. DACA students or undocumented students must have a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to be eligible for this scholarship. For more information on eligibility and to apply, students can visit this [link](#). The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 1, 2022 at 11:59 PM PT**.

Open Door Presbyterian Church Scholarship As part of our community service ministry work, we select local high school students to award our church scholarship annually. We would like to invite all high school students who are interested in receiving a scholarship to apply. The scholarship opportunity is open to all, regardless of church membership or faith. Here is the [link](#) for the application and guidelines.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Beta Alpha Omega Chapter Scholarship is open! The scholarship is applicable across 4 categories:

- Merit
- Financial Need
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Historically Black College or University (HBCU)

Student must be a HS Senior either residing in Lorton or Springfield, VA or attend a public, private, or charter school in Lorton or Springfield, VA. Must have a cumulative GPA of a C+ (at least 2.5 avg) or better on a 4.0 scale. Student may apply for more than one scholarship. Alpha Beta Alpha Omega Chapter members and their families are ineligible. To request an

application, contact Scholarship@aka-abao.org and be sure to visit www.aka-abao.org. Application must be postmarked no later than **April 18, 2022**.

Generation Hope Scholarship [Generation Hope's application](#) is currently open through **April 1, 2022**. Generation Hope provides scholarships of \$1,200/year along with one-on-one mentoring, mental health support, case management, free tutoring, and more to young parents (both moms and dads) who are going to college in the DC metro area.

The application and more information about eligibility requirements can be found [here](#) through April 1, and I have also attached a flyer They are also holding an [application clinic](#) where students can receive one-on-one support with their application on **March 12th** as well as a special event for young fathers on **March 24th**.

Scholarships (located in Naviance)

- NIADA Scholarship – **deadline March 12, 2022**
- SAE Scholarships – **deadline March 21, 2022**
- Altum Scholarship Award Program – **deadline March 31, 2022**
- Northern Virginia Business & Professional Women Scholarship – **deadline April 3, 2022**
- Society of American Military Engineers – **deadline April 4, 2022**
- The Rotary Club of Alexandria CTE Scholarship – **deadline April 29, 2022**
- Abbott Painters Scholarship – **deadline April 30, 2022**
- Alfred Street Baptist Church Scholarship – **deadline April 30, 2022**
- Got a Spine Scholarship – **deadline May 2, 2022**
- TDI's Communications Access Scholarship Program – **deadline May 13, 2022**
- Hospital Safety Awareness Scholarship – **deadline May 31, 2022**

Enrichment Programs (located in Naviance)

- Black Engineering Excellence at Virginia Tech (BEE VT) – **deadline March 21, 2022** – event date July 17 – 30, 2022 - <https://eng.vt.edu/ceed/ceed-pre-college-programs/BEEVT.html>
- Computer Science and Informatics Summer Research Experience Program (CSIRE) – **deadline March 26, 2022** – event date June 27 – Aug. 5, 2022 - <https://bmi.stonybrookmedicine.edu/csire/2022>
- Black College Institute – **deadline April 1, 2022** – event date Juniors: June 12 – 15, 2022, Seniors: June 19-23 or 26-30, 2022 - <https://vt.edu/admissions/black-college-institute.html>
- Black College Expo – **event date March 12, 2022** – 10am to 3pm, 3pm to 5pm - <https://www.thecollegeexpo.org/students/dc-maryland-black-college-expo>
- Virtual Uplifting Black Men Pre-College Program – **event date March 22 and 23, 2022** at 4pm - <https://admit.vt.edu/register/?id=971213b4-09ab-44ce-a4f5-753e482b64f2>
- StellarXplorers Camp – **event date Aug. 1-12, 2022** - <https://briccdc.com/stellarxplorers>

For more information or if you have questions, please visit the Career Center.

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