

# Welcome to College & Career Information Night Class of 2019



# Introductions

## ***MCHS Administration:***

Mr. Gary Wintersgill, Principal

Ms. Jeannette Alexander, Assistant Principal

Mr. Jason Allison, Assistant Principal

## ***MCHS School Counseling Department:***

Miss Taylor Austin, School Counselor (A-J)

Mrs. Torie Knighton, School Counseling Director (K-Z)

Mrs. Michelle Beverage, Career Coach, Germanna C.C.

Ms. Karen Teal, Counseling Secretary/Registrar

# Tonight's Agenda

- Choices- What comes next??
- The Application Process
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Naviance & eDocs
- FAFSA, Financial Aid & Scholarships-  
Show Me the Money!!





## *School to Career or School to College/Career:*

College Recruiters to Restaurant Managers know what type of person they are looking for, therefore ...

# Your resume or portfolio should be

- Relevant
- Clear
- Include your skills and strengths



## So, what should I include in my portfolio?

- Resume
- Recommendations
- References
- Transcript
- Certificates & Awards
- Copy of Birth Cert./SSN/Driver's License

# The NEW WORKPLACE READINESS SKILLS for the Commonwealth

Needs Identified by Virginia Employers



## Personal Qualities and People Skills

- 1. POSITIVE WORK ETHIC:**  
Comes to work every day on time, is willing to take direction, and is motivated to accomplish the task at hand
- 2. INTEGRITY:**  
Abides by workplace policies and laws and demonstrates honesty and reliability
- 3. TEAMWORK:**  
Contributes to the success of the team, assists others, and requests help when needed
- 4. SELF-REPRESENTATION:**  
Dresses appropriately and uses language and manners suitable for the workplace
- 5. DIVERSITY AWARENESS:**  
Works well with all customers and coworkers
- 6. CONFLICT RESOLUTION:**  
Negotiates diplomatic solutions to interpersonal and workplace issues
- 7. CREATIVITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS:**  
Contributes new ideas and works with initiative

## Professional Knowledge and Skills

- 8. SPEAKING AND LISTENING:**  
Follows directions and communicates effectively with customers and fellow employees
- 9. READING AND WRITING:**  
Reads and interprets workplace documents and writes clearly
- 10. CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING:**  
Analyzes and resolves problems that arise in completing assigned tasks
- 11. HEALTH AND SAFETY:**  
Follows safety guidelines and manages personal health
- 12. ORGANIZATIONS, SYSTEMS, AND CLIMATES:**  
Identifies "big picture" issues and his or her role in fulfilling the mission of the workplace
- 13. LIFELONG LEARNING:**  
Continually acquires new industry-related information and improves professional skills
- 14. JOB ACQUISITION AND ADVANCEMENT:**  
Prepares to apply for a job and to seek promotion
- 15. TIME, TASK, AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:**  
Organizes and implements a productive plan of work
- 16. MATHEMATICS:**  
Uses mathematical reasoning to accomplish tasks
- 17. CUSTOMER SERVICE:**  
Identifies and addresses the needs of all customers, providing helpful, courteous, and knowledgeable service

## Technology Knowledge and Skills

- 18. JOB-SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES:**  
Selects and safely uses technological resources to accomplish work responsibilities in a productive manner
- 19. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**  
Uses computers, file management techniques, and software/programs effectively
- 20. INTERNET USE AND SECURITY:**  
Uses the Internet appropriately for work
- 21. TELECOMMUNICATIONS:**  
Selects and uses appropriate devices, services, and applications



# CHOICES

- Military
- Workforce
- Technical Training
- College
  - 2 + 2 or Straight to 4 Year College/University



# U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt. Joseph McNicholas,  
U.S. Army







# Mrs. Michelle Beverage Career Coach



# *Career Coaching at MCHS*

**Career Exploration:** What career is best for me? Take assessments to evaluate my skills & interests.

**Education/Training:** Should I attend a trade/vocational school? Would a 2 year associate's degree work for me? How about an apprenticeship? What direction do I go in?

**Job Skills:** I need help filling out an application. I need a resume! What do I wear to my interview next week? What are the soft skills employers are looking for?

Meet one-on-one with Mrs. Beverage to make a plan.  
Stop by the counseling office to get started!

# *Virginia's 2 + 2 Program*

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION** to Virginia's four-year institutions for students who complete an Associate's degree at a Virginia Community College

- ✓ Saves \$30,000 plus in tuition and fees
- ✓ Great place to start if worried about starting at a "big" school
- ✓ Small classes
- ✓ Honors programs and national honor societies
- ✓ Sports and social interest groups
- ✓ \$2,000 Transfer Scholarship to the four-year school
- ✓ Accepted by employers and graduate/professional schools

# Selecting a College

- Match interests & skills to a college program (MAJOR) which will lead to a career.
- Match your qualifications & personality with the profile of admitted students of each college.

***Will I fit in???***

# How many colleges do I apply to?

## Select

- 2 Dream Schools (your “reach” schools)
- 2 Mid-range Schools
- 1 Foundation School (safety)



# College Rep Visits

- Visits to MCHS are announced and posted
- Students sign up through **Naviance**



# Factors Used to Evaluate Applicants

- #1 Program of study
- #2 Academic Achievement
- #3 Standardized Test Scores (SAT/  
ACT)
- #4 Extracurricular Activities
- #5 Personal Statement
- #6 Recommendations

# #1 Program of Study

- Most Demanding
- Demanding
- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average





# #2 Academic Achievement

- Core classes only
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Weighted
- Unweighted (Simple)
- Rank



# #3 Standardized Test

## Scores

### ACT

- Math
- Science
- Reading
- English
- Writing (opt)

### SAT

- Reasoning Test
  - **Critical Reading**
  - **Math**
  - **Writing**
- Subject Area Tests



# #4 Extra/Co-curricular Accomplishments

- Complete Brag Sheet (Naviance)
- Prepare resume
- Answer Teacher & Counselor  
Recommendation Questions (Naviance)
- Include skills & special interests



# #5 Personal Statement/Essay

- Do not repeat information given in application
- Be creative
- Check spelling
- Write & rewrite
- Have a teacher review it for you.



# #6 Letters of Recommendation

- Personally ask core teachers, administrators, and/or counselors you've identified for letters of recommendation
- Follow up with email requests through Naviance.

# The Common Application

- Christopher Newport University
- College of William & Mary
- Emory & Henry College
- Hampden – Sydney College
- Hollins University
- Marymount University
- Randolph College
- Randolph-Macon College
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Richmond
- University of Virginia
- Washington & Lee University

## MISSION

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding over 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. We serve students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of our over 500 members. Membership is open to colleges and universities that promote access by evaluating students using a holistic selection process.

## SEARCH FOR COLLEGES

[Applicants](#)[Members](#)[Recommenders](#)

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HELP CENTER

CREATE AN ACCOUNT





# Okay, I'm ready to apply...

- Read the entire application & directions carefully. Pay close attention to dates/deadlines.
- Start with the simple apps first then progress to the more complex ones (Common App)

# The Process

- Collect data
- Make a copy of app. and practice filling one in.
- Be accurate & truthful - do not exaggerate your accomplishments.
- Proofread, Proofread, Proofread! Missing information could delay decisions.
- Be clear in your responses; avoid being vague.

# Definitions

- Early Decision is binding, can apply to only 1 college for early decision
- Early Action is non-binding
- Regular Decision
- Waitlisted
- Denied

# Deadlines

## **Early Action Early Decision**

- November 1
- November 15
- December 1
- December 15

## **Regular Decision**

- January 1st
- January 15th

# \$ Scholarship \$

- Naviance has two scholarship search options:
  - Scholarship List
  - National Scholarship Search



# ***Scholarship List***

## ***National, State & Local Scholarships***

Local scholarships become available to students starting in January

- Posted on Naviance and High School Webpage
- Morning/Afternoon announcements
- Students will be able to pick up applications in the Counseling Office



# Scholarship Profile

- Scholarship search engines find scholarships tailored to your personal resume
- Search engines are looking at the following criteria
  - Extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, band, forensics, 4-H)
  - Leadership (in school or community)

# Scholarship Profiles

- Community Service
- Sports (in school or out of school teams)
- Obstacles and Adversities (overcoming any personal hardship)



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# FAFSA

# (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

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FAFSA

### Returning User?

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- View your Student Aid

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# *MCHS Financial Aid Information Night*

**Wednesday, September 26th**

**6-7 p.m.**

**MCHS Library**



**Questions?**