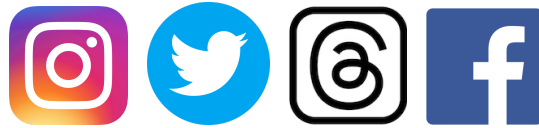
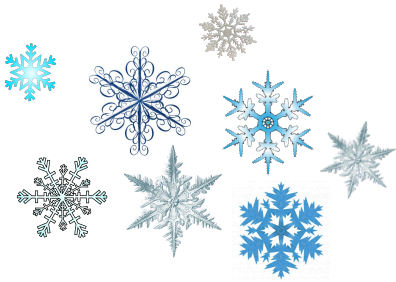


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# Magruder College & Career Chronicle

WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2024



**CLASS OF 2024: REPORT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS HERE!**

**SCHOLARSHIPS REPORTED TO DATE: \$1,798,000**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE ON MY WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

- **Digital SAT Practice Exam** Saturday, January 6th, 9:00-12:00 (two additional dates will be offered in 2024) | Students will learn how to navigate the new digital testing format and practice using the exact tools available to

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them on the real test, such as the graphing calculator, digital annotations, answer elimination, and much more. Upon completing the practice exam, you will receive a score report illustrating three high-impact areas for your student to focus on for each section of the test (math, reading, and writing) to help your student feel confident on testing day. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

- **Highly Selective College Admissions** Tuesday, January 9th, 6:30 p.m. | Top colleges including the Ivy League, MIT, Stanford, and more pride themselves on being highly selective. But what does that mean for families aiming high? In this webinar, experts will break down top college barriers and offer families a new perspective about the most sought-after colleges in America. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **Completing the FAFSA: What You Need to Know to Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid** Thursday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m. | Ready to start your FAFSA? Join CDI to get started! This workshop will provide an overview of the new 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. We'll navigate the application together and share tips for completing the application, answers to common questions, and resources for support. Students and their families are invited to register for an online workshop. This event is for families to ask questions and get FAFSA help. Three CDI counselors will be available. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **MoCo EmpowHER WiSTEM Community Club Fair** Wednesday, January 17th, 6-8:00 p.m. | Are you interested in pursuing a career in STEM? Do you want to hear from and network with professionals and college/graduate students in the field with two panels? Would you like to participate in a community club fair with hands-on exhibits and activities? Sign up to attend MoCo EmpowHER's Women In STEM event! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **There is a College for Everyone: Tips for Finding the "Right Fit"...Even When Grades are Average** Thursday, January 18th, 7:00 p.m. | With over 2,000 four-year colleges in the US, a "right fit" school is waiting to welcome your student. Topics will include: how recent changes in college admission impact students with "average" grades and test scores; the strategy your student needs to highlight their interests and accomplishments in essays and applications to really set themselves apart from the competition; why GPAs and test scores hold greater weight at certain schools and the meaning behind acceptance rates; and how to find less competitive colleges that have the exact environment (including services for students with IEPs and 504s) and areas of study your teen needs to be happy and successful. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **Montgomery College Paying for College Workshops** January 20th, 11:00-2:00 | In-person and the Rockville campus of Montgomery College and virtually, students and families can work one-on-one with financial aid counselors on their 2024-2025 FAFSA or MSFAA. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **ASVAB Parent Information Session** Monday, January 22nd, 6:00 p.m. | The ASVAB is designed to help students learn more about themselves and the world of work, explore occupations in line with their interests and skills, discover all the ways to enter the career fields for which they are best suited, and develop an effective strategy to achieve their career goals. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#) NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED [CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)

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- **MCPS Junior Out-of-School Day** Monday, January 29th, 9:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. | Wheaton High School, 12401 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring 20906 | *This event is intended for rising seniors who are underrepresented minority students.* Hear from experts about scholarships and financial aid, get tips on researching colleges, interviews and campus visits, and learn about the college process for student athletes. In addition, students will have the opportunity to meet with admissions reps from American University, George Washington University, Goucher College, Johns Hopkins University, McDaniel College, St. Mary's College of Maryland, University of California at Berkeley, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), University of Maryland College Park, University of Tennessee, and University of Wisconsin at Madison. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**MISSED AN EVENT?**  
**CHECK OUT THE RECORDINGS ON MY WEBSITE!**

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## COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

When is the FAFSA coming out this year? What is the FAFSA? Who can use it? What if I'm undocumented? What's the MSFAA? How do I apply for Maryland state financial aid? We have the answers to all these questions and more! Following is a partial list of financial aid events that are happening at some MCPS high schools in the coming months. Feel free to take advantage of any of them, even if they're at another school.

- **Financial aid information sessions:**
  - January 9th, 7-8:00 p.m. [Wootton High School](#)
  - January 11th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at [Magruder High School](#)
  - January 11th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at [Springbrook High School](#)
- **FAFSA/MSFAA/MDCAPS completion sessions:**
  - January 3rd, 11:29 a.m. to 12:09 p.m. at [Rockville High School](#)
  - January 10th, 11:29 a.m. to 12:09 p.m. at [Rockville High School](#)
  - January 17th, 11:29 a.m. to 12:09 p.m. at [Rockville High School](#)
  - January 17th, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at [Rockville High School](#)
  - January 18th, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at [Magruder High School](#)
  - January 24th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at [Magruder High School](#)

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- February 21st, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at [Springbrook High School](#)

**NOTE: Please check with the Career Center at the school that is hosting each event that you plan to attend (see links above) to make sure you complete any required registration.**

Montgomery College will also be hosting financial aid information sessions in the coming months:

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DETAILS](#)

- **Paying for College Workshops** Saturday, January 20th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (IN PERSON) and Thursday, February 1st, 4-7:00 p.m. (HYBRID) Financial aid counselors at Montgomery College Rockville campus will help you complete financial aid documents and answer your questions.
- **Financial Aid Awareness Month** Thursday, February 1st and Thursday, February 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (IN PERSON) In celebration of Financial Aid Awareness Month, advisors will be available at each of the Montgomery College's three campuses with information tables, music and giveaways.
- **Need Money?** Tuesday, February 13th through Thursday, February 29th | Join online or in person at any of Montgomery College's three campuses to get questions answered and assistance completing your financial aid documents. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONLINE (see link above)
- **Turn It In Tuesday** Tuesday, February 27th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Need help submitting your financial aid documents? Come to Turn It In Tuesday at any of Montgomery College's three campuses and get help meeting the March 1st priority deadline.
- **Financial Aid Opportunities** Tuesday, April 16th through Wednesday, April 24th IN PERSON AND ONLINE | Find out what you should do after you have applied for financial aid. Learn the three things you need to know about financial aid and how to stay eligible. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONLINE (see link above)



CREATING YOUR FSA ID AND MDCAPS ACCOUNTS



THE GATEWAYS TO  
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[CLICK HERE](#) FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THESE TWO ESSENTIAL STEPS TO GET COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID.

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# RESOURCES

HERE ARE SOME RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

- **Worksheet: Common App Essay Brainstorm** As regular decision college app deadlines approach, you are (hopefully) starting to write your Common App essays. But, choosing an essay prompt can be paralyzing and sometimes they just don't know where to start. This [Common App Essay Brainstorming worksheet](#) can help you explore the seven essay prompts, brainstorm topics you might want to explore, and ultimately decide which prompt you should respond to.
- **College Essay Writing Checklist** Choosing an essay prompt for a college essay is just the beginning. This [College Essay Writing Checklist](#) will guide students through each step of the essay writing process, from brainstorming to drafting to revising to finally submitting your essays (on time!).
- **[Big Future Career Quiz](#)** You're more likely to be happy and successful in your work when your job matches your interest areas. Take this easy, 15-minute quiz to get matched with careers based on your likes and dislikes.
- **[Big Future College Quiz](#)** You're more likely to be happy and successful when your college has what you are interested in. Let us know what you're looking for and we'll show you a list of schools that offer what you want.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

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- [Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarships](#) One award of \$10,000 and four awards of \$5,000 | For graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20th**
- [American Meteorological Society Scholarship for Underserved Communities](#) \$3,000 for two years | The AMS Scholarship for Underserved Communities will award funding to students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American students. Funding for the scholarships is provided through donations made to the AMS Annual Giving Program. The American Meteorological Society (AMS) is committed to, and benefits from the full and equitable participation of a diverse community. AMS is committed to advancing core values of diversity, inclusion, and equity across all aspects of the atmospheric, oceanic, and hydrologic sciences. **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23rd**
- [Women's Board Scholarship Program](#) \$500-\$5,000 | Sponsored by MedStar Montgomery Medical Center for students pursuing degrees in medical fields. Contact [scholarship@womensboard.net](mailto:scholarship@womensboard.net) or 301-774-8840 with questions. **DEADLINE: MARCH 14th**



**HBCUCONNECT.COM**

Looking for scholarships to attend an HBCU?

[HBCUConnect recommends these five websites](#) to find scholarships for HBCUs.

For information about how to find more scholarship opportunities, check out the [Scholarships page on the Magruder College & Career website](#).

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# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSTED HERE WEEKLY**

[CLICK HERE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTED IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS](#)

[Athletes for Hope \(AFH\)](#) is a nonprofit founded by Muhammad Ali, Mia Hamm, and Jackie Joyner-Kersey to help athletes give back to their communities. AFH is launching a High School Leadership Academy (HSLA) in the greater Washington, D.C. area in January 2024, and is actively seeking 10th or 11th grade student athletes with a passion for community engagement. The program, featuring monthly Zoom sessions with AFH professional athletes, in-person service activities, and a May graduation, aims to empower young athletes to make a positive impact in their communities.

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- Access to expert guidance
- Enhanced leadership and advocacy skills
- Develop your philanthropic identity
- Build a network of like-minded peers and professionals
- Alumni engagement

### **IDEAL CANDIDATE:**

- Passionate about community service
- Diverse backgrounds and perspective
- Aspiring leaders seeking real-world skills
- Committed to attending sessions
- Eager to learn and grow
- Inclusive and respectful

Athletes can [apply by themselves](#) or [school staff can make nominations](#). **Limited spaces are available. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 5th!** For more information, contact Chris Wyttenbach at [cwytttenbach@athletesforhope.org](mailto:cwytttenbach@athletesforhope.org).

**Apartment Maintenance Technician Class** MCPS would like to open a class for students to earn certification as an Apartment Maintenance Technician. The class would be open to 11th grade students and held on weeknights starting in February. The expectation is that students who complete the class and gain the credential would be planning to complete an apprenticeship as an Apartment Maintenance Technician during the summer of their junior year and senior years. Apprentices gain industry certification and earn high school credit while completing a minimum of 480 paid hours at least at minimum wage over a school year. [SUBMIT THIS FORM](#) if you are interested in the class. The class can only be held if there are enough interested students.

**ACES Program and Application Open for 10th Graders** Class of 2026 10th graders, the ACES application is available. Review this information below to see if ACES is a good fit for you. ACES is a FREE college and career preparatory program hosted at Magruder High School. ACES Coordinator [Ms. Danielle Jordan](#) helps students understand how to attend and afford college. Email or stop by Ms. Jordan's office in the second floor science B hallway. Visit [www.acesmontgomery.org](http://www.acesmontgomery.org) for more information. Students eligible for the program include first generation college, low-income households, students with an IEP, 504 plan and/or EML plan. **The ACES application closes on January 12, 2024.**

[Sign up to take the ASVAB at Magruder High School in January or April!](#) ASVAB is a career exploration tool for any student in grades 10-12 who wants to take it. ASVAB is a program that helps students learn about their skills and interests, identify potential occupations, and discover all the pathways to career-field entry. While the Department of Defense initially introduced the ASVAB as a predictor of trainability in military occupations, the test results showed applicability to ALL civilian and military career fields. Every ASVAB participant receives scores used to guide career exploration on [asvabprogram.com](http://asvabprogram.com), and students in grades 11 and 12 do also receive an AFQT score that can be used for enlistment if they choose.

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# SSL OPPORTUNITIES

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTED SSL OPPORTUNITIES

VISIT THE [MONTGOMERY VOLUNTEER CENTER WEBSITE](#) FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY | [TIPS FOR SEARCHING FOR MCPS SSL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

- [Understanding and Presenting Islamophobia for Students](#) January 16th, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Students will learn what Islamophobia is and how to identify, prevent, and respond to it. This student session will be led by Dr. Susan Douglass, Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies K-14 Education Outreach Director.
- [Remembering the Holocaust: International Holocaust Remembrance Day Student Webinar](#) January 25th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Middle and high school students are invited to participate in a webinar to learn about the Holocaust and the artwork of a Holocaust survivor, Esther Nisenthal Krinitz. MCPS middle school and high school students will earn two Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for attending and participating in the event.
- [MCPS National History Day](#) March 9th, 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. | MCPS is looking for high school students age 18+ to judge student projects at the National History Day County Competition at Loiderman Middle School. Participating students will receive six SSL hours.
- [Keeping it Safe Student Video Contest](#) Deadline: March 31st | Students may earn five SSL hours for quality video submissions.
- [Living Organ Donor Video Contest](#) Deadline: March 31st | Students may earn five SSL hours for quality video submissions.

## JANUARY 15, 2023 IS MONTGOMERY COUNTY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

**Montgomery County's  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day of Service  
2024**

Service project fairs will be hosted at the Bethesda North Marriott as well as twelve other community and neighborhood recreation centers. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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