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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Being Black in Gaming** November 7th, 8:00 p.m. | This free virtual event will give Black students a chance to learn about gaming careers and connect with leading industry professionals such as Kenny Vaccaro (former NFL safety and now CEO of Gamers First), Lauren Brown (Emmy Award-winning Art Director at Wizards of the Coast), and Carmen Askerneese (producer at Lucasfilm Games)! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **On-the-Spot Admissions Interviews with Washington Adventist University** Wednesday, November 8th, 10:20 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: 2.5 | *SENIORS ONLY* [SIGN UP WITH MS. LYONS](#)

- **Highly Selective Admissions** Wednesday, November 8th, 7:00 p.m. | The Ivy League, University of California schools, Stanford, and other highly selective colleges are some of the most sought-after colleges in the country. But are they the best colleges for your child, and what does it take to get accepted? Collegewise will spotlight America's top colleges and offer families a true look at what things to consider when applying to these schools, including what it takes to get accepted, what highly selective colleges look for, and how to determine what colleges are the right fit. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **Essays that Kicked Apps: 55 Unforgettable College Application Essays that Got Students Accepted** Wednesday, November 8th, 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](#)
- **How to Handle Disappointing Grades: Ways to Uncover the Reasons Behind Your Child's School Performance (& How to Help!)** Thursday, November 9th, 1:00 p.m. | Disappointing grades are not always a fair indication of how hard your child is trying, how much they're learning, or what their potential for success is later on in life (especially for those with ADHD and other learning differences). On the surface, disappointing grades represent a failure at school. But there's usually a lot more to it and many emotions for parents and students at stake! In this free virtual workshop for parents, author and educator Ann Dolin, M.Ed., will help parents uncover possible reasons for their child's grades. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **Paying for College: Financial Aid 101** Thursday, November 9th, 6:00 p.m. | Free webinar from GoingMerry for 12th grade students and families covering student loans, scholarship strategies, grants, financial aid appeals, and more. Space is limited. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **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](#)
- **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](#)
- **Inside the Admissions Committee** Wednesday, November 15th, 8:00 p.m. | Free event facilitated by The Princeton Review [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **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 AND 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](#)

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APPRENTICESHIPS

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- [Electrical Apprenticeship for Juniors and Seniors](#) DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 6th | Are you curious about what it would take to become an electrician? Are you a recent high school grad or undecided about your career path? The Pre-Apprenticeship Electrical Program is a 10-week course that gives insight on a full electrical apprenticeship path. In partnership with Independent Electrical Contractors Chesapeake (IECC), the Pre-Apprenticeship Electrical program is designed to prepare students to enter and succeed in a Registered Electrical Apprenticeship program.

JUNIORS:

- All juniors should apply through the [Regional Application Process](#) (deadline has been extended to November 6th)
- Students will begin the program in the spring and continue working half-days through their senior year
- Students must have a driver's license and access to a vehicle by March 2024 when the apprenticeship begins to get to work sites each day

SENIORS:

- Howard Community College has a Pre-Apprenticeship Program that leads directly to the IEC Chesapeake Program
- All course fees are waived
- Students must have a valid driver's license at the start of the program
- [CLICK HERE FOR THE APPLICATION](#)
- [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. This is an excused absence. Location: Montgomery College, Rockville campus. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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COLLEGE VISITS this WEEK

- [Mount St. Mary's University](#) Monday, November 6th, 12:53 p.m.
- [Washington Adventist University](#) Wednesday, November 8th, 10:20 a.m. **ON-THE-SPOT ADMISSIONS! DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT IN NAVIANCE—YOU MUST SIGN UP WITH MS. LYONS!**
- [Salisbury University](#) Thursday, November 9th, 9:34 a.m.



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

COMING SOON!



WASHINGTON
ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

COMING NOVEMBER 8TH: ON-THE-SPOT ADMISSIONS
INTERVIEWS FOR WASHINGTON ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY!

You will need an official transcript from the registrar. Sign up to reserve a slot today—space is limited!

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LOCAL ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

- [Fall Explore Goucher Day](#) Saturday, November 4th | Tour Goucher College in Towson, MD and talk with students, faculty and staff and get a feel for what it's like to be part of an academic community that blends wide-ranging intellectual opportunities, exciting cultural events, and real experience on programs around the world.
- [Frostburg State University Campus Visit Day](#) Saturday, November 4th | Find out if Frostburg fits you. Learn about their 100+ customizable academic programs, 90+ student organizations for community and friendship, immersive learning, internships, study abroad, community service, research, and accomplished faculty and expert admissions and financial aid support. [REGISTER FOR THIS OR ANOTHER DATE](#)
- [Bowie State University National First-Generation Day](#) Wednesday, November 8th, 4-5:30 p.m. | Learn about BSU's admissions process, discover financial aid options to make college more affordable, hear from students about life on campus, and find out how you can live on campus. This virtual event is geared especially for first-generation college students.
- [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

- [Escoffier Crown Scholarship Competition: The Spooktacular Halloween Dish-Off](#) by Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts | Scholarship amount varies | Open to high school students graduating in 2024 or 2025 (seniors or juniors) who are interested in attending Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts (residential or distance learning programs). **DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1st**
- [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](#)

- [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**



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.

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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. [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](#)
- [Oxbridge Academic Summer Programs](#) Programs are designed to give students the chance to challenge themselves intellectually while immersing themselves in new cultures. Students have the opportunity to dig deeper into subjects that fascinate them or discover disciplines that are less commonly offered in school, such as Aerospace Engineering, Medicine, or Criminology. Programs in Barcelona and Paris offer Spanish and French language classes at all levels and academic immersion courses for students who wish to challenge themselves yet further, not to mention a wide variety of academic and creative courses in English. **Scholarships are available based on financial need and academic merit.** Those who apply by December 31st will be eligible for 2023 tuition rates. For more information, call 212-932-3049 or email info@oxbridgeprograms.com.

The 2024 Oxbridge programs will be as follows:

FOR GRADES 8-9	
The Oxford Prep Experience	Corpus Christi College, Oxford
The Cambridge Prep Experience	Peterhouse, Cambridge
FOR GRADES 9-12	
Oxbridge in Paris	Lycée Notre Dame de Sion, Paris
Oxbridge in Barcelona	Col·legi Major Sant Jordi, Barcelona
Oxbridge in New York	Barnard College, Columbia University
FOR GRADES 10-12	
The Oxford Tradition	Pembroke College, Oxford
The Cambridge Tradition	Jesus College, Cambridge
The Oxford Seminar	Corpus Christi College, Oxford



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, or 7.5 on a 10.0 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.

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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](#)

- [Mr. Diggs-Dorsey and Mr. Randolph Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony](#) Saturday, November 11th, 2-4:00 p.m. | High school students are invited to attend the [Montgomery County Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation's Mr. Diggs-Dorsey and Mr. Randolph Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony](#) at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. Students will earn up to two SSL hours for attending.
- [Changemaker Workshops](#) November 14th (English) & 15th (Spanish), 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Join local and student activists in a virtual changemaker workshop as they teach students and parents how to effectively challenge social justice issues and inequities in their communities. Students may earn 2 SSL hours for attending and actively participating in the workshop.

- [“Speak Up, Save a Life” PSA Contest](#) DEADLINE: November 17th | The Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office is hosting a Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest for middle school and high school students that challenges teens to create an original video to promote awareness of the dangers of opioid abuse or overdose and fentanyl among teens. Participants who submit a PSA that meets the contest requirements will earn 10 SSL hours and have a chance to win prizes.
- [Candlelight Tour Volunteers Needed](#) Agricultural History Farm Park | 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. Needed: registration table volunteers, event assistants, refreshment table monitors.
- [Blanket-making at home for children in hospital](#) Ongoing | Volunteers are invited to knit, sew or crochet at home to make blankets as gifts for hospitalized children. Volunteers are also welcome to come pick up supplies, stay and make blankets in a group setting, and/or drop off your completed blanket on days when we are meeting in person (see calendar attached below). Meetings are held in the lower level of the University of Maryland extension office, Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. This project is sponsored by the Montgomery County Association for Family & Community Education.
- [Bilingual Office and Food Pantry Assistant–Spanish](#) Ongoing | Midcounty United Ministries helps people in crisis in the Silver Spring, Wheaton, Rockville, Kensington and Aspen Hill communities with food, eviction prevention and utilities, emphasizing client choice, problem-solving and self-sufficiency. In order to support our mission, MUM needs volunteers to perform the office daily functions. Volunteers should have good communication skills and must be bilingual, English/Spanish speakers to help the Latino population that we serve.

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