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This **e-NEWS Bulletin** contains college career events, the high school visit schedule, at a glance and scholarship opportunities. e-NEWS will be delivered to your Naviance email inbox once a week and posted on our website.

Questions? Reach out to Rochelle_Davis@mcpsmd.org



NEW: A College Education Within Your Reach. The event Estudios Universitarios a su Alcance is a free workshop in Spanish and will have extensive information about admissions, financial aid, and college opportunities. The program includes presentations, a college, career and community agency fair, and campus tours. The event will take place on Saturday, September 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Edward St. John Learning and Teaching Center at the University of Maryland in College Park. Para cualquier pregunta, llame al 301-445-8460 - call 301-445-8460 if you have any questions.

Click the HERE to register. | Post 20 September 2023 |



NEW: Career Council/National Hispanic College Fairs, Inc. 2023 College Fair Field Trip. October 13. The field trip is open to all current high school juniors and seniors, with priority given to seniors. One bus has been reserved for Northwest. Our bus will depart school at 10:30 and return to school by 12 noon. Permission and fair registration are required. Click HERE to download the College Fair Field Trip Packet. Permission forms must be submitted to the College Career Information Center no later than student lunch on Friday, October 6. College fair registration must be confirmed when submitting permission forms. The fair is FREE to Montgomery County Public Schools students.

NEW: Career Council/National Hispanic College Fairs, Inc. 2023 Financial Aid Workshops. "Learn how to apply for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA for Undocumented Students)". Sessions will

be in English and Spanish. Click <u>HERE</u> to scan registration QR-Code. | October 11th at Seneca Valley from 6-8pm | October 12th at Montgomery Blair from 6-8pm

NEW: College Application Support!

Wednesdays after school 2:30 until 3:15 in Room 126



If you need to meet virtually, send an email to Rochelle_Davis@mcpsmd.org

My Journey - How to Pay for College

Free Virtual Event for High School Students and Their Champions

REMINDER! Join ACT for a free webinar, delivered by the financial experts at Collegewise, where

attendees will learn the knowledge and tools that they'll need to chart their path through the rising costs of higher education. Invest in Your Future: Expert Tips on Scholarships, Financial Aid, and Paying for College. Tuesday, October 17; 7:00 PM EST (6:00 PM CT)

Key Takeaways:

- Understanding Family Budgets: Making informed choices starts here
- A Real Breakdown of College Costs: Get a clear picture of what to expect
- The Financial Aid Process: From forms to timelines, we cover it all
- Maximizing Aid and Scholarships: Crafting winning strategies with the right college list

Can't make the live show? No problem — registrations include access to the recording. We'll deliver these insights straight to inboxes to make sure your students and families travel the journey to higher ed with confidence. REGISTER **HERE**.



REMINDER! Towson University's Department of Art is hosting an Art Major for a Day on Friday, October 27th from 9am-2pm. Prospective students interested in visual art, design, art history, and art education are invited to come to TU's campus and explore our various programs, engage with current students, tour our facilities, visit on-campus galleries, meet distinguished faculty, and learn about the admissions process along with available scholarships. Parents are also welcome to attend. Art Major for a Day is free for students and families, but advance registration is required. Please register using this link by 10/20/2023: https://www.towson.edu/cofac/departments/art/art-major-day.html

For any additional questions or access needs for the event, contact us at artdepartment@towson.edu or 410-704-2808.

NEW: Each student is unique: help them find their individual pathway. Specialty virtual fairs offer a convenient way to explore post-secondary options.

Live fair hours are 12:00pm - 2:00pm and 6:30pm - 9:30pm (ET) each date for the following fairs:

College Search ENGAGED

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Virtual College Fair Wednesday, October 4
- Learning Differences Virtual College Fair Thursday, October 12
- First-Generation Virtual College Fair Wednesday, October 25

Learn more here or Register now!

Students and Families:

- Use this platform to explore options and services that are available to you at the participating institutions.
- Expert-led educational sessions will guide you on maximizing the benefits of higher education.
- Visit institution booths and chat live with admissions representatives
- Participating students have a chance to win a \$50 Starbucks gift card through a TikTok contest. Details
 will be emailed to registered students.
- This experience will be ADA and WCAG-compliant.

Get helpful information about navigating a virtual fair HERE.







<u>UPDATES</u> have been made on the Northwest College Career web page! The Career Exploration Programs <u>page</u> now includes Apprenticeship Opportunities and Information! (Under College Career Quick Links)

Click **HERE** to register for the National Apprenticeship Week Event!

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JAG Jobs: All job opportunities are published in the latest **Jag JOBS Bulletin** available to download at any time from our **College Career** web page 'Jag Jobs' under College & Career Quick Links. https://bit.ly/3sKZRVw.

Money Matters → Scholarship Highlights & Reminders:

For a <u>complete</u> list of scholarships, including details for those listed below, download the latest publication of our **Jag Scholarships 'Apply Now' Bulletin** on the <u>web</u>. Post date refers to the first date published in the Jag Scholarships 'Apply Now' Bulletin. Additional Northwest High School <u>Scholarship Resource</u> (*PDF format*)



COMING FALL 2023... NORTHWEST FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR for the Class of 2024. Learn when to apply for financial aid, how to apply for financial aid and what's new with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Virtual.**

A link will be published on the Northwest home page on the day of the event.

<u>College Career Calendar → High School Visits:</u>



- Boston University on Tuesday, September 26 @ 8:30 am
- U. of Delaware on Tuesday, September 26 @ 9:30 am
- Washington Adventist University on Tuesday, September 26 @ 10:30
- Wilkes University on Wednesday, September 27 @ 10:00 am
- Lafayette College on Wednesday, September 27 @ 11 am
- Bishop's U. on Wednesday, September 27 @ 1 pm
- Princeton U. on Thursday, September 28 @ 10:15 am

The entire College Career high school visits schedule is listed in Naviance. Visits are also available to view on our website using the <u>Jag Events link</u> (College Career page). Visits are hybrid format, both in-person and virtual. Students must register for each visit in Naviance.

Once a student is registered for a visit an email is sent to the student's mcpsmd.net account. This email should be shown to teachers requesting permission to attend (print or on your electronic device). Students should request to leave their current class AND let the teacher know they may be late to the class they will return to. Visits are scheduled based on the availability of our admissions representatives and not necessarily based on our class schedules.

When attending a visit, students scan a QR-Code linked to a Google form for attendance. This form lists the student's information, the visit information, and the period teachers (from and to). This information goes directly to the attendance office.

For virtual visits, students can bring their Chromebook and headphones to the College Career Information Center (Room 126) to log on for the visit. Virtual visit links are sent the evening before the visit to students who registered. Students can request permission from a teacher to remain in class and log in. QR-Codes are scanned if the student attends a virtual visit in the College Career Information Center.

Students who attend Montgomery College and do not have a college class during the visit time are welcome to attend. Based on the honor system, there is no attendance taken for those students.

If there is ever a question or concern, please reach out to: Rochelle_Davis@mcpsmd.org.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

<u>REMINDER!</u> It is that time of year – letters from the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) start arriving. Please

know that the counselors and/or school staff at **Northwest High School** have not nominated your son or daughter, because this organization is for-profit. We support the National Honor Society (NHS) which has a chapter at Northwest High School and is non-profit. The National Honor Society (NHS) is respected and honored by colleges and universities.

Here is some basic information: The <u>National Society of High School Scholars</u> (NSHSS) is a for-profit national organization established in 2002. Their website states that "NSHSS is a distinguished academic honor society, committed to recognizing and serving the highest-achieving student scholars in more than 26,000 high schools across 170 countries. With access to valuable resources and a network of more than 2 million exceptional peers spanning high school to college and career, NSHSS scholars embody academic dedication and outstanding leadership in their schools, workplaces, and communities." NSHSS is operated from a corporate office in Atlanta, Georgia and invites you to explore the benefits of membership.

Recognitions such as NSHSS, often referred to as Vanity Awards, should be checked out thoroughly before a payment is made to the organization. It should also be noted that joining NSHSS, or similar types, will not cast a student in a more favorable light or give them any advantage in the college application process.

