

# NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

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## College Career Information Center e-NEWS Bulletin

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This **e-NEWS Bulletin** contains college career events, the high school visit schedule, at a glance and scholarship opportunities. e-NEWS will be delivered to your Naviance email inbox once a week and posted on our website.

**Questions?** Reach out to [Rochelle\\_Davis@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rochelle_Davis@mcpsmd.org)

*thank you!*

## GET READY FOR SUMMER 2024!

### Rock Creek Conservation Corps

The [Rock Creek Conservation Corps \(RC3\) program](#) provides individuals aged 14 to 24 with a paid summer job in the conservation field. Participants will gain hands-on field experience and learn about environmental restoration work. The RC3 program runs from June 24 to August 2, 2024. This program not only imparts environmental education but also fosters lasting connections to Rock Creek's parklands, while also earning a stipend for their involvement! Applications are currently being accepted on a rolling basis until all spots are filled.

- To apply, go to <https://secure.everyaction.com/dc0iRn0QukC3FV11fWC1Ug2>.
- Contact [volunteer@rockcreekconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@rockcreekconservancy.org) with any questions.



**REAL TALK**

## JUNE VIRTUAL EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### Celebrate Juneteenth: Find the HBCU for You!

Tuesday, June 11, 8 P.M. ET / 7 P.M. CT / 5 P.M. PT

Family, celebrate Juneteenth this year with BigFuture's Real Talk! Did you know Juneteenth (June 19, 1865) was when slavery officially ended for ALL Black people in the U.S.? Tap in during this special #RealTalkTuesday to discover the rich history of this holiday and how it relates to the invaluable educational opportunities offered by Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

We're bringing you an all-star panel of HBCU administrators and Black college students (who always keep it real) and sharing how to compare colleges to find the best HBCU using BigFuture's free resources.



Join us! Register here,  
[bigfuture.org/RealTalk](https://bigfuture.org/RealTalk)

### What is Real Talk?

Real Talk is a career and college exploration initiative designed to connect Black students and families with Black professionals and representatives from colleges and access organizations across the country. We empower Black students to own their future their way.

### Start Planning for Your Future

Real Talk is a safe space for you to learn and engage, while also getting answers to your most pressing questions about life after high school. No matter where you are on your journey, we're here for you. Family members and educators are also encouraged to participate!



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Next month (6/11), [BigFuture Real Talk](#) (a career and college exploration initiative for Black students and families) is hosting a **special Real Talk event, "Celebrate Juneteenth: Find the HBCU for You!"** This event will celebrate Juneteenth and help students and families find the HBCU that is the best fit for their personal journey. Dr. Brandi Waters, the person behind the College Board creation of AP African American Studies course, and several HBCU administrators and students will serve on our event's virtual panel.




MARYLAND  
FINANCIAL AID  
DEADLINE IS  
JUNE 1ST\*

## FREE FAFSA HELP!

The Montgomery College TRIO Educational Opportunity Center offers free one-on-one assistance with completing FAFSA and financial aid forms to eligible Montgomery County residents.

**\*May 15, 2024** - Priority deadline to submit the 2024-2025 FAFSA and required documents for the MD Guaranteed Access Grant

**\*June 1, 2024** - Final deadline to submit the 2024-2025 FAFSA

### REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT TO RECEIVE:

- One-on-one assistance with completing the 2024-2025 FAFSA application
- Information about EOC services

Visit the link below to complete an intake form and request an appointment:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Bj9GLxSKVC>

For additional questions and comments, please contact the office.



### CONTACT US

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# FILE YOUR FAFSA.....

## FREE FAFSA HELP! TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

For one-on-one assistance with completing the FAFSA or questions regarding your FAFSA submission!


Start by requesting an appointment using the [EOC Intake Form](#).

(EOC is a grant funded institution. Information captured in the Intake Form is confidential and used only to support the grant funding)

- Contact the office by phone 240-567-5644
- Email us at [mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu)

**May 15: Maryland Priority Deadline** to submit the FAFSA and required documents to be considered for the Guaranteed Access Grant.

**June 1: State of Maryland Final Deadline** for FAFSA submission.



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion deadline is fast approaching!! Resources are available to help!

College Career Financial Aid & Scholarships on the web @ <https://bit.ly/495kDIT>

FAFSA @ [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

MD CAPS One App @ <https://mhec.maryland.gov/>  
(Use this application if you are ineligible to complete the FAFSA & attending a Maryland college or university)

FAFSA Tool Kit @ <https://www2.ed.gov/finaid/info/apply/fafsa-toolkit-students-families.pdf>

[Pro Tips](#)

[FAFSA Video](#)

[FAFSA Boot Camp](#)

[MCPS College Career Information Center site](#)

TRIO [Educational Opportunity Center](#) (EOC) provides assistance with the FAFSA and MD CAPS One App. To schedule an appointment or sign up for a workshop:

- Complete an [intake form](#)
- Contact the office by phone 240-567-5644 or email us at [mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu)

Financial Aid Resources; Google.doc; Northwest High School

FAFSA and financial aid resources on the web @ [FAFSA Completion Resources & Video Tutorials](#)

FAFSA @ [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)  
MD CAPS One App @ <https://mhec.maryland.gov/>

FAFSA [Tool Kit](#)

[Pro Tips](#) for the 24-25 FAFSA Form

FAFSA Video @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmEP38x-1Z8>

FAFSA Boot Camp @ [October 2023 | Financial Aid Bootcamp: How to P...](#)

FAFSA Resource courtesy of the Maryland Higher Education Commission: [FAFSA Simplification](#). A PDF document that may answer many of the questions students & parents may have.

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## Cracking the Personal Statement:

Say Goodbye to Essay Writing Anxiety & Learn to Perfect the Personal Statement

Just a friendly reminder...

Perfecting the personal statement or brainstorming the supplemental essays can be a daunting task—especially when students are applying to multiple colleges.

Join [Jordan Kanarek](#), Founder of

Kanarek Consulting and Partner of Collegewise to learn about approaches to essay writing and how students can take their essay writing to the next level. This seminar will share insight on:

- The personal statement and why it's important
- Important factors to consider when writing the Common Application personal statement
- What to avoid in college application essays
- Timeline tips and tricks

Discover the secret sauce to strong essay writing and how you can best use the coming summer to get ahead before senior year starts!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Jordan Kanarek

**COLLEGE WISE**

- What is the personal statement?
- Why is it important?
- What are some factors to consider?
- What to avoid?
- What are some timeline tips and tricks?

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JUNE 5th, 6:45 p.m.**

**NOW OPEN**  
**Class of 2024**  
**Naviance Senior Exit Survey**  
MCPS needs to know your postsecondary plan! College or Career plans, Scholarships offered!

Survey instructions @ [bit.ly/3Uq8cMv](https://bit.ly/3Uq8cMv)

**Complete Survey by May 24**

Just a friendly reminder...

**Senior Exit Survey:** MCPS requires each high school to report the plans of their graduates and the total number of scholarships graduates were offered. The data is reported collectively and not by each individual graduate. Click [HERE](#) for survey instructions. The survey will be completed using Naviance. **Please complete the survey by May 24.** | Post 22 April 2024 |

# College Career *Virtual* **SUMMER** Workshops

Success is not luck. it is hard effort.  
Make the effort this summer!

Just a friendly reminder...

## MCPS College Preparedness Summer 2024

(workshops begin June 25)

(<https://bit.ly/3Qpvek3>) Details & Workshop links

UMD & Improving your Chances of Acceptance

The Common App... When & How

Prospective Student Athletes & the Recruiting Process

Colleges that Change Lives

The U. of Cal. Schools

Apprenticeships Programs

Paying for College 101

The HBCU & Why



We will be...  
wherever you are!



## Local Lineup

(workshops begin July 9)

(<https://bit.ly/4a1Q5B3>) Registration & Details

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Components of the College Application  
& Who Does What When?

The College Essay

Why Not Montgomery College?



## **State Financial Aid Priority Deadline is Extended to May 15, 2024**

MHEC anticipates that the **first round of awards will be completed by May 1** including all eligible applicants who have completed a FAFSA by April 15.

Eligible applicants who have **completed the FAFSA by May 1** are anticipated to be awarded by May 15.

Eligible applicants who **complete the FAFSA by May 15** (i.e. priority deadline date) **will be guaranteed to be awarded. Please Note:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission's proposed timeline is dependent on the U.S. Department of Education's timeline and is subject to change.

**JAG Jobs:** All job opportunities are published in the latest **Jag JOBS Bulletin** available to download at any time from our **College Career** web page 'Jag Jobs' under College & Career Quick Links. <https://bit.ly/3sKZRVw>.



## **Money Matters → Scholarship Highlights & Reminders:**

For a **complete** list of scholarships, including details for those listed below, download the latest publication of our **Jag Scholarships 'Apply Now' Bulletin** on the [web](#). Post date refers to the first date published in the Jag Scholarships 'Apply Now' Bulletin. Additional Northwest High School [Scholarship Resource](#) (PDF format).

### **NEW SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **SCHOLARSHIP:** The [POSSE FOUNDATION](#) **SCHOLARSHIPS** offered to **JUNIORS**. (link to Posse's Partner Colleges & Universities - [DC](#)). Full-tuition scholarships to Posse DC partner schools (see website for details); **school nomination required**; applicants should be able to demonstrate extraordinary leadership and must also excel academically (no GPA and/or SAT/ACT requirement). **DEADLINE TO REQUEST NOMINATION: JUNE 7** | Post 15 May 2024 |

**SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS:** (for details on all opportunities listed below, download the latest Jag Scholarships Bulletin 'Apply Now' available on the [web](#))

- **SCHOLARSHIP:** Washington DC Chapter of the [NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION \(DCNNOA\) SCHOLARSHIP](#) PROGRAM. Opportunities to high school **minority SENIORS** from the DC metropolitan area (Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern VA). We are a non-profit 501(C3) organization. Awards start at \$1,000 based on academic achievement, positive community involvement, commitment, and financial need. Scholarship recipients select their major and attend the college or university of their choice without any obligation to join or affiliate with the military. An applicant needs to submit only one application package and he or she will be considered for any of our scholarships for which they meet the requirements.

An online application form to apply for our scholarships is available here: <https://nnoa.org/chapter-dcnnoa/>. If this hyperlink is blocked by your exchange server, please copy the secure (https) link information into your web browser. As a measure to accommodate continued challenging times, "unofficial" transcripts are acceptable. Applications should be completed to the student's best ability and certified by a school counselor or staff for accuracy of grades and extracurricular activities. Students must submit a COMPLETE application package that is verified by his or her school by May 24, 2024 in order to be considered for a scholarship. **NOTE:** Students selected to receive a DCNNOA scholarship will be notified directly via telephone call. Please ensure an active telephone number is listed on the application form. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 24** | Post 3 May 2024 |

- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** [American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship Program](#). Available to high school students in **ALL GRADES**. \$1,000. **DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSION: JUNE 1** | Post 24 April 2024 |
- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** **IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA ROCKVILLE CHAPTER Thomas W. Fisher Conservation & Environmental Studies Scholarship**. IWLAR is offering six \$2000 scholarships to qualified Montgomery County MD **SENIORS**. The Chapter's Thomas W. Fisher Conservation Scholarships are awarded to young people studying conservation or environmentally related disciplines. Application includes a 500-word essay and two personal letters of recommendation. An unofficial transcript is also required. Visit the IWLAR website for the application and more information @ [iwlar.org/scholarships-and-service-learning/](http://iwlar.org/scholarships-and-service-learning/). **DEADLINE TO APPLY: JUNE 18** | Post 1 May 2024 |

- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** [Delegate Acevero Scholarship](#) for high school graduates residing in Maryland District 39. **SENIORS.** Applicants should complete the FAFSA. Online application includes a short essay of 250 words or less (topic specific). Scholarships are reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee beginning April 10. Funds will begin disbursement by May 1. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCTOBER 1 2024** | Post 18 April 2024 |
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**The End**