

Senior Student & Parent Night Fall 2023

**Presented by the
WSHS STUDENT SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
Wednesday August 30th**



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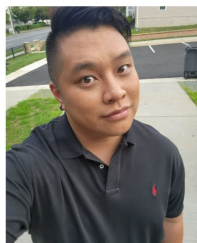
Mr. Fiacco- Sub School 4 (Mir-Shao)

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Student Services Team



WSHS 23-24
COUNSELORS



-College & Career
Specialist. Mr. Toomer

Counselors

Mrs. Greene-Herbert (A - Bla)
Mrs. Montain (Blb - Crau)
Ms. Wagonseller (Craw - Gaf)
Ms. Fleming (Gag-Hur)
Ms. Arenholz (Hus-Lee)
Mr. Tsang (Lef-Miq)
Mr. Fisher (Mir-Pon)
Ms. Neforos (Poo-Shao)
Ms. Sterling (Shap-Tran)
Ms. Wahl (Trao-Z)

Learning Targets



Today we will...

- Learn various post-secondary pathways for students to consider as they enter their senior year. We will also review the required steps to take to help students reach their goals.

So that we can...

- Ensure our Spartan community is informed about the processes and opportunities available for students.

We met our target when...

- Parents/guardians and students have the resources to navigate post-secondary opportunities and have a deeper understanding of how the West Springfield Student Services team will support them throughout senior year.

Fall Senior Timeline

Narrow college choices,
attend college fairs,
& meet with college representatives

1

Sign up for Senior
Meeting with school
counselor

3

Finalize college
lists

5

Submit Senior
Packet

2

Oct 15 - Dec 1
Early Decision/Early
Action applications due

4

Winter/Spring Senior Timeline

Finalize college applications & research and apply to scholarships



READ EMAILS from colleges & respond promptly



May 1 - notify the college you will attend and send in your deposit



Complete the **FAFSA** December!



Review college financial aid documents



Complete the **Senior Survey**

Visit the College & Career Center

- College/University Visits
- Military Visits
- Scholarships & Financial Aid Information
- Volunteering Opportunities (X2VOL)
- Class Schoology Groups
- Newsletters



Find Your Path!

- X College
- X Armed Services
 - ASVAB
 - 2 offerings: Fall and Spring
- X Gap Year
- X Apprenticeship
- X Employment



College Deadlines



- Early Decision – legally binding!
- Early Action – apply early, hear early!
- Regular Decision
- Rolling – get your decision soon after you apply
- Priority Deadlines for Merit Scholarships
- Open Admission– NOVA

Submission Deadlines for Counselor Recommendations & Transcripts

Deadline

October 6

October 13

October 27

November 15

December 1

January 5

Due to College

November 1

November 15

December 1

January 1

January 15

February 1

Rolling Admissions allow at least three school weeks (does not include holidays)

Community College: 2 Year College

NOVA Programs

- Guaranteed Admissions: to more than 40 area colleges and universities when you meet the agreement requirements between NOVA and that university.
- ADVANCE: a partnership between NOVA and GMU that gives NOVA students targeted, personalized support to complete their bachelor's degrees in a timely manner and save money.

Exploration Opportunities: WSHS and FCPS

- NOVA representative visits to WSHS in late fall and spring
- Information sessions
- Placement testing
- Campus visits
- Orientations



WSHS College Application Processes



WSHS College Application Processes



- Add counselor and sign the FERPA Waiver on Common App.
- School Specific Portals
- When in doubt check the admissions website!

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF
STUDENT RECORDS IN SUPPORT OF
POSTSECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Instructions for Use: This form is to be used by parents and/or guardians and students aged 18 or older to authorize Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to release student records and related information to support student applications to colleges, universities, scholarship sponsors, employers, or other similar organizations. The student, parent and/or guardian will use a separate form, your school's transcript request form, to identify all schools and organizations to which records may be sent.

CONSENT

By my signature below, I authorize FCPS to release to schools or organizations identified on the student's school transcript request form any school records or other information requested by the school or organization in support of the application. This may include, but is not limited to, transcript, other school records, and any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees. However, this authorization specifically excludes the release of discipline information.

By my signature below, I also authorize FCPS employees, including but not limited to, administrators, teachers, and counselors, to communicate with and respond to inquiries from the school or organization concerning my application and my credentials.

FCPS may release the required records and information by electronic or other means directly to the school or organization or to a service used by the school or organization to facilitate its application process. These services include, but are not limited to, the Common Application, Naviance Student, Coalition for College, and other services utilized by FCPS.

I understand that I am authorizing FCPS to send data to the colleges, scholarships, and other organizations listed on my transcript request form, typically via an electronic portal. When submitting my data electronically, FCPS will use the correct portal where the browser displays the padlock icon to indicate that the data is encrypted to the website. I acknowledge I am responsible for understanding the college's or organization's terms and privacy policy of how they will store, retain, and use this data prior to consenting to such release.

I also understand that I have the right to review or have copies of any records that FCPS transmits to the school or organization. If I have responded yes to the statement below, however, I have waived the right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

If an application requires or requests a student's social security number (SSN), FCPS staff members should not enter the SSN on the student's behalf.

- ☐ Yes, I waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.
- ☐ No, I do not waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

My signature below confirms that I have read and understand this consent form. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I withdraw this authorization in writing.

Note: Both parent and/or guardian and student are required to sign this form for students under age 18. Parent and/or guardian signature is not required if the student is aged 18 or over or attending a postsecondary school.

Name of Student (Please print) _____ Student ID _____ Date _____

Signature of Student _____ Signature of Parent and/or Guardian (if student is under 18) _____

FERPA & Waiving Rights

To Do:

Requesting a Transcript

Official Transcripts:

Transcript Request Form (No Cost)

- Available in Student Services, Schoology (Resources tab), and the [WSHS Website](#)
- Needs to be submitted to Mrs. Kurth for all schools/scholarships you are applying **at least 3 weeks in advance**.

Unofficial Transcripts:

- **NEW:** Available in SIS!



SCAN ME

Requesting a Teacher Letter of Recommendation



Teacher Letter of Recommendation

- Form is available on Schoology, [WSHS Google Site](#), and via your school counselor.



WSHS REQUEST FOR A TEACHER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP

Important Notes to Students: Before giving this form to a teacher, check with the college's admission requirements on the number of recommendations accepted and how they are to be submitted. For example, James Madison University asks for only one letter of recommendation (either a teacher or a counselor) and it is submitted electronically to the school.

You must speak with the faculty member and request the letter of recommendation in person. If the faculty member agrees to write the letter, give him/her this form. Check all items that apply to your request. Don't forget to complete the back of this form with as much information as possible!

Teacher's Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Email: _____

I am/was enrolled in your _____ class

Please write a general letter of recommendation on my behalf to the colleges, scholarships, or other programs listed below. Please give your honest assessment of my work ethic, study habits, grasp of material, analytical ability, and personal strengths. Please include any anecdotal comments that you believe would be helpful to my evaluation.

I am applying to the following schools/scholarships:

College/Scholarship Name	Due Date	Will an email be sent to me asking for my recommendation to be sent electronically (e.g. through Common App or from the school? (yes or no)	List how it needs to be submitted (through Common App, MyCoalition, directly to the School, Mail, or Pick up.) If I need it to be mailed, I am attaching an addressed envelope with postage for you. If you are not getting an email request and it needs to be sent electronically, an email address is provided below
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

Requesting a Counselor Letter of Recommendation

Counselor Letter of Recommendation

1. Submit the Transcript Request Form
 - a. Recommendations are NOT automatically sent to all schools. Only on schools indicated on the form.
2. Complete IS 111 consent form
(must be re-submitted for senior year)
3. Students submit their counselor's [Senior Packet Google Form](#)
4. Students sign-up to attend a 1-on-1 [Senior Meeting with Counselor](#)



SCAN ME



Financial Aid

- X Apply for FAFSA [here](#)!
- X 2023-2024 School year FAFSA important dates:
 - Application opens: **December 2023**
 - Submission deadline: June 30th, 2024
- X Eligibility requirements can be found [here](#)
- X Types of financial aid available:
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Work-study
 - Loans
 - Aid for military families
 - Aid for international study



Naviance

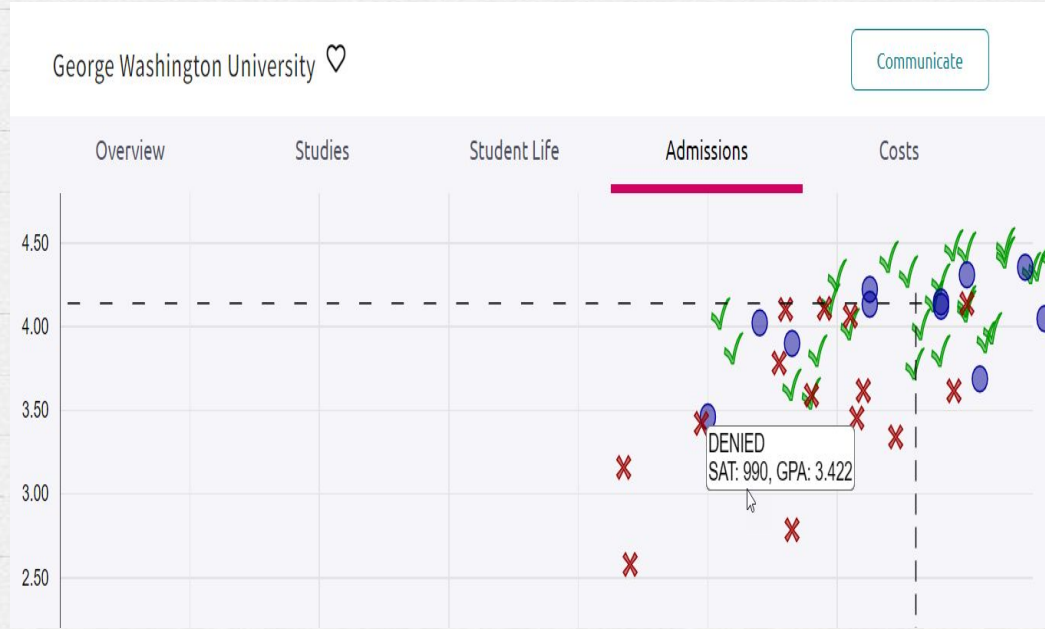
- x Explore College options and work on applications
- x Keep an eye on important due dates
- x Stay updated on what is new in the world of college applications



The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top is a dark navigation bar with the Naviance logo (a compass rose) and the text "NAVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL". To the right of the logo are links: Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, Colleges (highlighted in teal), Planner, a heart icon with a dropdown arrow, Demo, a dropdown arrow, a star icon, and an envelope icon. Below the navigation bar is a white content area. On the left is a vertical sidebar with a blue header and a list of links: College Home (with a house icon), Find Your fit, SuperMatch College Search, College Match, College Events, Scattergrams, Advanced College Search, and College Lookup. The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column has "Research Colleges" and "Find Your fit". The second column has "Colleges I'm Thinking About" (with a heart icon), "College Visits", "College Compare", "College Resources" (highlighted in light blue with a mouse cursor), "Acceptance History", "Enrichment Programs", and "College Maps". The third column has "Apply to College", "Colleges I'm Applying to", "Manage Transcripts", "Letters of Recommendation", and "Test Scores".



Naviance: Admissions Scattergrams



x2VOL: Service Hours



- X Students can Log service learning hours to use towards a civics seal or service learning cord.
- X Service hours are not required for graduation.

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student website. At the top, there's a 'Getting Started' section with a welcome message and a 'Read more' button. Below this is the 'Important To-Dos and Tasks' section, featuring a task to 'Update Favorite Careers & Clusters' due on Friday, July 15, 2022, with a 'See All in My Planner' button. The 'Resources to get ready' section at the bottom left lists 'Naviance College, Career and Life Readiness Curriculum'. On the right side, the 'My Favorites' section lists categories like 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about', 'COLLEGES I'm applying to', 'COURSES I'm thinking about', and 'CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about'. Below this is the 'What's New' section, which lists upcoming university visits: Mississippi State University (Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 at 10:10 am), Elon University (Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 at 10:50 am), and Radford University (Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 12:15 pm). A large orange arrow points from the 'What's New' section down to the 'x2VOL' button in the bottom right corner. The bottom right corner also features a 'Document Resources' button and the 'x2VOL' button.

Artificial Intelligence and College Admissions

With a parent/guardian..

- Gather information about colleges and universities.
- Build a college list.
- Use it to provide targeted and personalized information.
- Find colleges/universities for specific majors.
- Use to create a college tour plan.

- X Writing essays
- X Expecting A.I. to make decisions about your future.
- X Creating misinformation



Are you a Student Athlete?



- Connect with the college's athletic department regarding interest or visit their website.
- [NCAA Eligibility Portal](#)
- Student athletes must submit an official transcript to NCAA.

Next Steps...



- Decide on your post-secondary pathway
- Review Resources regarding application process and requirements.
- Begin Applications
 - x [Add your counselor to Common App](#) and other applications using their fcps.edu e-mail (NOT GOOGLE e-mail)
- Need a Transcript ?
 - x Complete the [Transcript Request Form](#)
- Request a counselor letter of recommendation
 - x Complete the [senior packet](#)
 - x Schedule a Senior one-on-one meeting with your counselor via Bookings