



HAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER UPDATES

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http://www2.fcps.edu/HayfieldSS/careercenter/careercenter_newsletters.html

New additions are listed first in each section, and are indicated by this symbol: ♦

HAYFIELD OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

Colleges Visiting the Career Center (Spring college visits are open to sophomores, jrs, & srs)

Tuesday, March 7: 9:35 a.m.- Rutgers U (NJ)
10:30 a.m.- Florida Tech

Want to meet with a college rep? *Sophomores*- request a pass from Mrs. Ferguson in the Career Center. *Jrs/ srs*- register & print your pass in Family Connection: <https://goo.gl/cJdKdG>.

♦ **Women in the Military**- Wednesday, March 1 during SOAR 4 in the Career Center. Join women in the military for an “ask me anything” discussion. This discussion is open to all girls in grades 9-12. *Freshmen/Sophomores*- request a pass from Mrs. Ferguson in the Career Center. *Jrs/ srs*- register & print your pass in Family Connection: <https://goo.gl/cJdKdG>.

♦ **“How To Build a Personal Brand: A Guide for Young Athletes and Their Parents & Coaches”**- March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hayfield Auditorium. France Reimers of Firestarter will show students how to develop their “brand” through social media. Great info for non-athletes, too. No RSVP necessary.

Join Hayfield’s Student to Student Team (S2S), and help new Hawks feel like part of the family! If selected, you must attend mandatory training on Monday, March 13 from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. in the High School Lecture Hall. Pick up an application from your counselor- they’re due March 3.

Join the FCPS College Partnership Program (CPP)! CPP is currently accepting applications from current 8th- 11th grade students who demonstrate the ability to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5, are willing to pursue advanced coursework, and demonstrate leadership in school or community activities. Students admitted to the program have access to the following benefits: academic counseling, college visits, extra assistance with college and scholarship applications, SAT prep classes, and more. To apply, students should complete the online application by **March 31**: goo.gl/t16Wsx. Students will have to use their FCPS Google Apps for Education account to access the online application. For more information about the College Partnership Program, please visit our webpage, www.goo.gl/QNRsHL or contact Ms. Rashida Williams, rdwilliams@fcps.edu. Hayfield’s CPP sponsors are Ms. Lofton (Dean of Students) and Mr. Turner (STEM teacher).

UPCOMING FCPS EVENTS

Mid-Atlantic Regional Counselor Association's 3rd Annual College Night is at Lake Braddock Secondary School on Monday, March 6 from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Meet representatives from nineteen colleges- full list is on the flier outside the Career Center.

"Paying for College" and "Scholarships 101"- Presented by College Access Fairfax, these programs are designed for 9th- 11th grade students and their families. These will be held in various locations around FCPS. The closest event for us is Edison HS on Saturday, March 11. Full details on their calendar here- click on the event date to RSVP: <http://collegeaccessfairfax.org/events/>

Military Service Academy & ROTC Night- Thursday, March 16 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. at Edison HS (Main Entrance #1- event is in the Lecture Hall). This event is a college fair featuring ONLY the U.S. Service Academies, ROTC programs, Congressional representatives, and some senior military colleges. Open to all 9th- 11th graders and their families. Registration not required.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES (Non-FCPS)

College Programs

♦ **University of Alabama** is hosting a reception for interested students on March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westin Tysons Corner in Falls Church. RSVP to: Elizabeth.dugas@ua.edu.

Essay Writing Workshop at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Arlington- Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 a.m.- noon. This workshop is intended for students preparing college entrance and scholarship applications. Attendees are encouraged but not required to bring a draft essay along with their laptops or tablets to work on their essays during the session. Space is limited- must RSVP: www.scholarshipworkshop.com/mzbc.

"Colleges That Change Lives" information session and college fair- Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Hilton. "CTCL" is dedicated to a student-centered approach to the college search. <http://www.ctcl.org/info-sessions/>

Special Programs on College Campuses

♦ **University of Virginia Engineering Open House** is Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Learn more about engineering careers, and your opportunities at UVA. <http://www.seas.virginia.edu/events/openhouse.php>

Mason Game & Technology Academy (George Mason U.) is offering spring and summer classes in game design and programming: <http://vsgi.gmu.edu/mgta/>

George Mason University's Volgenau School of Engineering Open House is for juniors who are interested in engineering, computer science, or information technology. There are two dates: Friday, March 3 or Monday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. These sessions fill quickly, so RSVP as soon as possible. Full info and RSVP: www.admissions.gmu.edu/rsvp/vsevisitdays.

Northern Virginia Regional College Fair- Wednesday, March 29 from 6:30- 8:30 p.m.** at George Mason University's EagleBank Arena (Patriot Center). ****Please note change in ending time- the flier we gave juniors lists 9:00 p.m., but that has changed.** <https://admissions.gmu.edu/rsvp/nvrcef/>

Sweet Briar College “Explore Engineering” (March 24-25) and “Explore Computer Science” (April 7-8) Weekend- for girls in 10th- 12th grades. These are overnight events where girls can explore careers in engineering and computer science, and get a taste of life at SBC. Applications are due March 8 (ENGR) and March 22 (CS): <http://sbc.edu/engineering/explore-engineering-for-high-school-girls/> and <http://sbc.edu/computer-science/explore-computer-science-weekend-for-high-school-girls/>.

The School of Architecture at University of Virginia invites students to visit. Options include a spring open house on Saturday, April 8 and a “tour-plus” mini-open house on Friday, March 17. Info and RSVP: <http://bit.ly/VisitTheA>

Virginia Tech’s Center for the Enhancement of Engineering Diversity invites students to RISE (Recruiting Initiative for Student Engineers) to see what VT has to offer. The sophomore program (April 22) includes an intro to engineering, hands-on activities, a tailgate, and box seats at the spring football game. Juniors (April 2-3) take part in an evening orientation program that includes dinner, a student panel, and entertainment. They attend the College of Engineering’s Open House the next day. Bus transportation is provided. Applications are available online at <http://www.eng.vt.edu/rise>. The deadline is March 10 for juniors, and March 24 for sophomores.

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Color of Justice is a two-part event that seeks to encourage diversity in the law while providing high school students with a glimpse of the American legal system: April 1 from 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Courthouse. Complete details & RSVP info on their flier outside the CC.

Want to be a veterinarian? The **Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges** is hosting a free opportunity for prospective students to meet admissions representatives from vet schools from the U.S. and abroad. Information sessions are held on various vet medicine careers as well as information on applying to vet school. The event is Sunday, March 12 from 2:30 PM—5:00 PM at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in DC. Student registration and info: <http://tinyurl.com/AAVMCCareerFair>.

Girls Inspired & Ready to Lead (GIRL) 5th Annual Career Conference- Saturday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. For 6th- 12th grade girls and their parents, this conference will be an opportunity for girls to learn about exciting careers as they meet women working in those fields. You can also get info on possible internships and job shadows! The \$25 registration fee covers lunch and a “swag bag”. Registration and info: <http://www.girlsinspiredinc.org/>.

Thinking about a career in health care? You’ll love this website! Find the latest news in health care careers and tools to help you plan for your future! <https://explorehealthcareers.org/>

Plumbing & Mechanical Professionals of Virginia’s “Ride and Decide” puts high school students into 3-week summer jobs so they can learn about the plumbing and HVAC (heating, venting, and air

conditioning) trades. The program is for students 16+. For more info, contact Susan L. Milhoan, Plumbing & Mechanical Professionals of Virginia: (800) 947-7450 or info@PMPV.org.

Military Programs

♦ **Women in the Military**- see info on page 1 under “Hayfield Opportunities & Events”.

♦ **Save the date: Senator Warner’s Service Academy Day 2017**- Sat., April 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville, VA, for students considering applying to any of the U.S. Service Academies. More information, including a website for RSVPs, will be available in early April.

ASVAB at Hayfield- Please see the “Testing, Testing!” section below for details.

Military Service Academy & ROTC Night- Thursday, March 16 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. at Edison HS. See “Upcoming FCPS Events” on the first page of this newsletter for info.

Air Force High School Ambassador Program- if you are a JUNIOR and interested in the Air Force, you can qualify for this program. You do not have to be in JROTC. If you're accepted into a four-year university or receive a scholarship during your senior year, you can decide to move on to college instead. See the flier in the Career Center for details OR contact our recruiter: Donald.Walker.5@us.af.mil. Text: 571-327-9594.

Summer Seminars*

**Note- Admission to these programs is highly competitive- not everyone who applies will be admitted.*

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) for Rising Seniors (current juniors) - Applications open now: <http://www.uscga.edu/AIM/>

U.S. Military Academy Summer Leaders Experience for Rising Seniors (current juniors) – Applications open now: <http://www.usma.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx>

U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar for Rising Seniors (current juniors) - Six day program where students can experience all facets of USNA, including their academic program and midshipman life. Applications open now: <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/NASS/index.php>.

U.S. Naval Academy Summer STEM Program for Rising 9th-11th Graders (Current 8th/9th/10th graders)- Applications open now: <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM/index.php>

Other Opportunities

The HERlead Fellowship provides leadership training to young women, empowering them to become the next generation of global trailblazers. HERlead is searching the country for 30 young women who are committed to reshaping the world for positive and sustainable change. Open to high school girls in 10th-11th grades. Applications due March 18: <http://herlead.vitalvoices.org/apply>.

FREE Tax preparation is available to Fairfax County residents who earned less than \$54,000 in 2016. Here is the website for locations: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/news/free_income_tax_prep.htm

SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

♦ **Mid-Year Reports:** Official “mid-year” reports (transcripts) HAVE been sent! In May, seniors will meet with their counselors to fill out the senior survey. At that time, you will tell your counselor where you are attending college, and we will send your final transcript there in late June.

University of Mary Washington has extended their application deadline to April 1! You can apply online for free if you use the code “UMW57”. Students who apply and complete their file **in February** will receive full admission consideration and notification by the April 1 regular decision notification date.

Pathway Seniors- Your new Pathway counselor is Ms. Amy Dunlap. She will be in Madison Hall and available to answer questions every Friday. You can reach her at: adunlap@nvcc.edu.

FREE financial aid help here at Hayfield! We are fortunate to have a financial aid expert here at Hayfield to help families fill out forms and understand the process. Dale Schmidt of College Access Fairfax is here at Hayfield’s Career Center during most SOAR times. You can make an appointment with him to fill out the FAFSA or CSS Profile (a form you need for UVA and W&M) or just drop by with questions. Parents are welcome, too! He will be here during SOAR Time (9:30- 11:00 a.m.) on February 27, March 1, and more dates in March. His calendar is on green paper, and taped to the CC door. E-mail him for an appointment at: DRSchmidt@fcps.edu.

"Understanding Financial Aid Awards for Class of 2017" This workshop, for seniors/families who have applied for financial aid, will explain the components of financial aid awards, how to understand your offer letter, and advice for making your final decision. The workshop is Saturday, March 11 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Oakton H.S. Registration is required: <http://collegeaccessfairfax.org/event/awards-031117/>.

Check your junk mail! If your college admissions office is missing something in your application, they usually send you an e-mail. Sometimes those end up in your junk mail, and you never know it's there until it's too late. Please take a look at your junk mail folder at least once a week. **HINT: You'll see more “junk” on a computer than you will on your phone!**

JUNIOR CLASS INFORMATION

American Legion's Boys State: DUE MARCH 1! Applications are now being accepted for this prestigious leadership program. Full details and application can be found in the Family Connection Document Library in the “Class of 2018” folder. Here’s a video to show you how to find it: <https://goo.gl/KUUJcB>.

SOPHOMORE CLASS INFORMATION

United States Senate Page Program allows students a unique opportunity to learn about Congress while continuing with their coursework. Page responsibilities center around their work assisting Senators in the Senate Chamber when Congress is in session. This is a HIGHLY competitive position- Senator Warner will recommend only ONE student for the main applicant pool. Apply now for fall ‘17- due June 15: <http://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/senate-page-program-information>.

TESTING, TESTING!

Next SAT- March 11. The regular deadline has PASSED. You can do “late registration” and pay an extra \$28 (late fee) in addition to the registration fee. Late registration deadline- Tuesday, Feb. 28. Register online^{**}: www.sat.org.
Remaining 2016-17 dates: May 6, June 3.

Next ACT- April 8. Deadline to register- March 3. Register online^{**}: www.actstudent.org
Remaining 2016-17 dates: June 10.

***If you are on FCPS Free or Reduced Lunch, you qualify for a fee waiver, and can take the test for free!
Please come to the Career Center before you register for the test to get your waiver.***

♦ **FREE SAT & ACT Prep** is available through our library. Here’s how to find it: <https://goo.gl/TL3vRT>.

SAT and ACT Boot Camp- Need a quick prep class before you take the ACT or SAT? Hayfield’s AVID program sponsors SAT (March 4-5 *OR* May 20-21) and ACT (June 3-4) Boot Camps, taught by Catalyst Prep. The camps are from 9:00- 1:00 on Saturday and Sunday (you must attend both days) and are \$175. Complete details are on the fliers in the Family Connection Document Library in the “Class of 2018” folder. To register, go to www.catalystprep.com and click on “Boot Camp Sign-Up” on the menu.

ASVAB (Military entrance exam)- Will be given at Hayfield on Friday, April 21. Registration will begin on March 28- the form will be e-mailed to all juniors and senior on that date. You can start prepping now: www.officialasvab.com.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Remember to check Family Connection for the latest scholarship lists! There’s a “How to Find Scholarships in Family Connection” video on YouTube: www.youtube.com/hayfieldcareercenter.

***FOR SENIORS* Fully Charged for College** is not a traditional college scholarship program, but it does provide a FREE (new!) Apple laptop to students in need. You must meet ALL of the following criteria: senior graduating in June; U.S. citizen or permanent resident; receive free/reduced lunch in FCPS; plan to attend a four year college in fall 2017. If you meet all requirements, please apply at: www.fullychargedforcollege.org. There is no transcript or recommendation letter required; decisions will be made on the strength of your essay, so make sure it’s well-written! **Deadline: March 1!**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

♦ **Pirate’s Cove Water Park** in Lorton is hiring for summer 2017! Admission & concession attendants (\$7.47/ hour) must be 14 or older, and lifeguards (\$9.36/ hour) must be age 16 or older. Apply online: www.novaparks.com.

Teen Job Fairs and Resume Workshops- These events will focus on student job seekers looking for full time employment, after-school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, or volunteer experiences. It is open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or wanting tips to build

their resume. Four fairs will be held at various locations in FCPS, including South County HS and West Springfield HS. Register to attend: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AARP Virginia needs students to set up exhibits at various community events. Dates, times, and locations vary. Please see the flier in the CC for complete details.

Fairfax County Environment Quality Advisory Council is seeking one student member to serve on the council from July 2017- June 2018. The selected student representative will learn about the issues affecting our community and will have an opportunity to influence our county's environmental policy. Current sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply– deadline is April 28: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/>.

FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council offers a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council; to complete self-selected individual and group youth preparedness projects at the local and national levels; to voice their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions, and questions on youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA and national organizations working on youth preparedness; and to participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit. Must be currently in 8th, 9th or 10th grade. Applications due March 31 and require a transcript and two recommendation letters (request those NOW): <https://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>.

KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) needs energetic volunteers to play sports with people with disabilities. More info at: www.keengreaterdc.org or ask their volunteer coordinator, Hayfield senior Olivia Chan.

Lee District RECenter is looking for volunteers to help at their sprayground this summer. Must be 16 and commit to volunteer four hours a week for the three months of summer. <https://goo.gl/Y7YyWG>

South Run RECenter needs landscaping help! Help keep your park looking beautiful on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m.- noon. You must be 16 (or accompanied by an adult). RSVP at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer/srunrec-vol.htm>.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Due to space limitations, new summer opportunities will only be listed in the newsletter for 2 weeks.

You can see previously posted opportunities online at:

http://www2.fcps.edu/HayfieldSS/careercenter/careercenter_newsletters.html

VA

Blue Ridge Summer Institute for Young Artists at Sweet Briar College (June 18- July 9) is three weeks of creative writing, studio art, and sound design. BLUR is a co-ed camp for rising 10th- 12th graders. Applications due April 1: www.bluratsbc.com.

FCPS Institute for the Arts (IFTA) is a four-week summer enrichment program for students interested in the performing and visual arts. Must be entering grade 9-12 (current 8th- 11th graders). Deadline April 17, 2017. <http://goo.gl/vO1xXS>

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp at Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest for ages 13-16. Application deadline April 7: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forestry/camp/index.htm>.

Virginia State Parks' Youth Conservation Corps is looking for students ages 14-17 to spend three weeks in our state parks doing trail maintenance, environmental education, and adventure training. Students who complete the program will receive a \$500 stipend for their work. This is NOT a laid-back summer camp- It will be physically demanding work! Applications available online, and are due March 1: <http://bit.ly/vspycc>.

DC/ MD

American University Pre-College: Community of Scholars (apps due May 1):
<http://www.american.edu/sis/communityofscholars/>

Camp Cardiac and Camp Neuro for students interested in medicine (early deadline March 13):
<http://www.campcardiac.org/washington-dc.html> / <http://www.campneuro.org/washington-dc.html>

The **Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program** is a FREE 7-week summer program for 10th-11th grade girls to learn computer science, get exposure to tech jobs and join a supportive sisterhood of thousands of girls across the US. Deadline: March 17. <https://girlswhocode.fluidreview.com/>

St. John's College Summer Academy, Annapolis Pre-College (final deadline June 16):
https://www.sjc.edu/summer-academy?tlp_rev=nav

WAMU Summer of Service (June 23- Aug. 5) volunteer program gives current 11-12th grade students the opportunity to work behind the scenes with the staff of WAMU in the world of public radio. Applicants should have a strong work ethic, an interest in journalism/broadcasting, and exhibit maturity and a positive attitude. Application deadline: March 31. www.wamu.org/summerofservice

Other states

♦ **Barnard College** – Summer 2017 in New York City for rising 11th & 12th grade girls. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with a final deadline of May 26, 2017. <http://www.barnard.edu/summer>

♦ **Boston University** - Five exciting summer programs for high school students available.
<http://www.bu.edu/summer/highschool>

♦ **Marist College** – Academically motivated rising high school juniors and seniors can take a course in a field of study they are passionate about while getting a taste of college life. Study opportunities in Poughkeepsie, NY and/or Florence, Italy. <http://www.marist.edu/precollege>

♦ **Pratt** – Deadline March 1, 2017. <http://www.pratt.edu/precollege>

♦ **Saint Mary's College** – *EMBODY: BEAUTY, JUSTICE AND FAITH IN ACTION* is a unique one-week program for high school girls. The program combines rigorous theological reflection with interactive sessions that enable students to immediately connect what they are learning to their lives. Deadline April 15, 2017. <http://www.saintmarys.edu/embody>

Banson NYC High School Fashion Summer Camp: <http://www.bansonnyc.com/content.html?page=1>

University of California-San Diego's Academic Connections – deadline June 16, 2017.
<https://academicconnections.ucsd.edu/>

University of Chicago Paleontology Program (field site: Wyoming) – deadline April 17, 2017.
<https://summer.uchicago.edu/high-school/stones-and-bones>

Cross-Cultural Solutions High School Volunteer Abroad: <https://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/high-school-volunteer-abroad>

The Entrada Scholars Program at Calvin College (June 16- July 13) offers African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American high school students a gateway to the future: the opportunity to experience college learning & living while earning college credit. Applications due March 3: <https://goo.gl/h5vTwc>.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Youth Leadership Institute is a FREE four day, overnight conference to give outstanding Latinos the practical tools they need to set a course for academic and career success in college. Must be a rising senior (currently in 11th grade), have a 3.0 GPA, and identify as being of Hispanic Heritage. Learn more: <https://www.hsf.net/youth-leadership-institute>. Create an account and fill out your application at: https://my.hsf.net/en/users/sign_up.

Marist University (NY) Summer Game Institute <https://www.marist.edu/summerinstitutes/game/>

Northwestern's Journalism Program – Deadline March 20, 2017.
<http://cherubs.medill.northwestern.edu/2016/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2016/07/2017-cherub-brochure.pdf>

Rhode Island School of Design Pre-College Program - http://precollege.risd.edu/wp/?tlp_rev=nav
USDA's AgDiscovery is a summer camp outreach program designed to help middle through high school aged students explore careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness, plant pathology, aquaculture, and more. This 2-4 week program allows participants to live on a college campus, and discover agricultural science from university professors, practicing veterinarians, industry representatives, and professionals working for the U.S. government. Various dates and locations. Applications due March 1: <https://goo.gl/EGRO8i>.

University of Southern California's "Frontiers of Energy Resources" Summer Camp (June 25-30) offers a preparatory, interactive training program focusing on various energy resources including fossil fuels, solar, biofuel, wind, nuclear energy, and information technologies for energy efficient operations. Open to current HS juniors. Application due April 7. <http://cisoft.usc.edu/uscchevron-summercamp/>