

Watkins Mill High School 2026 College Career Summer Institute

Topic	Description	Dates	Time	Presenter	Platform	Registration Link	Location	Contact
ROTC, Military Scholarships & Pathways to Service	Military service opens doors to fully funded education, leadership development, and lifelong opportunity. This session covers ROTC scholarships, military academy nominations, enlistment options, and more — helping students explore every pathway to service and what it takes to get started. 11th & 12th	<i>Thursday, July 9, 2026</i>	11 am - 1 pm	Staff Sergeant Victoria Smith, United States Army	In-person and Hybrid	https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789	Watkins Mill High School	Cintonya_A_Somerville@mcpsmd.org
Scholarships & Free Money — Action Required!	Billions of dollars in scholarship money go unclaimed every year — and some of it has your name on it. This workshop breaks down where to find scholarships, how to apply, and what committees are actually looking for. You don't have to be a straight-A student to win free money for college — you just have to show up and apply. Walk away with a personal action plan and the tools to start today. Prepared for the overflow! 9th - 12th	<i>Wednesday, July 15, 2026</i>	11 am - 1 pm	Mrs. Cintonya Somerville , WMHS CCN	In-person and Hybrid	https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789	Watkins Mill High School	Cintonya_A_Somerville@mcpsmd.org
Developing an Outstanding College Essay Draft (Part 1,2,3)	Turn your brag sheet, experiences, and achievements into a compelling college essay. Bring your junior year English essay draft to revise and strengthen while learning strategies to make your story stand out for college and scholarship applications. Leave with a polished draft ready for final feedback from your English teacher in August 2026. 12th	<i>July 21, 22, 23, 2026</i>	11 am - 1 pm	Mrs. Cynthia Hammond Davis, Collegeand CareerAdvice, LLC	In-person and Hybrid	Registration Links: July 21, 2026: https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789 July 22, 2026: https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789 July 23, 2026: https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789	Watkins Mill High School	Cintonya_A_Somerville@mcpsmd.org or Colleen_M_Deruise-Brown@mcpsmd.org
Transition Support Unit (TSU) Summer College 101 for Rising Seniors	TSU is hosting a 4-day college planning program for rising seniors with IEPs working toward a Maryland High School Diploma. Held at Kennedy, Seneca Valley, and Watkins Mill High Schools (12–15 students per site), the program covers college options, FAFSA, financial aid, disability support services, and application prep — plus visits to Montgomery College, Universities at Shady Grove, and College Living Experience. Students must be able to participate in community-based activities with minimal support. Space is limited; acceptance is not guaranteed. Final selections will be communicated by July 17th. 12th	<i>August 3 through 6, 2026</i>					MCPS Transition Unit	Pamela_M_Ekpone@mcpsmd.org
<i>Navigating Higher Education with Learning Differences</i>	Navigating higher education with learning differences like ADHD, dyslexia, or autism spectrum disorder can be challenging. Thankfully, some amazing and lesser known colleges offer robust learning support programs to help students thrive. 11th, 12th	<i>August 7, 2026</i>	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Dr. Pam Ekpone	In-person and Hybrid	Registration Link: https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789	Watkins Mill & Damascus High Schools	Cintonya_A_Somerville@mcpsmd.org or Colleen_M_Deruise-Brown@mcpsmd.org
Unlock Your College Potential: Expert Common Application Guidance (Part 1 & 2) August 11, 12, 2026	Get expert guidance to streamline your college application. Master the Common App and effectively organize your transcripts, activities, test scores, and honors. Bring an unofficial transcript or grade report to enhance your application and boost your confidence. Present your best self to colleges! 12th	<i>August 11, 12, 2026</i>	11 am - 1 pm	Mrs. Cynthia Hammond Davis, Collegeand CareerAdvice, LLC	In-person and Hybrid	Registration Links: August 11, 2026 https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789 August 12, 2026: https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789	Watkins Mill & Damascus High School	Cintonya_A_Somerville@mcpsmd.org or Colleen_M_Deruise-Brown@mcpsmd.org
The Watkins Mill Way to Submitting Applications Request (Golden Ticket)	Requesting a college application through the WMHS Counseling Department requires completing the Golden Ticket Checklist — a step-by-step process covering Common App, Naviance, a Brag Sheet, the FERPA Waiver, Teacher Recommendation Requests, and a parent/caregiver signature. This session breaks it all down so students get it right the first time. 12th	<i>Monday, August 10, 2026</i>	11 am - 1 pm	Mrs. Cintonya Somerville , WMHS CCN	In-person	Career Center - Counseling Suite (B017)		Cintonya_A_Somerville@mcpsmd.org

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MCPS Countywide College & Career Summer Workshops 2026	MCPS students/families are welcome to attend any workshop. Please register in advance if requested.					https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tPid1sukqTMvx9L8A6wTX8keOIV-9oq9kxKdbyc0Vg/edit?gid=0#gid=0		
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