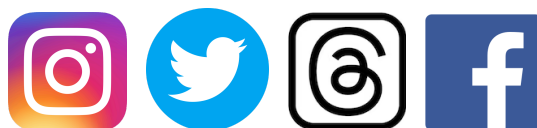


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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **18th Annual Kappa Epsilon Lambda College Fair** Saturday, November 11th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Event will include scholarship giveaways, a panel discussion, step show, financial aid workshop, and more parent and student giveaways. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration and location info and a full list of schools attending the fair.
- **An Insider's Perspective to 7 Common College Admissions Questions** Monday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m. | Free workshop led by College Consultant David Volain, MPA, and Ann Dolin, M.Ed., President & Founder of

Educational Connections. David is a former Admissions Counselor at the University of Vermont and has a wealth of knowledge as a private high school college counselor. Together, David and Ann will answer common questions about college admissions. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

- **Finding Your Dream Colleges** Monday, November 13th, 8:00 p.m. | Free event facilitated by The Princeton Review [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **What you Need to Know About the 2024-25 FAFSA** Tuesday, November 14th, 12-1:00 p.m. at Montgomery College Germantown in the cafeteria. No registration required.
- **Being Black in Professional Sports** Monday, November 14th, 8:00 p.m. | Real Talk Fam, here is some real talk for you, the growth and career opportunities in sports-related jobs are stratospheric! This Real Talk career edition, we are connecting directly with Black professionals in the sports industry to hear how they transformed their love and passion for sports into a full-time career. It is never too early to start and set foot upon your dream position that catapults you from rookie of the year to sitting on top of the world in the big league. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **How Optional is Test-Optional?** Tuesday, November 14th, 8:00 p.m. | Free event facilitated by The Princeton Review [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **What you Need to Know About the 2024-25 FAFSA** Wednesday, November 15th, 1-2:00 p.m. at Montgomery College Takoma Park in the cafeteria. No registration required.
- **Inside the Admissions Committee** Wednesday, November 15th, 8:00 p.m. | Free event facilitated by The Princeton Review [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **What you Need to Know About the 2024-25 FAFSA** Thursday, November 16th, 1-2:00 p.m. at Montgomery College Takoma Park in the cafeteria. No registration required.
- **Essays that Kicked Apps: 55 Unforgettable College Application Essays that Got Students Accepted** Thursday, November 16th, Nov, 8:00 p.m. | The Princeton Review's new book, *Essays That Kicked Apps: 55 Unforgettable College Application Essays That Got Students Accepted*, gives students real-life examples of successful college application essays. Editor-in-Chief Rob Franek will host an event during which you and your students will learn how we collected these essays, why these essays stand out, and what students can do to improve their application essays. Free event facilitated by The Princeton Review [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **PSAT Scores: Now What?** THREE DATES AVAILABLE: Tuesday, November 16th, 10:00 p.m. ET; Monday, November 21st, 4:00 p.m. ET; Wednesday, November 29th, 8:00 p.m. ET | With the PSAT behind students, now they are on pins and needles waiting for their scores. But once scores are released, students need to be ready. The Princeton Review wants to make sure your students know how to use their PSAT scores to prepare for the new Digital SAT and begin their college application process. Students will have three chances to hear one of our experts discuss what a student's PSAT score means, where it can take them, and what to do next. [REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER 16th](#) | [REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER 21st](#) | [REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER 29th](#)
- **Alfred Street Baptist Church 21st Annual HBCU Festival** Friday, November 17th VIRTUAL, Saturday, November 18th VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON | This year's festival will be a two-day event: November 17th (virtual) and November

18th (virtual and in person) at the Saint James Sports Complex in Springfield, VA. Approximately 80 HBCUs will be there, many providing interviews, on-site admissions, waived application fees, music auditions, and scholarships. Plus, there will be seminars to prepare you for college admissions and college life. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

- **ASVAB Parent Information Session** November 20th, 6:00 p.m. | Gain awareness of ASVAB Career Exploration Program and what it has to offer. The virtual Q&A will be held via Zoom. [CLICK HERE FOR THE ZOOM LINK](#)
- **On-the-Spot Admissions Interviews with Salisbury University** Wednesday, November 29th, 8:30 a.m. | On-the-spot admissions interviews offer students the opportunity to experience a real in-person college interview without the inconvenience of travel. Students receive an admissions decision on the spot; some students are awarded scholarship money as well. Students must have already submitted their application and must have an official transcript. Minimum GPA for admission: 2.8 | *SENIORS ONLY* [SIGN UP WITH MS. LYONS](#)

MISSED AN EVENT?

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APPRENTICESHIPS

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NOVEMBER 13-19 IS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK!

- [Registered Apprenticeship Job Fair](#) Wednesday, November 15th, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. | Learn about the vocational apprenticeship opportunities available to MCPS students either during school or beyond. Open to 11th and 12th graders interested in learning employable skills in a variety of industries—not limited to the trades. Learn how to find an opportunity, what is required, and what the schedule would be. Representatives from employer exhibitors will be on hand to provide information. Location: Montgomery College, Rockville campus. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- GSK Apprenticeship Program Webinar Wednesday, November 15th, 10-11:00 a.m. OR 5-6:00 p.m. | GSK is a global biopharma company with a local presence. Open to students and parents, this webinar is designed for aspiring apprentices. [REGISTER FOR THE MORNING SESSION](#) | [REGISTER FOR THE EVENING SESSION](#) Here's what you can expect:

- Program Insights: Dive deep into the GSK Apprenticeship Program. Explore their core values, and learn how it can unlock remarkable opportunities for you or those you influence.
- Real Stories, Real Impact: Hear directly from current apprentices who will share their unique journeys and experiences. It's like a sneak peek into your future.
- Your Future Awaits: Discover exciting job openings in 2024 within GSK. Learn how their program can be your or your network's springboard to a fulfilling career.
- National Apprenticeship Week Open House hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Carpenters' Training Centers: November 15th, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. | 8510 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 [CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS](#) | [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- Local 5 Plumbers and Gasfitters Training Center will host an Open House on Friday, November 17th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 5000 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#) Applicants take a computer-based assessment, a proctored math exam, and have an in-person interview. Drug screening required.

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UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

- [Salisbury University](#) Wednesday, November 29th, 8:30 a.m. in the Media Center **ON-THE-SPOT ADMISSIONS! DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT IN NAVIANCE—YOU MUST SIGN UP WITH MS. LYONS!**
- [Capitol Technology University](#) Wednesday, November 29th, 8:43 a.m. in the Career Center
- [Montgomery College](#) Wednesday, November 29th, 9:34 a.m. in the Media Center | This visit will include a presentation on the [Montgomery Scholars Program](#), a full-scholarship program at Montgomery College.
- [George Mason University](#) Wednesday, November 29th, 12:53 p.m. in the Career Center



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NEED A COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE WAIVER? SEE MS. LYONS IN THE CAREER CENTER

LOCAL ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

- [Loyola University](#) Saturday, November 11th, 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. | Comprehensive open house including a welcome from the president, academic and special interest sessions, opportunities to talk to professors, current students, and alumni, tours of campus and the Fitness & Aquatic Center, and more.

- [St. Mary's College of Maryland](#) Saturday, November 11th, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. | Visitors are always welcome, but when you attend an Open House, you'll benefit from specially-designed activities that truly let you experience what it means to be an SMCM student.
- [Towson University Undergraduate Campus Tours](#) Student-led campus tours begin with a brief information session by an admissions counselor followed by a 75-minute walking tour. Envision yourself living and learning at TU as you visit classrooms, eateries and the most popular spots on campus. Each registered student is permitted to bring two guests.
- [Montgomery College](#) offers tours on an ongoing basis. Get a feel for life at Montgomery College by taking a tour of our campuses in Germantown, Rockville, or Takoma Park/Silver Spring.
- [University of Maryland Eastern Shore](#) offers campus visits for families/individuals as well as groups/schools. Student and family tours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; group tours are Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

[CLICK HERE FOR A SPREADSHEET OF IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL CAMPUS VISITS FOR MOST LOCAL INSTITUTIONS](#)

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REMINDERS

Here are some November resources and reminders broken down by grade level:

• SENIORS

- [Create your FSA ID](#) in preparation for the FAFSA opening in December
- [Create your MDCAPS account](#)
- Be mindful of your application deadlines!
- Make profiles on [scholarship search websites](#) and apply for scholarships
- Make plans to visit college campuses

• JUNIORS

- Start [making a list of colleges](#) you might be interested in
- Start [applying for scholarships](#) now—it's not too early!
- Make plans to visit college campuses during spring break

• SOPHOMORES

- [Watch this video](#) to help you get started thinking about prioritizing your values and interests to guide you with your extracurricular choices; this is a great time to deepen your involvement in the clubs/teams/jobs that excite you—maybe take on a leadership role, sign up for a new club, or start your own!

- [Start thinking about financial fit](#) As you begin your college search, it's important to think about cost; experiment with the [Net Price Calculator](#) to get a rough estimate of what you might pay for college, and start the conversation with your parents or guardians.
- **FRESHPEOPLE**
 - [Could your high school grades be worth \\$100k?](#) If you're wondering whether your freshman year grades matter (yes, they do), then read this article to learn more about merit-based financial aid.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- [Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship](#) by Amazon | \$40,000—up to 100 recipients | The Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship Program assists high school seniors who have completed an advanced placement computer science course, or who have taken an advanced placement computer science test and plan to continue their education at an accredited four-year college or university majoring in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering or other computer related field of study. Winners of the award receive \$10,000 per year at an accredited four-year college or university as well as a paid summer internship at Amazon after their freshman year of college. **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15th**
- [Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America Scholarship](#) by Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America | Scholarship amount varies | LEDA Scholars receive leadership training, writing instruction, standardized test preparation and a year of highly personalized guidance as they navigate the application and admissions process at the most competitive colleges. Throughout college and beyond, Scholars are offered ongoing advising, career counseling, postgraduate planning and community-building support to help them succeed and lead. **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 14th** [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)
- [MCPS Educational Foundation \(MCPSEF\) Rales-O'Neill Scholarship](#) The program will award 200 scholarships of \$10,000 to MCPS high achieving seniors with financial need. Key eligibility requirements are: weighted GPA of 4.8+; financial need demonstrated through FARMS eligibility or having a household income below the county median of \$117,345; plan to attend a college/university within two years; and graduation with class of 2024. **DEADLINE: JANUARY 10th**
- [Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program](#) by Jackie Robinson Foundation | \$35,000—up to 60 recipients | JRF Scholars receive college scholarships of up to \$35,000 over four years and are financially sponsored to attend JRF's annual, four-day "Mentoring and Leadership Conference" in New York City and other events throughout the year. Aside from generous financial support, Scholars benefit from a comprehensive, four-year program that includes career guidance, internship and permanent job placement, travel abroad, and leadership and practical life skills training. **DEADLINE: JANUARY 11th** | JRF Staff will be hosting a Q&A session on Tuesday, November 28th to answer any questions you have about the application process. Drop by anytime [using this link](#) between 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET.



HBCUCONNECT.COM

Looking for scholarships to attend an HBCU?
[HBCUConnect recommends these five websites](#) to find
scholarships for HBCUs.



Applications for the 25th Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards are closing soon! Less than two weeks remain for the November 13th deadline. Students from the Class of 2024 will be celebrated and granted awards with grants worth up to \$4,000 to fund their higher education journey or fuel their community-based projects. They are looking for students who have made remarkable achievements in the classroom, made an impact in their communities, and demonstrated excellence across various educational categories.

Recipients will be celebrated in a series of virtual ceremonies and will be recognized in the following categories:

- Community Service
- Education
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship & Business
- Green Sustainability
- Healthcare & Science
- Media & Entertainment
- Public Service & Social Justice
- Technology

To be considered, students must:

- Be currently enrolled in high school, graduating in the spring of 2024
- Hold a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2024-2025
- Be of Hispanic heritage (including Spain, Brazil, Philippines)
- Attend their virtual ceremony if selected

Applications are open until November 13th. Interested students can apply online at HispanicHeritage.org. Youth Awards applicants and recipients will become part of HHF's extensive network of over 300,000 professionals and be integrated into its cycle of leadership pipeline, to meet America's priorities in the classroom and workforce.

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.

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- [Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America \(LEDA\)](#) empowers a community of exceptional young leaders from under-resourced backgrounds by supporting their higher education and professional success in order to create a more inclusive and equitable country. 88% of LEDA scholars have enrolled at one of the top 100 colleges in the United States. LEDA scholars receive many prestigious scholarships, including 57 Gates Scholars in college, as well as outstanding financial aid—most scholars have tuition, room and board entirely funded by their university. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 12th** [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)
- [Girls in Technology Mentor-Protege Program](#) The goal of Girls in Technology is to mentor high school girls who are seeking career advice and mentorship by professional women in the technology field. Each session covers a different topic; girls do not need to attend all sessions to participate. Please note that all Girls in Technology volunteers and mentors undergo background checks. [CLICK HERE FOR A FLYER](#)
- [Registered Apprenticeship Job Fair](#) Wednesday, November 15th, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. | Learn about the vocational apprenticeship opportunities available to MCPS students either during school or beyond. Open to 11th and 12th graders interested in learning employable skills in a variety of industries—not limited to the trades. Learn how to find an opportunity, what is required, and what the schedule would be. Representatives from employer exhibitors will be on hand to provide information. Location: Montgomery College, Rockville campus. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- [American Pool](#) provides training classes to become lifeguard/first aid/CPR and AED certified in order to obtain seasonal employment at local pools. There are also some part-time positions at indoor pools. Lifeguard classes are extremely discounted right now. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

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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](#)

- [Thanksgiving Day Turkey Chase Charity Race](#) Thursday, November 23rd, 7-10:00 a.m. | Join the Turkey Chase Support Team/ a.k.a. Poultry Pit Crew and help ensure the thousands of runners, walkers, and cheering fans kick off Thanksgiving Day in a fun and healthy way.
- [Vision Zero Youth Ambassador Program 2024](#) February 24th through May 18, 2024 | EARN UP TO 35 SSL HOURS! Montgomery County High school students selected to be a youth ambassador are required to commit to a five-month program that teaches them different aspects of Vision Zero and participate in hands-on projects that bring awareness to safety needs in communities around the county. Youth Ambassadors are tasked to complete a group project that encompasses engineering, education, or enforcement topics. Resources and project guidance are provided from the County to execute projects that will ultimately improve safety in our communities. APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15th.
- [Agricultural History Farm Park Candlelight Tour Volunteers](#) November 17th and 18th, 4:30-8:30 p.m. | The Agricultural History Farm Park is hosting outdoor evening performances for two nights this November. The performances will be vignettes about the farm's history and the families that lived there. Volunteers are needed to help with the registration and refreshment tables and with the event in general.
- [Cocoa with the Claus](#) Saturday, December 9th, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. | Santa and Mrs. Claus are in need of helpers to work with families as they make festive-themed crafts, visit our hot cocoa bar, write letters to Santa, play some reindeer games, and have a visit with the always merry Mrs. Claus. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays and help Santa while he is visiting Gaithersburg before the big day at the end of the month.
- [Naturalist Aide \(Spanish speaking preferred\) at Meadowside Nature Center](#) ONGOING | Naturalist Aides assist staff with preparation for programs and facilitation of programs. This may involve arts and crafts, working with guests, set up and break down of programs and events, and leading activities. It's a great way to gain experience in public engagement of a diverse range of audiences (kids to adults) and education techniques, all while learning about our local nature. Naturalist Aides are required to volunteer for at least two shifts a month for six months. Shifts can range from one to four hours and times vary based on program needs. Shifts will be available during weekdays, evenings, and weekends.
- [Graphic Designer for Urdu and English Children's Stories](#) ONGOING | Seeking volunteers who are skilled in graphic design to create images for children's bedtime stories in Urdu and English, and to create slideshow presentations.

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