

TRIO Upward Bound Parent Meeting

November 28, 2017

Saturday Sessions-8/28



Saturday Sessions - 9/9

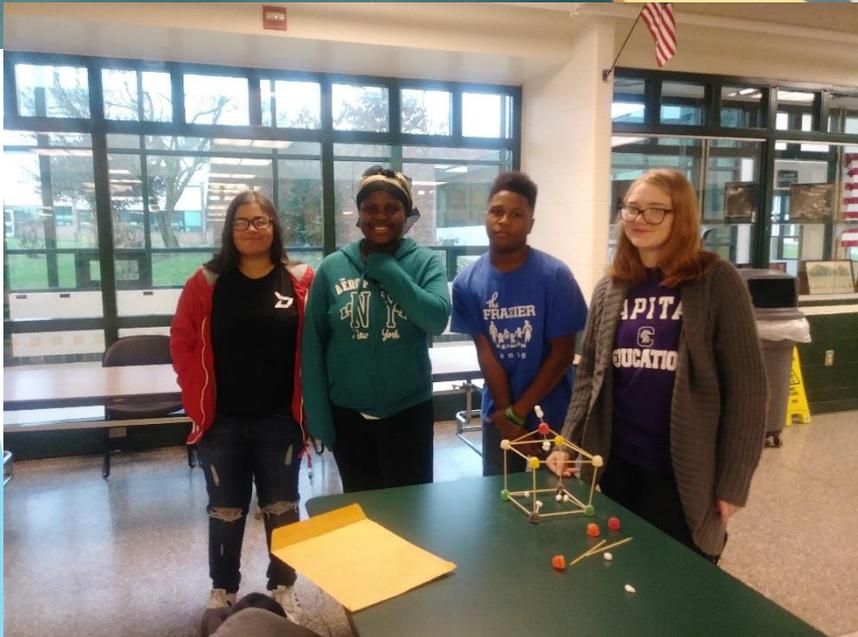


Saturday Sessions-10/14



Pumpkin Chunking

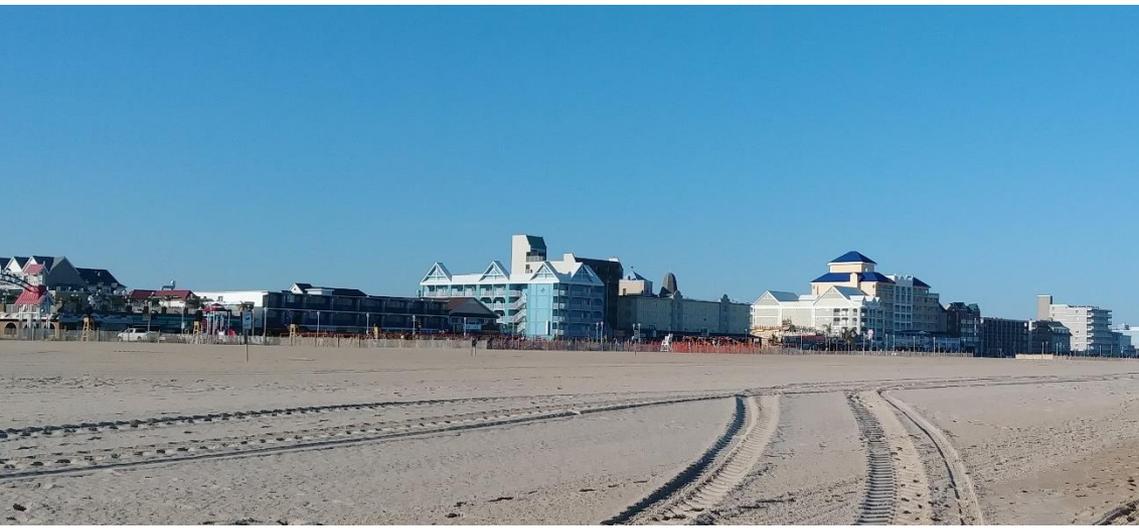
Saturday Sessions-11/18



Salisbury University

- Medium public, rural college
~8,000 undergraduates
- Salisbury, MD
- NCAA Division 3 Teams
- 120 clubs
- 16 to 1 student to faculty





Ocean City,
MD

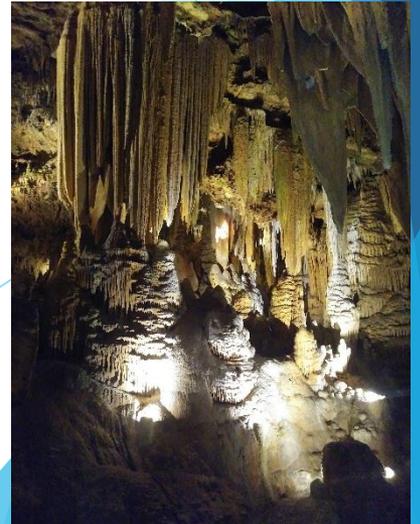
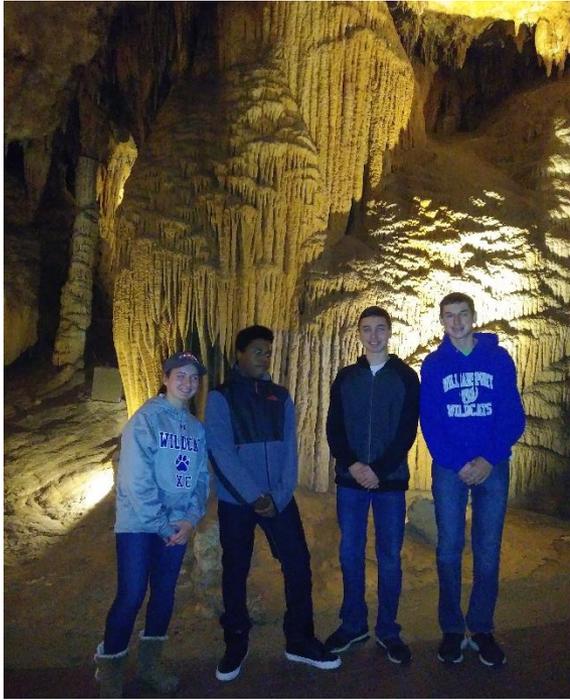
Shenandoah University



- Medium, suburban, private out-of-state college
- ~ 2,100 undergraduates
- 10 to 1 student to faculty
- NCAA Division 3 Teams
- Average class size of 20 students
- Study abroad in 50+ countries
- 80+ student organizations and clubs



Luray Caverns



Upcoming Calendar Events

10 Shenandoah University
 18 Saturday Session @ SHHS (9-1)
 22-24 No School
 28 Parent Meeting

NOVEMBER 2017						
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November 28th - Parent meeting
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

December 9th - Saturday Session @ South (9 - 1pm)

9 Saturday Session @ SHHS (9-1)

22-29 No School

DECEMBER 2017						
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December- Red Cross Gift Wrapping
NO SLOTS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR

January 13th - Saturday Session @ HCC (9 - 1pm)

1 No School
 13 Saturday Session @ HCC (9-1)
 15 M.L.K Day @ HCC
 30 Parent Meeting

JANUARY 2018						
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January 15th - MLK Day @ HCC (11:00-3:30)

January 30th - Parent meeting
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

2018 College Visits & Trips

Students are required to sign-up for all college visits at least two weeks ahead of time. All students will register online at www.hagerstowncc.edu/upwardbound

January 15th: Martin Luther King Day @ HCC

March 29th: Shepherd University & Antietam Battlefield

April 7th: USA Science & Engineering Festival in DC

May 26th : College Visit TBD

July 31st - August 3rd : Southern College Tour

*** Incentive trip: Top 25-30 students (based on participation, including summer academy and grades) will be invited to attend and represent HCC TRiO UB*

USA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FESTIVAL

April 7, 2018
8:00am - 4:00pm

Free 2-Day **Expo**



3,000+ Fun
Activities



30+ Exciting
Stage Shows



1K + STEM
Organizations

<https://ussciencefestival.org/>

Incentive Trip: Southern College Tour

Tentative Itinerary:

July 31st - University of Richmond &
Virginia Beach

August 1st - NC State University &
Duke University

August 2nd - Virginia Tech

August 3rd - James Madison University &
Luray Caverns

College Testing

PSAT - *results coming from guidance in December/January*

SAT/ACT - *juniors need to register for spring testing (2 waivers for each test)*

Accuplacer - *February 10th Saturday Session*



The PSAT/NMSQT will give students access to free personalized SAT study. With students' explicit permission, Khan Academy will use their PSAT/NMSQT results to create a study plan especially for them.

9th, 10th & 11th graders who took the PSAT in October will get their results in December/January.

How does this impact the students' path to college?

For admissions and scholarships, colleges look at:

- Academics / Rigor
- Grade point average (GPA)
- Class rank
- SAT / ACT scores
- Extra-curricular activities
- Recommendations
- SAT Subject Tests



The College Board and Khan Academy are committed to leveling the playing field by providing world-class SAT practice, entirely for free.

Practice Now

For the first time ever, the creators of the SAT have given Khan Academy exclusive access and advice to build a personalized practice program for anyone, anywhere. These tools are free and available now for every student to take ownership of their learning and their future.

- Get to know the SAT
- See personalized practice recommendations
- Stay on top of important SAT dates and news
- Practice anytime, anywhere, at no cost
- 4 official full-length practice tests, plus study and test-taking tips
- 8 diagnostic quizzes to pinpoint your areas for practice
- Thousands of practice questions, video lessons and hints
- Get constant feedback and progress so you know where you stand

2017-2018 SAT Test Dates

SAT Date	Registration Deadline
August 26	July 28
October 7	September 8
November 8	October 5
December 2	November 2
March 10	February 9
May 5	April 6
June 2	May 3

**** Juniors should be taking the SAT/ACT in March, May or June.**

2017-2018 ACT Test Dates

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
September 9	August 4
October 28	September 22
December 9	November 3
February 10	January 12
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4





CollegeBoard

ACCUPLACER

- ▶ Accuplacer Placement (or diagnostic) Test will be administered to applicable UB students on February 10, 2018
- ▶ Adaptive test that covers math, reading, and writing skills
- ▶ Scores will determine student placement in Summer Academy courses



What is ACCUPLACER?

ACCUPLACER is a suite of tests that determines your knowledge in math, reading and writing as you prepare to enroll in college-level courses. ACCUPLACER is used to identify your strengths and weaknesses in each subject area and to help you improve your skills through [interactive online learning tools](#). The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals and interests, are used by academic advisors and counselors to place you in the appropriate college courses that meet your skill level.

How Does ACCUPLACER Work?

ACCUPLACER test questions are based on your responses to previous questions. Questions will either increase or decrease in difficulty depending on how you respond. ACCUPLACER tests are untimed; however, it is important to allow yourself enough time to complete the test since test results are a key factor in determining the course(s) you can enroll in. ACCUPLACER test results are available immediately following your test. Before you take ACCUPLACER, make sure to ask your academic advisor about your institution's testing policies and procedures.

[Learn more about the ACCUPLACER tests](#)

How to Prepare for ACCUPLACER

ACCUPLACER offers several learning tools that help you improve in areas where your academic performance is not the

Resources

Review basic concepts in mathematics, reading and writing before taking [ACCUPLACER tests](#).

 [Free Sample Questions](#)

 [ACCUPLACER®// MyFoundationsLab® Brochure](#)

 [iPhone App Flyer](#)



What is the Accuplacer?

- ▶ A college placement exam that determines a student's knowledge in math, reading, and writing. Most colleges use this test.
- ▶ It's an Adaptive Test: increases/decreases in difficulty depending on how the student responds
- ▶ Test is untimed
- ▶ Students cannot bring a calculator. One will appear on the screen for them when applicable.
- ▶ Goal: place into courses that are MAT 101 and ENG 101 or higher (these courses count toward college degrees)

How should your child prepare?

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer>



The Official Web-Based Study App

This Web-based study app features practice tests in Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, College -Level Math, Reading Comprehension, and Sentence Skills. It's accessible from any Internet-capable computer, and it will help you become familiar with the content and format of the ACCUPLACER test questions.

- “Learn as you go” tests provide you with explanation of the correct or incorrect responses.
- Sample tests are authentic, so you’ll know ahead of time what your experience will be like on test day.
- You can save your work and resume practicing at any time, so you’re in control of your time and schedule.
- You can review your score history to see where you need to refresh your knowledge and where you have strengths.

[Get Free App ▶](#)

Naviance Family Connections Site

- ▶ Every student has a Naviance Account
- ▶ Resources on the account include:
 - College Search Tool
 - Sign Ups for high school College Visits with Admissions Representatives
 - Scholarship Resources: National Scholarship Search, County Scholarship Newsletter, School level scholarship opportunities
 - Career Searches and Information
 - Career Inventories
 - Create your own profile or resume and save all information in one location

Making the Most of Your Senior Year

What are colleges looking for?

- ▶ A high part of high school is growth, your senior year is a great way to demonstrate what you've learned from your experiences in high school.
- ▶ Taking the most rigorous courses available to you shows admissions committees that you are prepared for a college workload
- ▶ Taking AP and honors courses your senior year, especially if you didn't take them as a junior or sophomore, shows that you have matured.
- ▶ Key point: you have to actually do well in these courses. Your first semester grades and schedule can really make or break your application.
- ▶ You might only need two or more classes to graduate, but if you want to get into a top school you need to take a full schedule.

Making the Most of Your Senior Year

Options to **SAVE** you **MONEY**

Earn College Credits while in High School

- ▶ Advanced Placement Classes
- ▶ Concurrent Enrollment (ESSENCE)
- ▶ Dual Credit (ESSENCE)
- ▶ TRiO UB Summer Academy

ESSENCE Early College Program - Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit

- ▶ Concurrent enrollment - students take classes on HCC's campus half day or online. Students can take any class as long as they meet the prerequisite.
- ▶ Dual Enrollment - students take approved HCC classes at their high school and receive dual credit (high school and college credit)

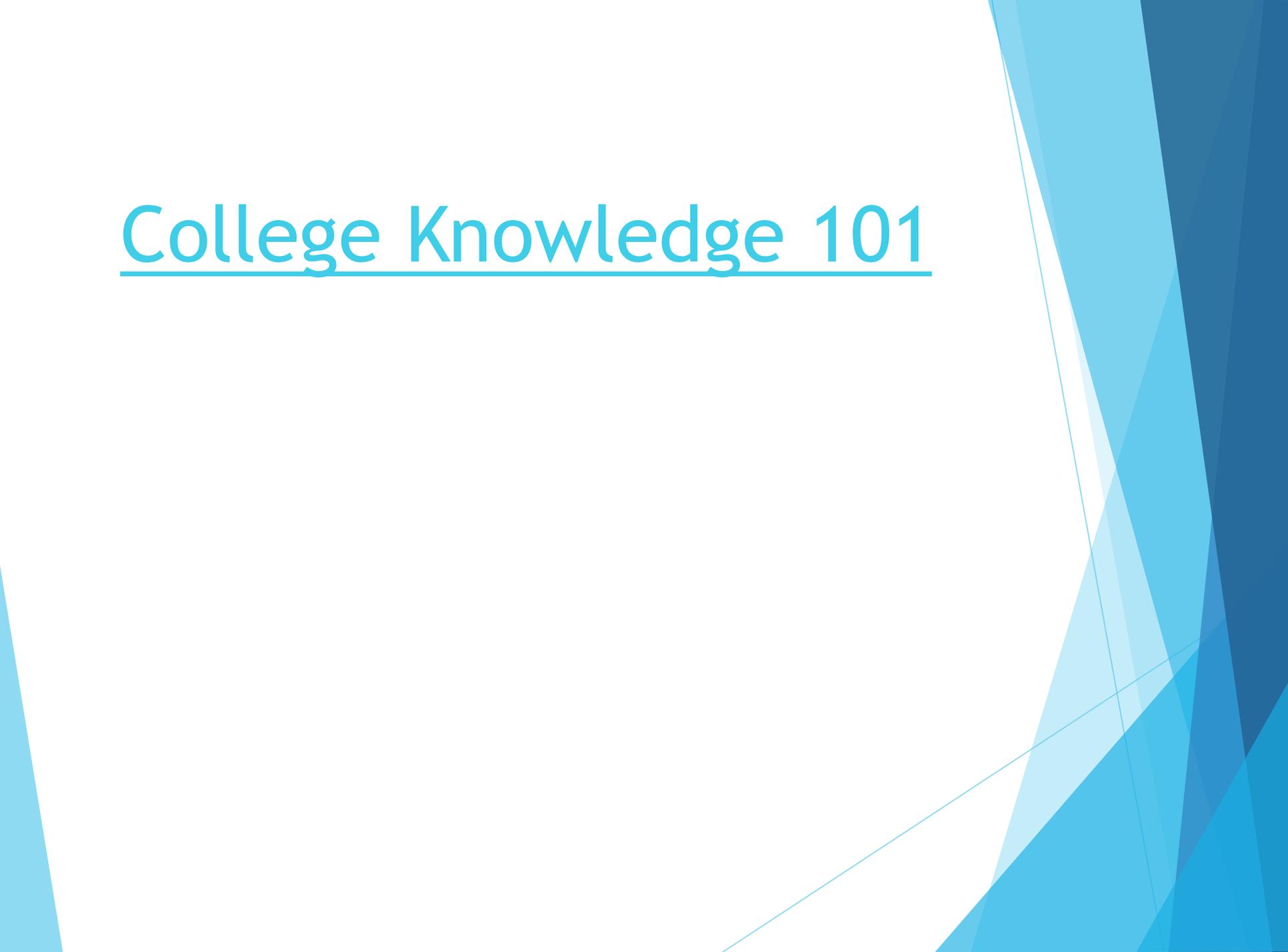
Classes offered for dual credit at WCPS

- ▶ Introduction to Sociology (all WCPS schools)
- ▶ General Psychology (Hancock and BISFA)
- ▶ Public Speaking (all WCPS schools)
- ▶ College Algebra (all WCPS schools)
- ▶ Introduction to Education (North High and South High)
- ▶ Microeconomics (North)
- ▶ Music Appreciation (Clear Spring)
- ▶ Human Biology (Boonsboro and WCTHS)
- ▶ Personal Health (Williamsport)
- ▶ Intro to Cybersecurity (WCTHS)
- ▶ Intro to Security Fundamentals (WCTHS)
- ▶ Intro to Homeland Security (WCTHS)
- ▶ Macroeconomic Principles (North)

Payment for ESSENCE classes

- ▶ Students who live in Washington County receive a 25% tuition discount from HCC and a 10% discount from WCPS for first 4 classes
- ▶ Students attending WCPS who receive Free and Reduced Meals (FARM) do not pay tuition for early to college classes. Registration fees and books are the responsibility of the student.
- ▶ ESSENCE students can apply for a Federal Pell Grant. Must complete the FAFSA.
- ▶ ESSENCE students can apply for the ESSENCE Supplemental Scholarship. Must complete the FAFSA. (FARM students are not eligible for this scholarship)
- ▶ ESSENCE students can apply for HCC Foundation Scholarships. Must complete the FAFSA.
- ▶ ESSENCE students can receive Promise Pathway Program scholarship. Must complete the FAFSA.

College Knowledge 101

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Overview

Financial Aid Info...

Scholarship/Grant Information

- ▶ Available on WCPS college readiness website

www.YourFutureStartsNowWCPS.com

- ▶ Go to MHEC website (create an MDCAPS account)

- ▶ Rawlings grants:

- ▶ Education Assistance Grant
- ▶ Guaranteed Access Grant
- ▶ Senate and Delegate scholarship

- ▶ Dell Scholars Program

- ▶ Dell Scholars receive \$20,000 each to complete their higher education over the course of six years. In addition, the Dell Scholars Program provides its students with technology, a private scholar networking community, resources, and mentoring to ensure they have the support they need to achieve their college degrees.

- ▶ Specific TRiO scholarships (MECEO, MEAEOPP)

- ▶ College specific scholarships

1. Don't pay money for the FAFSA.

The first "F" in FAFSA stands for "free," so never pay to fill out the form. It's not even necessary to pay for help completing the form given that there are so many free resources for students. Check with your high school, prospective college or search online for websites that help guide students through the process. Many schools put on dedicated events, such as College Goal Sunday, where students can get on-site help completing the form. Don't trust websites that charge fees for the application -- all students can complete it for free on www.fafsa.gov.

Do you have a unique family situation? See steps for filling out the FAFSA for any family circumstance [here](#).

2. Make a list of all deadlines.

Acting early is good life advice, but it's especially true when it comes to applying for college and getting financial aid. Waiting too long to fill out the FAFSA is one of the biggest mistakes that first-generation students make, says Robert Kelchen, a Seton Hall University professor. While the federal deadline for completing the form isn't until June 30, states and colleges have their own deadlines that students need to comply with to be eligible for all types of aid. In many cases, it's first come, first served, so you want to be sure to submit your FAFSA as soon as possible.

Check the individual deadlines for your state of residence [here](#).

3. Stay organized.

Students must fill out the FAFSA for each year that they attend college to receive aid. Keeping copies of all documents and forms of communication will help to streamline the process later on, Felicia Bryant, director of financial aid for Camden County College in New Jersey, says. Having copies of all tax documents will come in handy if you don't receive a copy of your federal income tax returns -- which you need along with your W-2s to fill out the FAFSA -- in January. If you have your tax return information from the previous year, you can use that to estimate your financial information, and then update the form online once you receive your current tax returns and W-2s.

4. Don't let the sticker price intimidate you.

First-generation students often pay less than the advertised price because they are generally eligible for financial aid. So don't cross a school off your list solely based on price. Laura Perna, a professor of education from the University of Pennsylvania, recommends using a [Net Price Calculator](#) to get a more accurate estimate of what you'll pay after accounting for scholarships and grants. When considering cost, use the totals you get from the Net Price Calculators to compare schools instead of the sticker price advertised by the colleges.

5. Account for all costs -- not just tuition.

Tuition will be the biggest expense when it comes to paying for college, but be aware that the other costs will add up too. Activity fees, textbooks, room and board, meal plans and trips home for out-of-state students are just a few of the expenses students are likely to incur while in college. Create a realistic budget for these costs and stick to it to avoid any unpleasant financial binds down the road.

6. Don't discount loans.

Not all debt is bad. While loans may not be the ideal way to finance college, as they eventually have to be paid back, they are sometimes the best option. Sometimes it's "better to borrow money from the federal government at reasonable rates than to work too many hours while in college," Kelchen of Seton Hall says. Keep in mind that federal loans usually have lower interest rates and better borrower protections than private loans, so they should be your first choice if you decide to take out loans.

What will you need to fill out the FAFSA?

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your most recent federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
- A Federal Student Aid PIN to sign electronically.

Washington County Public Schools

www.yourfuturestartsnowwcps.com

FAFSA Workshops in the Community:

12/2/2017 (11am - 4pm) – Valley Mall – HCC Computer Lab

12/3/2017 (11am - 4pm) – Valley Mall – HCC Computer Lab

1/27/2018 (11am - 4pm) – Valley Mall – HCC Computer Lab

Graduation Cords

Students will be presented with their cords at April 21, 2018 Saturday Session.



Next UB Parent Meeting

- ▶ Tuesday, January 30, 2018 (6:30 - 7:30)
- ▶ CPB - 214 (same place!)
- ▶ Reminders will be sent out 2 weeks in advance