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Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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WASHINGTON HIGH/WICOMICO HIGH/CRISFIELD HIGH

It's FAFSA time! WHAT is a "FAFSA ????" No matter what grade you are in now you need to know that January is the time to apply for FREE federal financial aid. Remember, in your senior year it's incredibly important that you complete the FAFSA, **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**, as soon after Jan 1 as possible. Ask your DEF-CCAP advisor all about it!

WHS - Hey Jaguars! Time is winding down; before you know it the school year will be over! *YEAH!*
>Freshmen, be on the look out for info about GEAR UP college tours

WiHi - If you're not sure how a college degree can have such a positive affect on your life now you can stop by the DEF-CCAP table in the cafeteria during your lunch period and talk to Ms. Carter or Ms. Elswick all about it.
>Don't forget, Career Day is set for February 6th so get your questions ready! This is your chance to ask professionals in a bunch of different fields, what their job is REALLY like.
>Upcoming Financial Aid workshops are planned for Jan. 30th & Feb. 26th so plan on coming to find out "**Where's the Money?**" to pay for college. Sign-up to attend now.
>Your advisor can also help you with resume writing, applications, and essays. Let us help you do your best!



to Howard University and Bowie State.
>The 2nd Annual College-Career Fair is Jan. 23rd in the Gym for ALL GRADES.
>Next SAT registration deadline is January 29 and the next ACT registration deadline is March 7 so please visit the DEF-CCAP office for registration packets.
>Check out the Scholarship Deadlines posted on the DEF-CCAP door. Ms. Lewis is available during her office hours as well as by appointment for one-on-one advising.

It's time to get with it! We have the information you need to investigate hundreds of careers and colleges - don't wait - **Start Planning Your Future Now before it passes you by!**

CHS - Crisfield High's Open House will have activities for all grades including a FAFSA workshop for senior students and their parents. It's Jan. 30th, 5 -7 p.m.

>Plans are in the works for GEAR UP students to present a program on college awareness. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Sykes are collaborating on this awesome idea. So come see Ms. Sykes in the DEF-CCAP office and learn all you can about the path to higher education.

This is a great follow-up to the Career Day that took place last month.



Stop by and say Hey to your DEF-CCAP advisor. Get to know us. We're here to help you succeed—yes, you can! Stop in to see us at school or email us.

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How can we help?
By believing that your dreams are attainable & showing you the way to achieve your goals!
We're on your side!

You can also call or visit DEF's office in the Wicomico Public Library.

Ask your advisor about:
FAFSA workshops
SAT registration deadlines
Parent Computer classes
SU & UMES - application fee waivers
Tutors—extra help with any school work. After-school at WiHi. During school at WHS. Coming soon to CHS...

