



Senior Year Wrap Up List

Are we there yet? What is your plan?

What is Your Plan?

- Communicate with your counselor if you are unsure.

College Process Continues

- Some colleges may still have rolling application due dates.
- Attend College Accepted Student events for your top choice colleges (usually held in April)
- May 1st is “National Decision” day. Once you decide upon the college you will attend, be sure to advise the other colleges that you will not attend.



NOVA

- You may reach out directly to [Ms. Monica Gomez](#), NOVA Counselor supporting Herndon HS, with questions about attending NOVA.
- February 17**; 10:30am – NOVA information session with Ms. Monica Gomez, NOVA College Readiness Counselor. Held in the HHS College/Career Center. NOVA offers associates degrees and certification programs as well as the option to transfer to a 4-year college.
- February 24**; 9:45am- 1:00pm – NOVA Application Workshop in the College/Career Center
- February 10 & 24**: Virtual NOVA evening information sessions. The registration link for February 10 – www.tinyurl.com/February-10 and Feb 24th – www.tinyurl.com/February-24
- March 2**; 10:30am - Ms. Gomez will discuss next steps for placement into your Fall classes, etc.
- Be sure to complete the Transcript Request and Consent to Release form to indicate NOVA. This is required for HHS to send your final high school transcript. Questions? Contact your counselor or [Mrs. Frostad](#).

Financial Aid – FAFSA and VASA

- February 8 & 17 (all lunches)** – Workshop in the College/Career Center.
- FAFSA/VASA 1x1 assistance**; Mrs. Mahieu of College Access Fairfax, kmahieu@fcps.edu for an appointment
- VASA** – the NEW Virginia Alternative Student Aid application for undocumented students. <https://schev.edu/index/tuition-aid/vasa/> for more details.
- Federal Student Aid, Department of Education <https://studentaid.gov/>
- FAFSA** – www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Student Aid.
- College Access Fairfax** – www.collegeaccessfairfax.org Financial aid workshops, scholarships and resources for FCPS students. Past recordings of sessions are posted.

FCPS Career Expo Instruction 2 Industry

- February 14th – 17th; evenings**. Regional career exploration event; Connect with local industry professionals from in-demand career fields during this virtual “Instruction 2 Industry Career Expo” event. To register and review the entire schedule, please go to: <https://www.fcps.edu/node/45168>

2022 Virtual Gap Year Fair

- February 17; 6:30pm – 9pm**. FCPS is co-hosting a Virtual Gap Year Fair with Go Overseas, whose mission is to empower human connection through perspective-changing travel. At the Virtual Gap Year Fair, students and their families can connect with gap year program providers, counselors, alumni, and college admissions representatives to learn everything needed about taking a gap year. See the [event flyer](#) for more information! Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-usa-gap-year-fair-2022-feb-17-registration-211523661967?aff=GYFeventscta>

Stay the course

- Don't be a victim of senioritis, grades matter throughout your senior year.
- Colleges can rescind acceptance offer if grades plummet.

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7th Semester Report

- 7th semester grades with recalculated GPA will automatically be sent to the colleges you applied to – ~2nd week of February.
- Be sure to clear any transcript debt remaining – 7th semester report will be held until debt is paid. Contact your counselor or [Mrs. Frostad](#) with any concerns.

Other Post-Secondary Options

- [Military Careers](#)
 - [ASVAB](#) – career exploration/aptitude test
 - Test at HHS February 25th; Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Feb25asvab>
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
 - [FCPS Adult & Community Education \(ACE\)](#)
 - [Department of Labor](#)
 - [Virginia Opportunities](#)
- [Job Corps](#) – nationwide residential career training program
- [Year Up](#) – national program whose mission is to close the “opportunity divide” empowering young adults
- [AmeriCorps](#) - national government service program

Scholarship Information

- [Naviance Student](#) Scholarship Search (in College tab)
- Refer to HHS College/Career Center Schoology Course 2QH2-MXG9-SRBCV in the folder titled “Especially for Seniors”. Applications for the “HHS onlys” and some local scholarships are also posted here.
- College/University websites – check scholarships links under financial aid and academic departments
- Read Mrs. Peirce’s weekly Scholarship Newsletter sent to your fcpschools email address. Past newsletters are posted on Schoology in the “Especially for Seniors” folder.

Scholarship Essays

- Stick to the topic addressed in application
- Visit the [College Essay Guy](#) – free guide to writing a personal statement
 - [College Essay Guy Blog on scholarship essay](#)

Scholarship Recommendations

- Be sure to give your teacher/coach/counselor at least 2 weeks’ notice.

FCPS Virtual College Week (video recordings from October 2021 event - [Virtual College Week Google Site](#))

- Paying for College <https://youtu.be/OcW2OpGwYvE>
- Standardized Testing in the College Process <https://youtu.be/gW6PvusVwPU>
- Study in Spain <https://youtu.be/mXpfRhrEbU4>
- Considerations for Students with Disabilities in the College Search & Beyond https://youtu.be/vm7tMcOy_bQ
- Exploring Naviance <https://youtu.be/U5IbXzvQnpA>
- Scholarship 101 <https://youtu.be/CYLSFA-C3dw>

Helpful Links

- HHS College/Career Center Schoology Course 2QH2-MXG9-SRBCV
- [College Planning Guide: Opportunities](#) – 48-page booklet filled with college planning and financial aid tips
- [College Scorecard](#) by the U.S. Department of Education
- [College Access Fairfax](#) - FCPS Partner supporting seniors in financial aid matters
- [NOVA](#) – consider associate or certificate programs
- X2VOL – Accessed in [Naviance Student](#) to input and track your volunteer/service hours
- [Gap Year Programs](#)
- [Virginia Education Wizard](#) – career & college information
- [Virginia CAN](#) – college access network
- [FCPS Parent Resource Center](#) – Wide variety of workshops offered throughout the year (FCPS website ⇨ Search)

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Upcoming & Future Events

Herndon High School Job Fair – March TBD

Teen Job Fairs sponsored by Fairfax County Government (Spring typically)

Senior Survey – administered late April/early May; this is how you tell us which college you will attend. HHS will forward your final high school transcript in June to your attending college.

Senior Scholarship Awards– May 26, 7pm; honors seniors awarded “HHS only” and local/specialty scholarships.

Graduation! Congratulations Class of 2022!

Senior 2022 Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Submit FAFSA or VASA if haven’t already done so (HHS workshops Feb 8th and 17th)
- Research and complete scholarship applications
- Attend the FCPS co-sponsored Career Expo during the week of Feb 14-17
- Virtual Gap Fair
- Start thinking about a summer job

MARCH

- Complete local scholarship applications
- Colleges begin to notify you of their decision
- Colleges will provide you a Financial Aid Award Letter -compare; they won’t all be the same
- Attend the HHS Job Fair

APRIL

- Attend the “accepted students” events (virtual and/or in person) at your top schools of interest
- Compare your college acceptance offers and corresponding financial aid package
- Call the college financial aid office if your family’s financial situation has changed – you CAN ask for more money! They may not be able to provide it to you, but you can ask.

MAY

- Advise the college that you accept their acceptance by May 1st. Typically, there is a small deposit – be sure it’s paid by their deadline. Advise the colleges that you will not be attending. This allows the college to open spots for the waitlist students.
- Make deposit to attending college – watch deadlines
- Register for your college’s new student orientations (usually over the summer)
- Take Advanced Placement (AP) exams if applicable
- Apply for Civics Seal – through your Government class
- Complete the Senior Survey
- JUNE - Graduation! June 1, 2021**

YOU ARE ON THE FINAL STRETCH! WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH THOSE FINAL STEPS!

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