

# TRIO Upward Bound Parent Meeting

November 28, 2016

# Jacob Rockwell

New Upward Bound Advisor, some of our students had met him already.





# Upward Bound Scholarship Fundraising Efforts



## CHRISTMAS BASKET DRAWING HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRIO UPWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Drawing will be held on Friday, December 17, 2016  
Basket will be hand delivered to the winner  
All proceeds benefit the Upward Bound Scholarship Fund

**1 ticket for \$3.00**

**2 tickets for \$5.00**

**5 tickets for \$10.00**

This one-of-a-kind basket includes  
the following items:

\$50 Target Gift Card, Christmas Blanket, Holiday Décor,  
Sticky Buns, Clementine's, Hot Chocolate & Mug,  
Candies, Foot Cream & Plush Socks  
Adult Coloring Books & Color Pencils *much much more!*

(if paying by check, make payable to HCC Upward Bound)



# New Upward Bound Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9xCLC5YJ18>

# Opening of the African American History Museum





# Gettysburg College





# Gettysburg College



- Small liberal arts college  
~2700 undergraduates
- Division 3 - 24 sports
- 120 clubs
- 18 to 1 student to faculty
- Study Abroad for any major,  
same cost as attending  
Gettysburg
- STEM Scholar Program
  - For biology, math,  
chemistry, computer  
science, physics
  - Acceptance includes full  
ride
  - Includes support,  
mentorship, guidance
  - No GPA requirement



# George Mason University



- Large, Tier 1 Research Institution ~ 22,000 undergraduates
- Common application
- 16 to 1 student to faculty
- 22 NCAA Division 1 Teams
- 80% of graduates employed within 6 months
- 350+ clubs and organizations





# Red Cross Gift Wrapping



**American  
Red Cross**

**Earn SSL hours**

In front of Bon-Ton

December 7<sup>th</sup> → 6-9pm

December 20<sup>th</sup> → 6-9pm



Message Mrs. Toms if interested

# 2017 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](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/upwardbound)

**December 10<sup>th</sup> : A Christmas Carol @ Ford's Theater in DC**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> : Martin Luther King Day @ HCC**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> : Wizards Sports Career Day @ Verizon Center**

**April 13 - 15<sup>th</sup> \*\* Boston**

*\*\* Incentive trip: Top 20-25 students (based on participation and grades) will be invited to attend and represent HCC TRiO UB*

**April 30<sup>th</sup> : Maryland Day @ UMCP**



*December 10<sup>th</sup> - A Christmas Carol*  
*@ Ford's Theater 11:00am-7:30pm*

Emily Eby

Ryan Himes

Nathan Francis

Kelsey DeHart

Chanel Sellers

Lexus Ray

Janelle Jamison

Norrah Frederick

Sarah Napoleon

Brooke Marshall

Shawn Patton

Jordyn Phillips

Maliesha Hughes

Wayne Reed

Natalie Williams

Stephanie Atha

Stephanie Leisinger

Gemma Wease

**WASHINGTON WIZARDS**

# SPORTS CAREER DAY



The Wizards are hosting two events this season for all middle and high school students who want to learn more about working in professional sports. Each will include a sports business seminar hosted by members of the Wizards management team and a college fair. The Washington Wizards game follows the Sports Career Day activities.

## SCHEDULE

**1:45 P.M.**

Suggested Group Arrival Time  
(Use main entrance on F Street)

**2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

College Fair on Concourse

**3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.**

Sports Business Seminar

(Guest speakers & presentations)

**4:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.**

Concession stands open.

Groups have option to exit

**5:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

Groups can sit in the lower level  
to watch pregame player warm-ups

**6:00 P.M.**

Arena opens to the public.

Event ends.

**7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.**

Wizards Game (end time could vary)



*January 16<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr Day  
@ HCC 11:00am-3:30pm*

Elizabeth Dorm

Natalie Williams

Caitlynn Cubbage

Ryan Himes

Wayne Reed

Layla Littleton

Nathan Francis

Janelle Jamison

Mariah Shoemaker

Kelsey DeHart

Logan Maners

Kaya Jackson

Chanel Sellers

Ashley Smothers

Alonso Miguel

Jymeisha Castle

Emily Eby

Daverion Artis

Taylor Dorm

Brooke Marshall

Sarah Napoleon

AlexSandra Williams

Maliesha Hughes

Angel Kessler

Gemma Wease

Norab Frederick

Shawn Patton

Bridget Neal

Trinity Hun

Kaitlyn Krieman

# March 24<sup>th</sup> Wizards Sports Career Day @Verizon Center 1:00 - 11:30pm

AlexSandra Williams	Laurel Souders	Stephanie Atha
Angel Kessler	Jordan Kerns	Layla Littleton
Asha Barnes	Corveyon King	Caitlynn Cubbage
Norrab Frederick	Bridget Neal	Mariah Shoemaker
Logan Maners	Marcus Maners	Keana Smith
Ashley Smothers	Lexus Ray	Kaya Jackson
Stephanie Leisinger	Kaitlynn Krieman	Ryan Himes
Kaya Jackson	Nyasia Twyman	Alonso Miguel
Taylor Dorm	Jymeisha Castle	Daverion Atris
Emily Eby	Kallee Seal	
Kelsey DeHart	Janelle Jamison	
Brooke Marshall	Jazmin Techie-Mensah	



*April 29<sup>th</sup> Maryland Days  
@College Park 8:00 - 5:30pm*

AlexSandra Williams

Angel Kessler

Norrab Frederick

Logan Maners

Taylor Dorm

Emily Eby

Kelsey DeHart

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Marcus Maners

Mariah Shoemaker

Kaya Jackson

Laurel Souders

Kaitlynn Krieman

Alonso Miguel

Daverion Artis

Caitlynn Cubbage

Keana Smith

# *Incentive Trip: Boston, MA*

## Tentative Itinerary:

4/13/17 - Depart HCC, Albright College, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston Ghost Tour

4/14/17 - Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Freedom trail, USS Constitution

4/15/17 - Fenway Park tour, Prudential Building Sky walk, back home

# College Testing

PSAT

SAT/ACT

Accuplacer





The new 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.

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 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 redesigned SAT (March 2016)
- 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



# 2016-2017 SAT Test Dates

SAT Date	Registration Deadline
October 1	September 1
November 5	October 7
December 3	November 3
January 21	December 21
March 11	February 10
May 6	April 7
June 3	May 9

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

# 2016-2017 ACT Test Dates

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<b>ACT Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
September 10	August 5
October 22	September 16
December 10	November 4
February 11	January 13
April 8	March 3
June 10	May 5

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CollegeBoard

ACCUPLACER

- ▶ Accuplacer Placement (or diagnostic) Test will be administered to applicable UB students on February 13, 2016
- ▶ 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 ▶](#)

# Changes in WCPS

PARCC

College and Career Determination

Naviance



# *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

# *Proposed Summer Trips*

your feedback/suggestions is appreciated!

- ▶ University of Virginia & Monticello  
(Thomas Jefferson's Estate)
- ▶ George Washington
- ▶ U.S. Naval Academy & Annapolis Tour
- ▶ Washington & Jefferson
- ▶ Towson University & Aquarium



**Overview**

**Financial Aid Info...**

# Financial Aid Game





# Local Scholarship/Grant Information

- ▶ Available on WCPS college readiness website  
[www.YourFutureStartsNowWCPS.com](http://www.YourFutureStartsNowWCPS.com)
- ▶ Go to MHEC website
  - ▶ Rawlings grants:
    - ▶ Education Assistance Grant
    - ▶ Guaranteed Access Grant
- ▶ Senate scholarship
  - ▶ Hancock & WHS - 301.722.4780
  - ▶ North & South - 301.733.5540
- ▶ Delegate scholarship
  - ▶ Call 240.313.2050
- ▶ Specific TRiO scholarships (MECEO, UB)
- ▶ 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](http://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.

# Graduation Cords

Students will be presented with their cords prior to graduation.





# Next UB Parent Meeting

- ▶ Monday, January 30, 2017 (6:30 - 7:30)
- ▶ CPB - 214 (same place!)
- ▶ Reminders will be sent out 2 weeks in advance