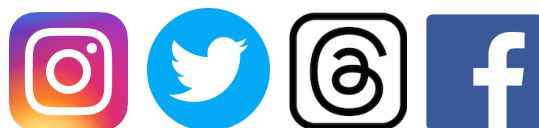
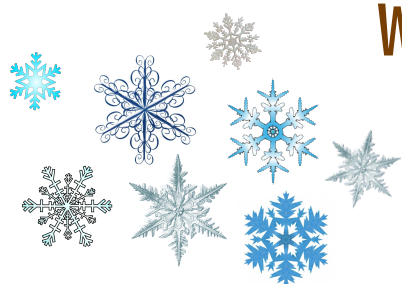


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# Magruder College & Career Chronicle

WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2023



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

**SCHOLARSHIPS REPORTED TO DATE: \$1,534,000**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Digital SAT Practice Exam** Saturday, December 16th, 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 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](#)

- **Paying for College & Trade School: Money Smart Decision-Making** Tuesday, December 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Education is expensive—plan wisely for your future. Live, virtual and interactive event; registration is required and space is limited. Offered by the University of Maryland Extension, a community education arm of the University of Maryland that is not affiliated with the Office of Admissions. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- **[Get Set to Complete the FAFSA!](#)** Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. | Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. | The 2024-25 FAFSA isn't open yet, but you can prepare to complete it now. Students and guardians are invited to join either one of these Zoom meetings to learn how to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) account and ID, gather documents needed to complete the FAFSA, learn more about what the new FAFSA will ask, and get answers to frequently asked questions. Email [jsemmens@collegiatedirections.org](mailto:jsemmens@collegiatedirections.org) with questions. [REGISTER FOR DECEMBER 19th](#) | [REGISTER FOR DECEMBER 20th](#)
- **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](#)

# 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 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:**
  - December 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. [Springbrook High School](#)
  - 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](#)
- 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  
COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID.

[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

- [Coolidge Scholarship](#) FOR GRADE 11 STUDENTS The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that recipients may use for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2025 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply (current high school seniors are not eligible to apply). Winners may use the scholarship to pursue any academic major. **DEADLINE: 8:00 p.m. on January 18, 2024**
- [Pearls of Hope Scholarship](#) In partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Sigma Omega chapter, this scholarship has distributed over \$229,000 in scholarships during the chapter's 40 years of existence. Scholarship winners exemplify the values of community service, entrepreneurship and social action, and pursuit of higher education. To be eligible for these scholarships, students must be high school seniors and reside in Montgomery County and/or attend a Montgomery County Public School. **DEADLINE: MIDNIGHT ON FEBRUARY 29, 2024** Contact [POHCFScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:POHCFScholarship@gmail.com) with questions.
- [Team DC LGBTQ+ Student Athlete Scholarship](#) The Team DC Student Athlete Scholarship provides up to \$2,000 of financial support to offset the cost of education expenses. Scholarships are awarded to self-identified LGBTQ+ student athletes who have contributed to the sport in which they participate and enhanced the perception of the LGBTQ+ community as a result of their contributions and involvement. **DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2024**  
[APPLICATION](#) | [REQUIREMENTS](#)
- [Montgomery College Board of Trustees Scholarship](#) is a full scholarship for graduating high school seniors that will cover the cost of up to 15 credits per semester at the county rate for the first year and may be renewable for a second year. Students must be admitted to MC before they can access the [online scholarship application](#). Once the student has been admitted and has set up their MyMC account, they will be able to complete the scholarship application using their MC login. Please note that students can complete the online scholarship application and submit the required essays and transcript with this application; however, the letter of recommendation must be emailed directly to [botscholarships@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:botscholarships@montgomerycollege.edu). Transcripts must include the applicant's first semester grades. Students can complete the application now and send a transcript with their first semester grades as soon as they become available. Transcripts should be emailed to [botscholarships@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:botscholarships@montgomerycollege.edu) (an unofficial transcript is acceptable). The priority deadline is March 1st, but applications will be accepted through May 1st. Students who submit a completed application by the

priority deadline will be notified of a decision by April 15th. Late applicants will be notified of a decision by May 15th. For more information, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/scholarships](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/scholarships).



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.

## **BENEFITS:**

- 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 [cwyttenbach@athletesforhope.org](mailto:cwyttenbach@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](#)

- [Hungry Hank Cat Foodbank](#) ONGOING | Got cat food? The Montgomery County Community Cat Coalition is a non-profit, all volunteer organization which works to find humane and effective solutions to help community cats (outside cats living in colonies managed by caretakers). One project is to collect and distribute cat food to community cat colony caretakers on a quarterly basis. All food distributed is donated or bought with donated funds. Volunteers are needed to collect cat food from retail stores or to hold cat food drives at their school, church, etc. Volunteers are also welcome to help on the day of the cat food distribution to the colony caretakers.

- [Meal Providers for Interfaith Works Women's Shelter at Crabbs Branch](#) ONGOING | The Interfaith Works Women's Center at Crabbs Branch provides short-term, emergency shelter services to adult women. In addition to temporary shelter, the IW Women's Center also provides case management services to each client. These services connect clients to other community resources, such as primary medical care, legal services, psychiatric services, permanent housing services, and vocational services. Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for the 38 clients at the IW Women's Center, located at 16911 Crabbs Branch Way, Derwood, MD 20855.
- [Youth Tutor \(In Person\) School and Community Youth Services](#) ONGOING | The Youth Tutor will provide direction, support, and academic guidance to elementary through high school students in the School and Community Youth Services program of Sheppard Pratt (formerly Family Services, Inc.). Tutoring will take place on a one-to-one basis with assignments and reinforcement of subject areas provided as requested by the student. The School and Community Youth Services tutoring program has been matching students from their programs with tutors for over 28 years.
- [Health Presentation Language Translator](#) ONGOING | Circle of Rights Inc. is looking for language translators to translate English presentations on Heart Disease and Stroke to be presented in alternate languages to other communities. Some of these languages include (in no particular order): Gujarati, Urdu, Spanish. The presentation is found on Canva. Students will earn 10 SSL hours for successful completion of this task.

## 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 get notified when project registration opens!

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