



Welcome to the Class of 2026 Senior Meeting!

October 31, 2025



Mr. Scott Smith, Principal



Introductions

- Ms. Tara-Dee Henry, Assistant Principal & 12th Grade Administrator
- Mr. Steven Krempasky, Senior Class Sponsor
- Ms. Kim Summers, Senior Class Sponsor
- Ms. Lisa Miller, College and Career Navigator
- Ms. Maggie Ledrick, SGA Sponsor





Meeting Outcomes

By the end of the meeting, students will have:

- Met key staff who will guide you through your senior year,
- Heard about important information and dates of the Class of 2026 events,
- Learned about navigating senior year and beyond,
- Reviewed the 4-year college application process, and,
- Learned about additional resources to help with post-secondary planning.



Northwest



High School

Administrative Staff Introduction



Scott Smith
Principal

Danielle Abdelsalam
Assistant Principal



Tara-Dee Henry
Assistant Principal



Jake Lee
Assistant Principal



Nikki Morales
Assistant Principal



KeShawn Taylor
Assistant Principal



Lori Knight
School Business Admin





Class of 2026 & SGA Sponsors

Ms. Kim Summers

Kimberly_Summers@mcpsmd.org

Mr. Steven Krempasky

Steven_Krempasky@mcpsmd.org

Ms. Maggie Ledrick

Margaret_M_Ledrick@mcpsmd.org



[Senior Resource Bank](#)



Senior Year Expenses



☐ Junior & Senior Prom w/ After Prom Party Ticket: TBD

☐ After Prom Party ONLY Ticket: \$10

☐ Ticket sales will begin Thursday, February 19, 2026 and end Thursday, March 19, 2026, at noon (prices TBD)

☐ AP Exams: Covered by MCPS ([Benefits of taking the AP Exam](#))

☐ All exam and activity fees will be paid using School Cash Online ([SCO](#)).

☐ Senior Fees (2026 cost): \$42

☐ Senior fees can be paid September 10, 2025 - February 2, 2026 via SCO and are a mandatory fee

☐ Senior fees help to cover specific costs, such as prom, graduation programs, tickets, etc.

☐ Cap and Gown Package (2026 cost): \$55 - \$59

☐ Cap and Gown must be ordered through the Jostens website (link will be provided once it is updated)

☐ Beginning February 1, 2026, there will be an additional \$5.00 service fee added, plus tax and online service fees, the entire unit will be approximately \$59.44



Class of 2026 Yearbook Information

2025-2026 YEARBOOK INFO

SENIOR Panoramic PICTURE \$20
On 9/17/25, the Class of '26 will take their senior panoramic picture! Purchase for \$20 by 9/26/25 through SchoolCashOnline.com.

OUR YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!!
Upload pics of your student(s) that may be used in the yearbook. Currently seeking: 1st day of School & Senior Sunrise pictures

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!
Purchase yearbook now for \$95. Only a limited amount sold at this price!

SELECT YOUR SENIOR FORMAL POSE FOR YEARBOOK
BY 12.2.25
Select your senior pose for the yearbook using your Victor O'Neill Studios account. Schedule your portrait session if you have not had your portraits taken.

BABY PHOTOS & QUOTES
DUE: 1.20.26
Purchase this ad as an add-on when purchasing a yearbook. Then [click here to upload](#) your baby photo and quote.

CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENT WITH A YEARBOOK AD
ORDER NOW By 1.20.25
Full page: \$275 (\$360 after 10.31.25)
1/2 page: \$145 (\$195 after 10.31.25)
1/4 page: \$85 (\$110 after 10.31.25)
1/8 page: \$50 (\$70 after 10.31.25)
These prices and deadlines also apply to business ads.

Use the links below to:

- [Purchase 2025-2026 Yearbook](#)
 - \$95 while supplies last. Use promo code: **YRBK10** to save \$10.

BUY NOW & SAVE!
- [Upload Photos to Yearbook](#)
- [Purchase Senior Panoramic Picture](#) (9/26/25)
- [Complete Seniors with NW Siblings Form](#) (11/14/25)
- [Select Senior Formal Pose](#) (12/2/25)
- [Submit Senior Quote](#) (12/2/25)
- [Purchase Baby Photo Ad](#) & [Upload Photo, Quote](#) (1/20/26)
- [Purchase Student Ad](#) (1/20/26)
- [Purchase Business Ad](#) (1/20/26)

Questions?

Contact Ms. Dorothy Koutsos, Yearbook Advisor, at
Dorothy_K_Ellis@mcpsmd.org



Class of 2026 Events



Important Dates

- ❖ **Senior Panoramic Picture: October 31, 2025**
- ❖ **Senior Portraits Makeup Sessions: November 11, 2025 and December 5, 2025**
 - Access the appointment link [here](#).
 - The information can also be found on the [Senior Resource Page](#).
- ❖ **Junior & Senior Prom and After Prom Party: Friday, April 10, 2026**
 - Prom at Pinstripes 7:00pm-11:00pm
 - After Prom Party at NWHHS immediately following Prom 11:30pm-3:30am
- ❖ **Senior Class Awards Night: Thursday, May 21, 2026**
- ❖ **Last Day of School for Seniors & Senior Sunset: Friday, May 22, 2026**

If you ordered a senior T-shirt and have not yet picked up, please pick up from the Media Center ASAP. Thank you!



Class of 2026 Fundraisers



Fundraiser Calendar - Save the Dates

Ongoing: [Direct Donation Link](#)

11/5/25: [Chick-fil-A-Kentlands 5pm-8pm](#)

11/13/25: [Silent Auction 6:30pm-9:30pm](#) (After Prom)

12/3/25: [Taco Bamba-Gaithersburg 9am-9pm](#)

12/7/25: [Hot Fired Arts Craft Day 2pm-4:30pm](#) (After Prom)

1/5/26: [Ledo Pizza-Germantown 11am-10pm](#)

2/1/26-3/1/26: Senior Yard Sign Sale

2/23/26: [Panera-Kentlands 4pm-8pm](#)

3/9/26: [Tortacos-Germantown 5pm-9pm](#) (After Prom)

3/26/26: [Jersey Mike's-Kentlands 10am-9pm](#)





Dining Nights



Support Class of 2026



Dine In or
Carry Out
at the
Kentlands



11.5.25
5-9pm

Chick-fil-A: Kentlands
104 Main Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

MENTION NW
when you order in store!

PROMO CODE: NWHS2026
on app or mobile orders!

3rd party orders do not count!



TACO Wednesday?

ORDER FROM TACO-BAMBA-GAITHERSBURG
AND 20% GOES TO THE CLASS OF 2026!
MUST MENTION NW OR USE COUPON CODE
GIVE20.



12/3/25
9AM-9PM



TACOBAMBA.COM

670 QUINCE ORCHARD RD



MENTION NORTHWEST



USE COUPON CODE:
GIVE20

SUPPORT CLASS OF 2026
11am-10pm
1.15.26

15% of order goes
back to NW!

Ledo PIZZA.
GERMANTOWN

12619 WISTERIA DR
GERMANTOWN, MD
301.916.9200
LEDOPIZZA.COM



Mention
NW
when you
order or use
Coupon Code:
FUNDRAISER





Dining Nights



Support **Tortacos**

NWHS PTSA: AFTER PROM

TACOS, TORTAS, BURRITOS, BIRRIA, SOPES, AND MORE!

Monday,
March 9, 2026
5-9 pm



13024 Middlebrook Rd.
Germantown
240-246-7717

www.eattortacos.com

15% back to NWHS!

Northwest
Jersey Mike's
SUBS
Class of 2026



Jersey Mike's Kentlands
15% back to Class of 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026
10am-9pm



MUST mention NW when you order OR type NW 2026 in Notes if ordering online or through the app.

Order Now!
☎ 301.977-4842

📍 249 Kentlands Blvd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
🌐 www.jerseymikes.com/order/28005

BERRIES & BOWLS

CLASS OF 2026

Kentlands - 120 Market St, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
(240) 690-7220 / www.berriesandbowls.com

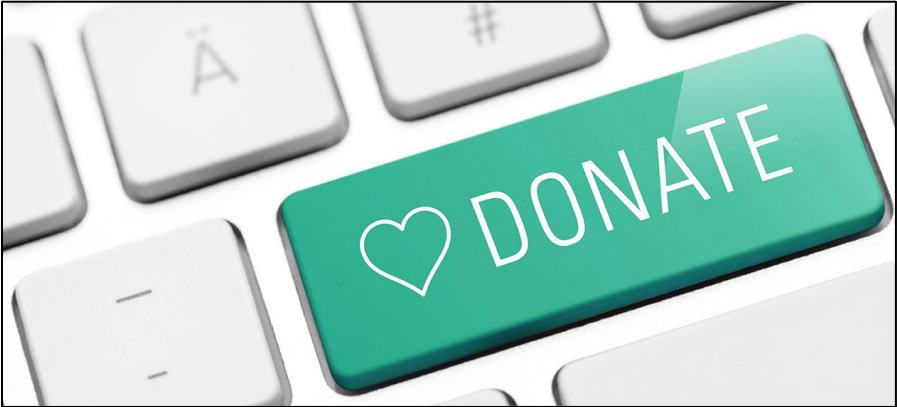
APRIL 23, 2026
9AM - 8PM

MENTION NORTHWEST WHEN YOU ORDER OR USE PROMO CODE: NWHS WHEN ORDERING ONLINE.

Note: 3rd party delivery service orders (Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.)
DO NOT count toward fundraiser.



Other Fundraisers





SILENT AUCTION BID FOR A CAUSE

SUPPORTING NWH
AFTER PROM PARTY





ATTEND

Wednesday,
November 13, 2025
6:30pm – 9:30pm
Northwest HS
Media Center

Click QR code or visit website below to:

- Preview items to date.
- View full catalog by 11/7.
- Pre-register for bidder number.
- Download Absentee Bidder Form.

DONATE PRESIDENT@NWHSPSTA.ORG

WWW.NWHSPSTA.ORG/SILENT-AUCTION **INFO**

NORTHWEST HS AFTER PROM FUNDRAISER HOT FIRED ARTS

- Commit to attending (minimum of 20 participants required, maximum of 40). Must RSVP using QR code below by 12/1/25.
- Choose your project: pottery painting, glass fusion, canvas painting, wine glass painting. You will choose project & pay the day of the fundraiser. Cash or credit card only.
- Enjoy a fun afternoon with friends of the Jag community!
- Complete a beautiful custom piece for a gift or to enjoy in your home!
- All proceeds will benefit the NW After Prom Party!





**Sunday
12/7/25
2:00-4:30pm**

**20% Back
to PTSA**



Senior Superlatives!

Link can also
be found in the
Northwest HS
classroom. :)

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



(2025-2026)

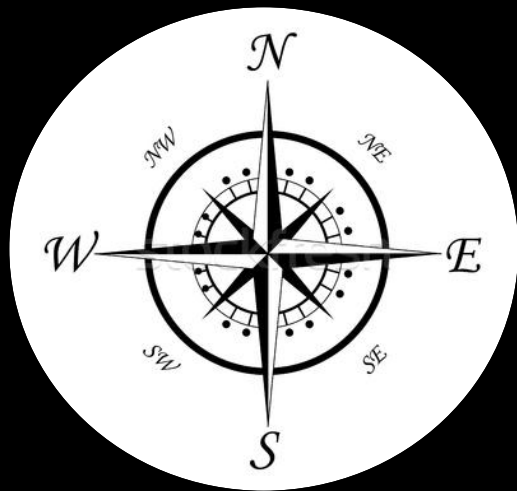


SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



SENIOR YEAR
VOTING OPENS DURING SENIOR
MEETING ON FRIDAY 10/31





Navigating Senior Year and Beyond



Class of 2026 Administrator-Counselor Teams

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026 Administrator & Counselor Assignments

Grades 9 – 12		
Last Names Beginning With	Counselor	Administrator
All 9 th Graders	All (by alpha)	Mr. Taylor
A – Ben	Ms. Bunting	Ms. Morales (Grades 10-12)
Beo – Dai	Ms. McCarthy-Redd	Ms. Morales (Grades 10-12)
Daj – Gira	Ms. Kravitz	Ms. Morales (Grades 10-12)
Girb – Jon	Ms. Blanco	Ms. Abdelsalam (Grades 10-12)
Joo – Mam	Ms. Cois	Ms. Abdelsalam (Grades 10-12)
Man – Nz	Mr. Freeman	Mr. Lee (Grades 10-12)
O – Pet	Ms. Cooper	Mr. Lee (Grades 10-12)
Peu – Scip	Ms. Tanenbaum	Ms. Henry (Grades 10-12)
Scip – Vos	Ms. Kim	Ms. Henry (Grades 10-12)
Vot – Z	TBD	Ms. Henry (Grades 10-12)



Counseling Department

- | | |
|------------|--------------------------|
| ● A-Ben | Ms. Susan Bunting |
| ● Beo-Dai | Ms. Tamela McCarthy-Redd |
| ● Daj-Gira | Ms. Christine Kravitz |
| ● Girb-Jon | Ms. Nancy Blanco |
| ● Joo-Mam | Ms. Athena Cois |
| ● Man-Nz | Mr. Austin Freeman |
| ● O-Pet | Ms. Kelly Cooper |
| ● Peu-Scip | Ms. Alexis Tanenbaum |
| ● Sciq-Vos | Ms. Christina Kim |
| ● Vot-Z | Interim Counselor |



Counseling Department Staff

The Registrar's office (located in counseling) processes all requests for **transcripts** .

Ms. Angelica Agosto

Registrar

Ms. Anu Shivacharan

Assistant Registrar



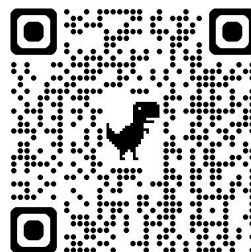
College Career

Ms. Lisa Miller

College Career Navigator

The NWHS College Career Center located in Room 126 has information and resources to help with college research, career planning, and financial aid/scholarships.

Visit the Career Center webpage:





Graduation Requirements*

*subject to change per MSDE

Earn 22 Credits

- ☐ 4 English
- ☐ 4 Math
- ☐ 3 NGSS Science
- ☐ 3 Social Studies
- ☐ 1 Physical Education
- ☐ 1 Health
- ☐ 1 Technology
- ☐ 1 Fine Art
- ☐ 2 Elective
- ☐ Program Completer

Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program

- ☐ English 10
- ☐ Algebra 1
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Science

Earn 75 SSL hours

- ☐ Check out the MCPS website for information on SSL opportunities and to access forms:
- ☐ [MCPS SSL HUB FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES](#)
- ☐ Students must earn hours from an approved activity or site.
- ☐ *Ms. McCarthy-Redd*
SSL Coordinator



Important Reminders

- Financial obligations must be cleared/paid to the Business Office in order to purchase tickets to any future school event and/or to obtain a high school diploma.
- SSL Hours (75 minimum needed to graduate)
 - ★ Deadline for SSL hours is in April.
 - ★ Deadline for SSL hours towards Meritorious Certificate award (240+) is in March.
- Be aware of graduation requirement status! Contact your counselor as needed to review progress toward graduation.



Post-Secondary Options

- Military
- Trade School
- 2-Year College
- 4-Year College
- Gap Year





Considering 2-year, trade, or technical school?

Why attend a trade school?

- Trade schools provide students with an alternative to four-year college programs.
- Lower tuition costs and shorter degree pathways are benefits of trade schools.
- Career-focused, practical training can help trade school students pursue in-demand jobs.
- Some career and educational options may be limited for trade school graduates.

Popular Trade Schools

- [Montgomery College](#)
- [Lincoln Tech - Columbia, MD](#)
- [Lincoln Culinary Institute - Columbia, MD](#)
- [PIA Hagerstown Campus](#)
- [Universal Technical Institute \(UTI\)](#)
- [Maryland Apprenticeship Program](#)
- [Full list of trade schools & apprenticeships](#)





2-Year College Bound

Montgomery College:

Montgomery College is a great option and a safety school for ALL students. Montgomery College offers a variety of majors and career paths for students including business, engineering, education, health sciences and applied technologies.

Honors Programs:

- MC Scholars Program
- Macklin Business Institute

Scholarships

- Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship
- Board of Trustees Scholarship
- MC Foundation Scholarship

Germantown Campus

Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology (PIC MC)

20200 Observation Drive, Germantown, MD 20876



Rockville Campus

51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Interim Vice President/Provost: **Eric Benjamin**



Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Vice President/Provost: **Bradley Stewart**





2-Year College Bound

How to apply:

- Apply on the MC website. It is free to apply
- All students are admitted
- Activate MyMC account and continue the steps for enrollment
- Placement tests may be required based on the students academic record.

Explore the MC to USG pathway! After completing 60 credits at MC, students can transfer to the Universities at Shady Grove to complete a bachelor's degree program at one of their 9 universities!

Students can begin applying to MC beginning in October 2025!

MC will be here on November 17th at 9:30am in the Career Center!

RAPTOR REFERENCE

Steps to enroll at Montgomery College

Step 1 APPLY • Apply for admission: montgomerycollege.edu/apply • Apply for financial aid by visiting fafsa.gov (MC school code: 006911) • After you graduate, submit official high school transcript as well as college entrance scores (if available) to Raptor Central: montgomerycollege.edu/raptorcentral • Complete the Disability Support Services (DSS) intake form (if needed): montgomerycollege.edu/dss • Complete forms for MD DREAM Act (for those who qualify): montgomerycollege.edu/marylanddream • Complete the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/MSFAA-FAQS.aspx (if Dream Act eligible).	Step 2 ACTIVATE • Claim your account. • Log into MyMC by clicking: MyMC • To claim your account, you will need: - MC Student ID# - MyMC ID/username • Submit MC financial aid forms on MyMC and Maryland state financial aid forms at MDCAFS • Identify placement requirements and complete: - English or ESL placement - ALEKS math placement Note: Visit montgomerycollege.edu/assessment for more information and to determine if you are exempt from the placement exam.
Step 3 COMPLETE Access MyMC to complete the following: • New student orientation (online): montgomerycollege.edu/nso • Meet with a counselor: click MC montgomerycollege.edu/can	Step 4 ACHIEVE Prepare for the semester: • Register for classes: MyMC • Pay tuition and fees: MyMC • Obtain your MC Photo ID from the public safety office (when normal operations return). • Obtain your parking pass in Collegewide Services, MyMC • Purchase/rent your books from the MC bookstore.



PRIORITY DATES/DEADLINES

October 1—File the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	November 1—Priority deadline for spring federal student aid at Montgomery College
March 1—Deadline to file your FAFSA or MSFAA for Maryland state scholarships	December 1—Winter/spring priority admissions application deadline for new students
March 1—Priority deadline for fall aid at Montgomery College	December 31—Montgomery College Foundation spring scholarship application deadline
June 30—Montgomery College Foundation scholarship fall deadline	
August 1—Fall priority admissions application deadline for new students	

MC MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
MAKING YOUR DREAMS REAL

Questions? Contact MC today.
240-567-5000 | montgomerycollege.edu/futurestudent





4-Year College Application Checklist

- ☐ Complete the Northwest Brag Sheet 2025 in Naviance
- ☐ Research colleges and add colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” section of Naviance
- ☐ Create your Common App (*use your personal email address*)
- ☐ Match your Common App with Naviance
- ☐ Complete the [Authorization to Release Records](#) form and turn in to the counseling office
- ☐ Request your transcripts using the [Transcript Request](#) google form
- ☐ Request your letters of recommendation from teachers in Naviance
- ☐ Finalize your college essay.
- ☐ Complete and submit your applications in the Common App
- ☐ Send your official SAT or ACT scores to colleges (*if applicable*)
- ☐ If you are in the Middle College, Dual Enrollment, or Early college program, you must request your MC transcript to be sent to your colleges from your MyMC account (*if applicable*)

UMD College Park	UMBC	Towson	Salisbury	Montgomery College
# of apps rec'd: 60K 45% acceptance rate 97% of students accepted had a 3.75+ GPA Mascot: Terrapin	# of apps rec'd: 13K 74% acceptance rate 72% of students accepted had a 3.75+ GPA Mascot: Retriever	# of apps rec'd: 19K 83% acceptance rate 60% of students accepted had a 3.75+ GPA Mascot: Tigers	# of apps rec'd: 8K 89% acceptance rate 50% of students accepted had a 3.75+ GPA Mascot: Seagull	Three campuses totalling over 30K students. Germantown campus: Biotech & Cybersecurity Rockville campus: largest campus w/international flavor Takoma Park campus: Health & Art Open admissions Fun Fact: Ranked #10 best community college nationally and #1 in Maryland Mascot: Raptor
Priority deadline: November 1 on Common App	Early Action deadline: November 1 on Common App	Early Action deadline & Honors College: November 15	Early Decision (binding): November 15 Early Action: December 1	
Test Optional Fun Fact: Fall Open House: Monday, September 29th 8am-2pm	Test Optional Fun Fact: No. 1 producer of black undergrad completing Ph.D. in natural science or engineering	Test Optional Scores encouraged for merit scholarships Fun Fact: Ranked #1 public university in MD; Wall St. Journal	Test Optional Fun Fact: Ranked #27 as Best Value in US News & World Report	

College Profiles from College Board Big Futures

College Profiles for the Top five Maryland colleges for Northwest seniors



Application Process - Common App

The Common App is the online application that students will use to apply to their colleges. They will need to create an account using a **personal email address**, not their MCPS email. Their Common App account links with their Naviance account and makes applying much easier!

Please note, for the colleges that do not use the Common App, student's will need to apply directly on the school's website (i.e. Bowie, Montgomery College)

*Stay organized and take note of each college's deadline.
Apply Early Action when possible!*

Application Deadline Types: Regular Decision, Early Action (Priority), Restrictive Early Action, and/or Early Decision.





Requesting School Materials

Your college applications are not complete without your additional school materials. All colleges will require you to submit your official high school transcript and many require at least one letter of recommendation.

Students must complete the Authorization to Release Records and Transcript Request forms in order for documents to be sent. Both forms are located on the Northwest Counseling website.

Students will request their teacher letters of recommendation in their Naviance account.

ALL requests must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to their college's deadline!

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE
BEFORE ANY TRANSCRIPT CAN BE SENT**

**NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
Release of Records &
Early Decision Acknowledgement**

Please drop off a copy of this signed document to the Counseling Office.

Release of Records

Public law 93-380 requires a parent/guardian signature before records can be released. We are not permitted to release any information without written authority.

I authorize the Counseling staff of Northwest High School to release my child's scholastic record, activity record, and any other pertinent information to college/universities, scholarship organizations and internship organizations as requested by my child.

Early Decision Acknowledgement (if applicable)
From the National Association for Admission Counseling Statement of Principles and Good Practices

Early Decision (ED) is the application process in which students make a commitment to a first choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll. While pursuing admission under an ED plan, students may apply to other institutions but may have only one ED application pending at any time. The institution must notify the applicant of the decision within a reasonable and clearly stated period of time after the ED deadline. Usually, a nonrefundable deposit must be made well in advance of May 1. Institutions with ED plans may restrict students from applying to other early plans. Institutions will clearly articulate their specific policies in their ED agreement.

If you are accepted under an ED plan, you must notify your counselor immediately and must promptly withdraw the applications submitted to other colleges and universities and make no additional application.

Student name: _____ Student ID#: _____

By signing below, I affirm that I have read and understand the Release of Records and the responsibilities of the Early Decision Acknowledgement process.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Date _____



Deadlines to Request Materials

College Application Deadline	Deadline to Submit Transcript Request
October 15	September 24
November 1	October 10
November 15	October 24
November 30/December 1	November 10
December 15	November 24
January 1	December 11
January 15	December 22



Application Process

Student Sends/Requests

- Application
- Application Fees
- Essay(s)/Supplements
- AP/SAT/ACT Scores
- Transcript Request via Google Form
- Teacher letters of recommendation via Naviance

Teachers Send

- Letter of recommendation
- Teacher evaluation form

NWHS Sends

- Transcript
- School Profile
- Counselor Letter of Recommendation
- Secondary School Report Forms
- All sent via Naviance (not via common or coalition app)



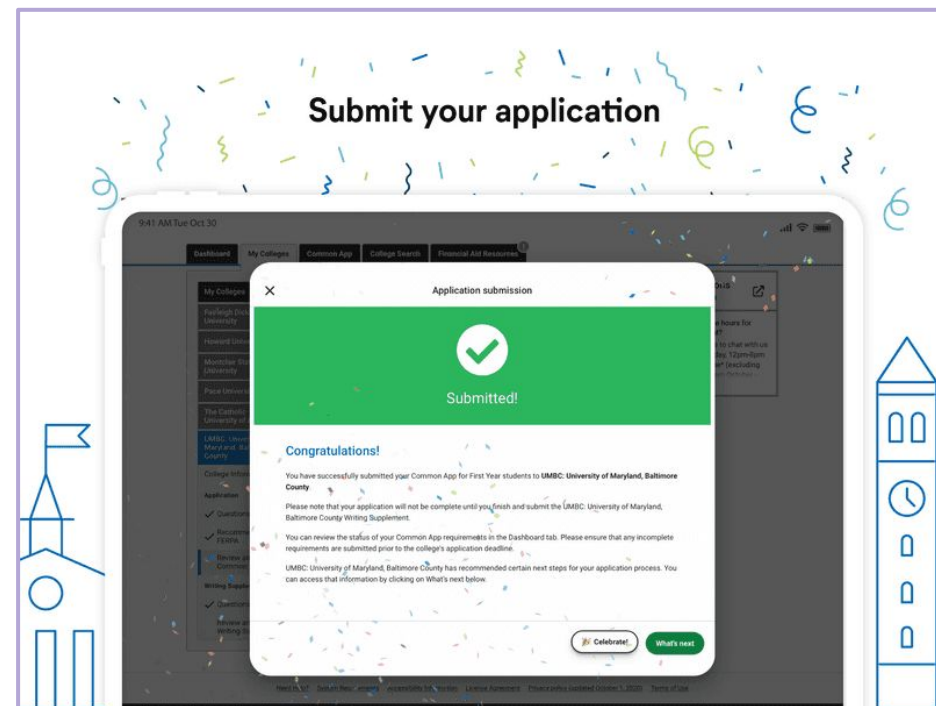
Ready to submit!

Once you have finished all parts of the Common App including the college specific questions and the essay, you can hit submit on your application!

Always have your application reviewed before you apply!

Next steps:

- **Create a student portal account with college.** In their student portal, they will be able to view their decision letter, complete housing application and view financial aid information.
- **Apply for financial aid!** Apply for the FAFSA by March 1st, Create MDCAPS account and complete the CSS profile if required.



*Apply **EARLY ACTION** when possible!*



Cost of Attendance

These are average costs. Actual costs varies by college.

Montgomery College

- Cost of tuition \$5,034 a year

Public in-state colleges

- Tuition **ONLY** = \$11,500
- With Room & Board = about \$24,000

Public out-of-state colleges

- Tuition **ONLY** = \$39,626
- With Room & Board = \$52,610

Private colleges

- Tuition **ONLY** = \$48,672
- With Room & Board = \$62,424



*Visit the college's website to use their
Net Price Calculator tool to estimate
your cost of attendance!*



Apply for Financial Aid

FAFSA - The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and is required by all colleges.

CSS Profile - The CSS profile is an additional financial aid application that is only required by some colleges, primarily private institutions.

MHEC - The Maryland Higher Education Commission is where students can apply for grants & scholarships from the state of Maryland.

SCHOLARSHIPS - Search & apply for scholarships on various websites such as College Board

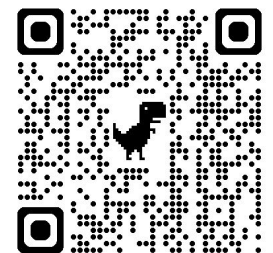
LOANS - If loans are needed, borrowing from the federal government is recommended.

Northwest College Career Website under the 'Scholarships' tab

- www.fastweb.com
- www.goingmerry.com
- scholarships.com
- <https://bigfuture.sdssds.collegeboard.org>



College & Career Website



FAFSA Application

What is the FAFSA? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the application form that determines your eligibility for financial aid from the federal government. Even if you are not eligible for need-based assistance, the FAFSA is still required by colleges.

Who can apply for the FAFSA? The student must have a valid social security number. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

How to apply

- **Create FSA ID accounts** - the student and the parent need to create their own FSA ID accounts
- **Provide parent financial information** - The FAFSA will require you to provide your family's 2024 tax returns.
- **Apply by March 1st!**



**FAFSA
OPENS
October 1st!**

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MDCAPS)

In order to receive any financial aid assistance from the state of Maryland,
you must create an **MDCAPS** account with the
Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

Types of aid from MHEC:

- **Need-Based Grants**
 - Guaranteed Access Grant (Up to \$19,000)
 - Educational Assistance Grant (\$3,000)
- **Community College Promise Scholarship (Up to \$5,000)**
- **Legislative Scholarships**
 - Delegate scholarships
 - Senatorial scholarships
- **Career / Occupation Based Scholarships**
- **Non-citizen assistance - [MSFAA Application](#)**



*Any \$\$ you receive from
MHEC, must stay in Maryland!*

Upcoming Events

FAFSA Completion Nights (in-person)

Dates:

- November 6th
- January 8th
- February 10th

Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: NWHS Media Center

A poster for FAFSA Completion Night at NWHS. It features a light orange background with a blue border. At the top, the text "FAFSA Completion Night at NWHS" is written in blue. Below this, there is an illustration of two hands, one holding a green bill and the other holding a coin. To the right of the hands are several gold coins with dollar signs. At the bottom, the date "Thursday, November 6th" is written in blue, followed by the time "6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Media Center". Below this, there is a QR code and a small text box that says "Staff from Montgomery College's financial office will be here to present and help families complete the FAFSA Form!". At the very bottom, it says "Please use the QR Code to sign up.".

**FAFSA
Completion
Night at
NWHS**

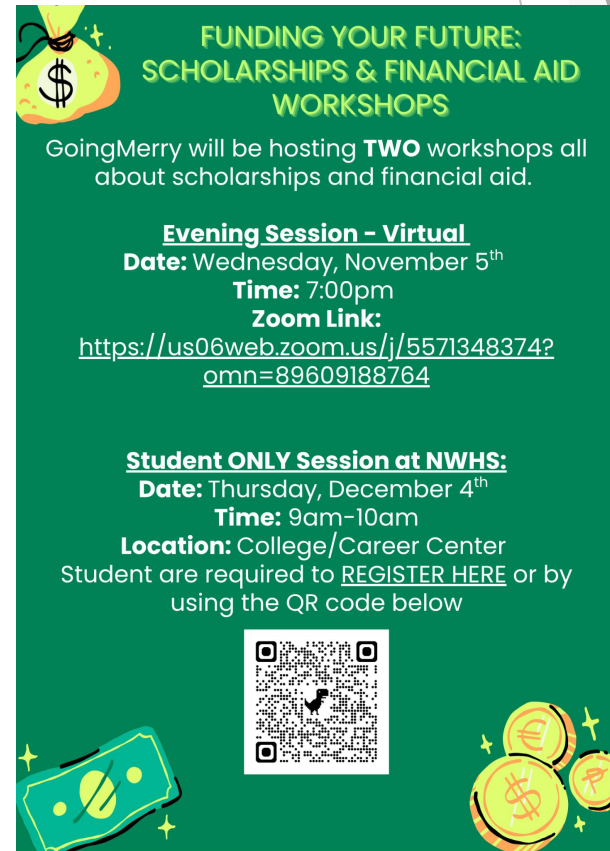
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Please use the QR Code to sign up.

Scholarship/Financial Aid Workshop

GoingMerry will be hosting **TWO** workshops all about scholarships and financial aid.

A poster for "Funding Your Future: Scholarships & Financial Aid Workshops". It has a green background with a yellow border. At the top, the title "FUNDING YOUR FUTURE: SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS" is written in yellow. Below this, there is an illustration of a money bag with a dollar sign. The text "GoingMerry will be hosting TWO workshops all about scholarships and financial aid." is written in white. Below this, there are two sections: "Evening Session - Virtual" and "Student ONLY Session at NWHS:". Each section includes a date, time, and location. The Evening Session is on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00pm, with a Zoom link. The Student ONLY Session is on Thursday, December 4th from 9am-10am at the College/Career Center. Below the Student ONLY Session, it says "Student are required to REGISTER HERE or by using the QR code below". At the bottom, there is a QR code and an illustration of a green bill and gold coins.

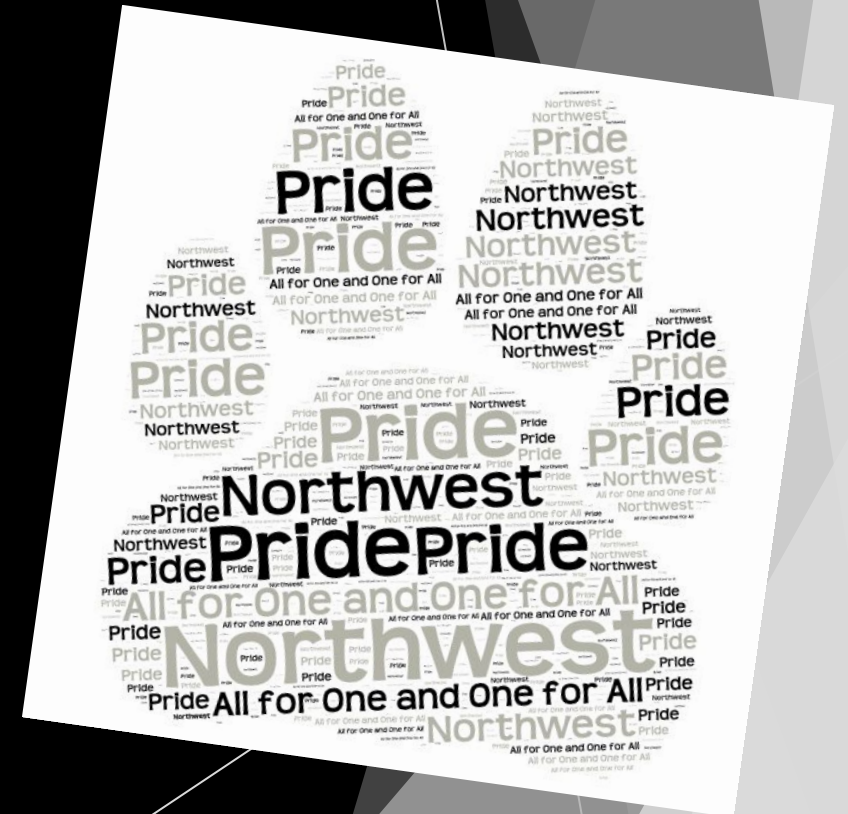
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Questions?



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