

Juniors--Begin Your College Search by Visiting Washington, DC Area Colleges and Universities

Finding the “right” college for every student is all about “fit”. At the beginning of a college search, it is important to research and then visit different types of schools in your quest to find the right fit. We are so fortunate to have every type of school that exists in the college spectrum within a few hours drive of DC that it makes perfect sense to use this area’s schools as your laboratory. Initially it does not matter if you intend to ultimately apply to any schools in this general geographic area. What matters most is to determine the school profile that suits you the best, where you can be comfortable and successful. Once you determine the kind of school that “feels right” for you, many other schools with the same attributes can be researched in whatever parts of the country you are interested in exploring. For example, if you think you might like an urban school, hop on the Metro and spend some time exploring George Washington University’s setting in the Foggy Bottom area of DC. If you like what you see and feel, it will be easy to find similar schools in other major cities. Likewise, if you discover that you are not comfortable with a school that is so integrated with the city similar schools in other cities can be taken off the list of schools you are considering.

Visiting area schools in December, January, and February, and early March will help you formulate your ideal school profile in time to make use of your spring break to visit schools that match this profile in other parts of the country. Before venturing out, be sure to officially sign up for a visit on each school’s web site so you have a reservation and you know for certain that school is in session. It is not advisable to visit a school when students are on vacation because you will not get an accurate feel for life on campus. The following list of schools is compiled in order of student population with additional information provided about each school’s geographic setting, whether they are a public or private institution, and their website to obtain academic and visiting information. The list is organized by size because most students at B-CC can articulate whether they are looking for a school that is smaller than, equal in size, or larger than B-CC.

Very Small: Under 1,500

	<u>Website</u>	<u>Setting</u>	<u>Description</u>
Baltimore International College, Baltimore, MD	www.bic.edu	Urban	Private, Business/Hospitality
Bluefield College, Bluefield, VA	www.bluefield.edu	Small Town	Private, Christian
Capitol College, Laurel, MD	www.capitol-college.edu	Suburban	Private, 77% Male
Christendom College, Front Royal, VA	www.christendom.edu	Rural	Private, Catholic
College of Notre Dame of MD, Baltimore, MD	www.ndm.edu	Urban	Private, Female, Catholic
Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD	www.cuc.edu	Suburban	Private, 7 th Day Adventist
Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington, DC	www.corcoran.org	Urban	Private, 66% Female, 32% P-t
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA	www.emu.edu	Small Town	Private, Mennonite
Emory and Henry College, Emory, VA	www.ehc.edu	Rural	Private, Christian
Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA	www.ferrum.edu	Rural	Private

Gallaudet University, Washington, DC	www.gallaudet.edu	Urban	Private, Deaf/Hard of Hearing
Goucher College, Towson, MD	www.goucher.edu	Suburban	Private
Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, VA	www.hsc.edu	Rural	Private, Male
Hollins University, Roanoke, VA	www.hollins.edu	Suburban	Private, Female
Hood College, Frederick, MD	www.hood.edu	Suburban	Private, 70% Female
Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA	www.mbc.edu	Small Town	Private, 93% Female
Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD	www.mica.edu	Urban	Private, 62% Female
Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, VA	www.phc.edu	Small Town	Private, Christian
Randolph Macon College, Ashland, VA	www.rmc.edu	Suburban	Private
Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA	www.rmwc.edu	Suburban	Private, Went Co-ed in Fall 2007
St. John's College, Annapolis, MD	www.sjca.edu	Small Town	Private
Southeastern University, Washington, DC	www.seu.edu	Urban	Private, 74% Female, 68% P-t
Southern Virginia University, Buena Vista, VA	www.southernvirginia.edu	Small Town	Private, Mormon
Stratford University, Falls Church, VA	www.stratford.edu	Suburban	Private, 59% Male
Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA	www.sbc.edu	Rural	Private, Female
Trinity University, Washington, DC	www.trinitydc.edu	Urban	Private, Female, Catholic
Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, VA	www.vic.edu	Small Town	Private, 70% Female,
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA	www.vmi.edu	Small Town	Public, 94% Male, Military
Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA	www.vuu.edu	Urban	Private, 60% Female, HBCU
Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, VA	www.vwc.edu	Urban	Private, 64% Female
Washington College, Chestertown, MD	www.wascoll.edu	Small Town	Private, 62% Female

Small: 1,500 – 3,000

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Averett University, Danville, VA	www.averett.edu	Rural	Private
Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA	www.bridgewater.edu	Small Town	Private, Christian
Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD	www.coppin.edu	Urban	Public, HBCU
Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA	www.lynchburg.edu	Suburban	Private, 59% Female, Christian
Marymount University, Arlington, VA	www.marymount.edu	Suburban	Private, 74% Female, Catholic
McDaniel College, Westminster, MD	www.mcdaniel.edu	Small Town	Private
Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD	www.msmary.edu	Rural	Private, 58% Female, Catholic
Roanoke College, Salem, VA	www.roanoke.edu	Suburban	Private, 58% Female, Christian
St. Mary's College of MD, St. Mary's City, MD	www.smcm.edu	Rural	Public
Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA	www.su.edu	Small Town	Private, 58% Female
Stevenson University, Towson, MD (name changed from Villa Julie College in 2008)	www.stevenson.edu	Suburban	Private
Trinity University, Washington, DC	www.trinitydc.edu	Urban	Private
University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD	www.ubalt.edu	Urban	Public, Commuters only
University of Richmond, Richmond, VA	www.richmond.edu	Suburban	Private

Small/Medium: 3,000-5,000

Bowie State University, Bowie, MD
 The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
 Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA
 Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD
 Longwood University, Farmville, VA
 Loyola College in Maryland, Baltimore, MD
 United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
 University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Website

www.bowiestate.edu
www.cua.edu
www.cnu.edu
www.frostburg.edu
www.longwood.edu
www.loyola.edu
www.usna.edu
www.udc.edu

Setting

Suburban
 Urban
 Suburban
 Small Town
 Small Town
 Urban
 Small Town
 Urban

Description

Public, HBCU
 Private, Catholic
 Public
 Public
 Public, 66% Female
 Private, 59% Female, Jesuit
 Public, US Military Academy
 Public, 63% Female, HBCU, 61% P-t,
 Commuters only
 Public, 59% Female, HBCU

University of Maryland, Eastern Shore,
 Princess Anne, MD
 University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA
 Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA

www.umes.edu
www.umw.edu
www.vsu.edu

Rural
 Small Town
 Suburban

Public, 67% Female
 Public, 59% Female, HBCU

Medium/Large: 5,000 – 10,000

American University, Washington, DC
 College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
 Georgetown University, Washington, DC
 Hampton University, Hampton, VA
 Howard University, Washington, DC
 Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
 Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
 Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA
 Radford University, Radford, VA
 Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, MD

Website

www.american.edu
www.wm.edu
www.georgetown.edu
www.hamptonu.edu
www.howard.edu
www.liberty.edu
www.morgan.edu
www.nsu.edu
www.radford.edu
www.salisbury.edu
www.umbc.edu

Setting

Urban
 Small Town
 Urban
 Urban
 Urban
 Suburban
 Urban
 Urban
 Small Town
 Small Town
 Suburban

Description

Private
 Public
 Private, Jesuit
 Private, 63% Female, HBCU
 Private, 67% Female, HBCU
 Private, Christian, 24% P-t
 Public, HBCU
 Public, 63% Female, HBCU
 Public, 59% Female
 Public
 Public

Large: 10,000 – 20,000

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
 The George Washington University, Washington, DC
 James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
 Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
 Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Website

www.gmu.edu
www.gwu.edu
www.jmu.edu
www.jhu.edu
www.odu.edu

Setting

Suburban
 Urban
 Small Town
 Urban
 Urban

Description

Public
 Private
 Public, 60% Female
 Private
 Public, 58% Female

Towson University, Towson, MD
University of Maryland, University College, MD
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

www.towson.edu
www.umuc.edu
www.virginia.edu
www.vcu.edu

Suburban
Suburban
Small Town
Urban

Public,
Public, 58% Female, 86% P-t
Public
Public, 60% Female, 21% P-t

Very Large: 20,000 +

Montgomery College (all three campuses in
Germantown, Rockville, Takoma Park, MD)
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Website

www.montgomerycollege.edu
www.maryland.edu
www.vt.edu

Setting

Suburban
Suburban
Small Town

Description

Public, 2 year, Commuters only
Associates Degrees/Certificates
Public
Public, 59% Male

Gender Ratios that are greater than a 55% - 45% proportion, Male to Female, or Female to Male, are noted
HBCU=Historically Black College or University
P-t=Part-time students