

## Hayfield Student Services News and Notes - May 7

### Hayfield Counselors Earns RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) Program of Distinction Award!

In the [press release](#) from FCPS today, it was announced that Hayfield Secondary is among six schools nationwide that received the RAMP School of Distinction award by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), an honor reserved for schools with exceptionally high-caliber school counseling programs based on rankings determined by a panel of RAMP reviewers. Huge congrats to the Hayfield HS Counseling team!

### Third Quarter Grades:

Access in ParentVUE and StudentVUE to view the report card module is closed from Friday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, May 9 at 6:00 a.m. Report cards will be mailed centrally from FCPS beginning May 19.

### Resilience Week - Ideas for Families:

Resilience is the process of adapting well to life's tough challenges and involves both learning and practicing new skills along the way. Together, we are experiencing unprecedented stressors and together we can become stronger. In this time of uncertainty and stress, we know that all have opportunities to strengthen our "resilience muscles." Explore activities to cultivate hope, joy and connection here: [Resilience Week VA 2020](#) Here is the FCPS [Social Work Newsletter](#) which highlights Resilience, Self-Care and the Power of Connection.

### Resources for Families:

- Food Resources: <https://www.fcps.edu/news/coronavirus-update-food-resources>
- Mental Health and Community Resources: <https://www.fcps.edu/news-features-and-events/news/coronavirus-update/coronavirus-update-mental-health-resources>
- Fairfax County  
Resources: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/sites/covid19/files/assets/documents/dfs-assistance-from-distance.pdf>

### Seniors Opportunity "National Graduation":

Seniors Celebrate Together: The class of 2020 has faced a senior year like none other in history. The XQ organization has partnered with The LeBron James Family Foundation and the Entertainment Industry Foundation to celebrate high school seniors throughout the country with a first-of-its-kind [national graduation](#) that will air simultaneously on network television, social media and streaming platforms on Saturday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. EST. The event will feature LeBron James, Malala Yousafzai, the Jonas Brothers, Yara Shahidi, H.E.R., Megan Rapinoe, Bad Bunny, Lena Waithe, Pharrell Williams, Ben Platt and others. Former President Barack Obama will give the commencement address.

Here's how you and your students can participate:

--[Share your stories](#) about remote learning quirks, inspiring tales of educators going above and beyond, or anything else that you think needs to be told on Graduate Together's website.

--Encourage your seniors to [submit photos and short video segments](#) that tell the stories of their achievements.

--Ask your seniors to [submit photos for the first-ever National High School Yearbook](#) in partnership with JR's global Inside Out participatory photo project.

### **AP Students**

We wish all of our AP students success on their AP exams which start Monday May 11. Please encourage your students to check in with their AP teachers and check out the information email that was sent out last week. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact either Julie Riley [jsriley@fcps.edu](mailto:jsriley@fcps.edu) or Emily Gregory [ehgregory@fcps.edu](mailto:ehgregory@fcps.edu)

### **Opportunities from Northern Va Community College**

#### *Jump Start Update*

Due to overwhelming community demand for NOVA's new JumpStart classes, as well as further guidance received on how the CARES Act funding can be utilized, NOVA will need to limit the JumpStart program to the graduating class of 2020. All qualified juniors who applied on or before April 29, 2020 are still eligible to take their requested courses. The NOVA JumpStart page has been updated to reflect the changes.

#### *Admissions & Registration Information Sessions for Senior Students*

Admissions counselors will host info sessions for seniors to learn more about how to get started at NOVA. There will be time for questions. Students can attend one of the following sessions: Monday, May 11 from 2-3 p.m. or Monday, May 18 from 12-1 p.m. Zoom information: <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/9913395682>. Meeting ID: 991 339 5682. Or call in- phone number is 646-558-8656. For questions, contact Ms Alex Williams: [AFWilliams@nvcc.edu](mailto:AFWilliams@nvcc.edu).

#### *Financial Aid Workshops for Senior Parents & Students*

NOVA is offering financial aid workshops for parents and students the week of May 11. Parent workshop times and registration can be found [here](#). Student workshop times and registration can be found [here](#).

#### *NOVA President Hosts Chat for Senior Parents*

Join Dr. Anne Kress, President, as she speaks specifically to parents of the Class of 2020 about the opportunities available for graduating seniors at NOVA. Topics include next steps, financial aid and scholarships, labor market trends (jobs that are growing), transfer programs, and more. The event will be held online on May 12 at 5:00 p.m. Register in advance at this link, and you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the webinar: [https://vccs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ne2lgKfLS2mSx8u7drEiUw](https://vccs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ne2lgKfLS2mSx8u7drEiUw).

### **Class of 2020 Decision Day- June 1**

Hayfield counselors, faculty and staff are excited to celebrate our senior class' postsecondary plans on June 1. Seniors are encouraged to wear their college/ military t-shirt, or their new work uniform, and tweet a photo using the hashtags #HayfieldDecisionDay and #CelebrateYourPlan. Students may also print out a sign to hold in their photo- the fliers are [here](#). Please tag @HawkCounseling so that we see your big announcement!

### **FCPS Senior Survey**

FCPS requires every graduating senior to complete the Senior Survey, which asks questions about their postsecondary plans for Fall 2020. This mandatory survey also tells Hayfield where to send the final

transcript, so it is very important to complete correctly and on time. Students should check their email for a message from Mrs. Ferguson with complete instructions. Students with last names A-Ki received this email on May 6. Students with last names Kj-Z will receive this email on May 8.

## **NACAC's College Openings**

The National Association for College Admission Counseling has published their annual “College Openings Update”, which lists NACAC member colleges that are still accepting applications from prospective freshman and/or transfer students for fall 2020. It also provides information about still available financial aid and housing: <https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/Research/CollegeOpenings/>.

The list is continually updated through late summer. Both public and private colleges are included. The College Openings Update is now in its 33rd year.

## **New and Updated Features on StudentAid.gov (HS)**

“On April 26, Federal Student Aid introduced and updated these features:

- Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement (new)
- Feedback Center (improved)
- *Loan Simulator* (added functionality)

Aidan <sup>SM</sup> virtual assistant (access expanded)

### **Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement**

- The new Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement tool can help new borrowers get a sense of what their loan balance, monthly payment, and expected salary could be based on the school they plan to attend and the program in which they'll be enrolled.
- If borrowers have existing loans, the tool outlines how much they owe and how much more they can borrow.
- If students have received grants, they will see how much they've received and how much eligibility they have left.
- Note: The Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment will not be required in order for borrowers to receive a disbursement until the 2021-22 award year.

### **Feedback Center**

The new StudentAid.gov Feedback Center provides students and borrowers with an improved way to submit a complaint, report an issue, provide positive feedback, and manage their cases.

### ***Loan Simulator***

Students and borrowers can now simulate repayment options based on two additional types of goals—paying off their debt by a specific date or choosing a specific monthly payment amount.

### **Aidan <sup>SM</sup> Virtual Assistant**

The option to interact with Aidan is expanding to more users over time to answer questions about federal student aid.”

For more information, see the [announcement](#).

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