

John Handley High School

# Senior Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 19TH 2025

## College & Military Visits

UVA - Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Pennsylvania College of Technology - Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>  
U.S. Army - Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
University of Mary Washington - Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

@Senior Cafeteria during Lunch



Class of 2026

## Scholarship News

Listed Below are links to apply for Scholarships & Current Applications that are available in Counseling



## Important Dates:



\*VACRO College Fair-Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm -@Apple Blossom Mall

\*Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences-Thursdays September 25<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:00pm

Reminders:

Check The Counseling Canvas Page

# **UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA COLLEGE VISIT**

 Date: September 22nd  
 Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm  
 Location: Senior Cafeteria

✦ Don't miss this opportunity to:

- Learn about programs, admissions, and campus life
- Ask questions directly to the college representative





## Opportunity Scholars Is Coming!



Tuesday, September 23



Lunch Time | 11:45 AM – 1:45 PM



Informational Table in the Cafeteria

Discover how Opportunity Scholars can support your journey beyond high school—from exploring career paths and job placement to preparing for college and securing scholarships.

✨ Stop by, ask questions, and grab some free resources!

# ***PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY VISIT***

 **DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

 **TIME: A & B LUNCH**

 **LOCATION: SENIOR CAFETERIA**



**Pennsylvania  
College of Technology**  
A Penn State Affiliate



**Save the Date!**

Come join us

# **COLLEGE NIGHT**

**Apple Blossom Mall  
Sept. 24, 2025 6–8 p.m.  
Over 100 Colleges!**

**Open to students from Clarke County, Frederick County,  
Shenandoah County, Warren County, Winchester City and  
students from the Eastern Panhandle of WV.**





**¡Reserva el día!**

**Ven y unete a nosotros**

# **NOCHE DE COLEGIO**

**Apple Blossom Mall  
24 de Septiembre de 2025  
6–8 p.m.**

**Mas de 100 Colegios!**

**Abierto a los estudiantes del Condado de Clarke, Condado de Frederick, Condado de Shenandoah, Condado de Warren, La Ciudad de Winchester y estudiantes de Panhandle Oriental de WV.**





# MILITARY BRANCH VISIT

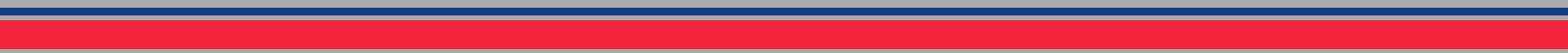
Who: U.S. ARMY

When: September 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 A, B & C Lunch

Where: Senior Area



U.S. ARMY





## Scholarships



**SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP DUE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 2025**

**2026 UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS**

**ARTICLE: 2025-30-407**

**AUDIENCE: SUPERINTENDENTS, DIRECTORS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

**CONTACT: CHRISTONYA BROWN, COORDINATOR OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE,  
CHRISTONYA.BROWN[AT]DOE.VIRGINIA.GOV**

**THE UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM (USSYP) IS A NATIONAL NONPARTISAN INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR TALENTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP ABILITIES TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA'S POLITICAL PROCESSES AND STRENGTHEN THEIR RESOLVE TO PURSUE CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE. THE VDOE WILL SELECT TWO STUDENT DELEGATES TO REPRESENT VIRGINIA IN THE 64TH ANNUAL UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM (USSYP) SPONSORED BY THE WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST FOUNDATION. EACH DELEGATE WILL RECEIVE A \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP AND AN ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7-14, 2026, FOR WASHINGTON WEEK.**

**STUDENTS INTERESTED IN APPLYING WILL COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TWO ESSAY RESPONSES. BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS WILL BE ASKED AT A LATER TIME TO CERTIFY THE STUDENT'S APPLICATION. THE TOP CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO INTERVIEW WITH A PANEL OF JUDGES APPOINTED BY THE VDOE AND ALSO TAKE THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS EXAMINATION PREPARED BY THE HEARST FOUNDATION. FINAL SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON THE STUDENT APPLICATION, ESSAY RESPONSES, EXAMINATION RESULTS, OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, AND DEMONSTRATED QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

**DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM MAY BE FOUND ON THE VDOE USSYPLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.WEBSITE. THERE ARE VERY SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR CANDIDATES SELECTED AS DELEGATES. VDOE STRICTLY ADHERES TO THE USSYP PROGRAMLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS OUTLINED BY THE HEARST FOUNDATION. APPLICATIONS MAY BE ACCESSED AND SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA [THE ONLINE STUDENT APPLICATION PORTALLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE. BEGINNING FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025. APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS ARE DUE BY 5 P.M. EST ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, THROUGH THE APPLICATION PORTAL.](#)**



## Scholarships



**VSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DUE: JANUARY 30TH, 2026 BY 4:00PM**

**THE VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (VSBA) IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE A BRAND-NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY DESIGNED TO SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH! THE VSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNIZES STUDENTS WHO EXCEL IN ACADEMICS, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, PROVIDING THEM WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PURSUE THEIR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.**

### **KEY DETAILS:**

- ✓ **WHO CAN APPLY? HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN SPRING 2026 WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN A DIVISION THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE VSBA AND LOCATED WITHIN ONE OF THE NINE VSBA REGIONS.**
- ✓ **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: \$5,000 PER REGIONAL WINNER!**
- ✓ **SCHOLARSHIP THEME: CHAMPION FOR IMPACT – SHARE HOW YOU PLAN TO USE YOUR EDUCATION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**
- ✓ **APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2026, BY 4:00 P.M.**

**SELECTED RECIPIENTS WILL BE HONORED DURING THE 2026 VSBA REGIONAL SPRING NETWORKING FORUMS. ATTENDANCE TO THE STUDENT'S RESPECTIVE REGIONAL SPRING NETWORKING FORUM IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARD. REGIONAL WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED AND NOTIFIED IN FEBRUARY 2026. A FULL LIST OF 2026 VSBA REGIONAL SPRING NETWORKING FORUMS IS INCLUDED IN THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKET LINKED BELOW.**

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHICH VSBA REGION YOUR SCHOOL DIVISION IS IN, PLEASE VISIT:  
[HTTPS://WWW.VSBA.ORG/VSBA-REGIONS/LINKS](https://www.vsba.org/vsba-regions/links) TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.**

**DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY! BE A CHAMPION FOR IMPACT AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARD YOUR FUTURE.**

**HAVE QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO BELLA CORBO AT [BELLA@VSBA.ORG](mailto:BELLA@VSBA.ORG) OR CALL 434-295-8722 EXT. 2.**

**[CLICK HERE FOR SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE](#)**

**[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE](#)**



## Scholarships



**Park Scholarship at NC State DUE: November 1st, 2025**

**[APPLY FOR THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPLINKS](#) TO AN EXTERNAL SITE. PROGRAM AT NC STATE. THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM BRINGS TOGETHER STUDENTS WITH OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND POTENTIAL IN SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND CHARACTER.LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF PARK SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DESIGNATED FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS.**

**THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM  
IS A FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP VALUED AT \$236,000 AND COVERS:  
TUITION, FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD  
BOOKS AND PERSONAL EXPENSES  
\$2,000 COMPUTER STIPEND**

**ENRICHMENT GRANTS TO FUND STUDY ABROAD, RESEARCH PROJECTS, SERVICE ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES  
AND MORE**

**GUARANTEED INVITATION TO JOIN THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAMLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.**

**THE PARK EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:**

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP, PUBLIC SPEAKING AND BUSINESS ETIQUETTE  
EDUCATIONAL TRIPS, RETREATS AND SEMINARSLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.**

**FACULTY MENTORS AND A NETWORK OF MORE THAN 1,100 ACCOMPLISHED PARK SCHOLARSHIPS ALUMNI  
WORLDWIDE**

**NC STATE IS NORTH CAROLINA'S PREEMINENT RESEARCH INSTITUTION, WITH NATIONALLY RENOWNED  
PROGRAMS IN ENGINEERING, VETERINARY MEDICINE, TEXTILES, STATISTICS, DESIGN, AGRICULTURE,  
BUSINESS AND MORE.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE. AND ADMISSION TO  
NC STATELINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE., ARE BOTH DUE BY 11:59 P.M. ET ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 FOR  
CONSIDERATION FOR THE PARK SCHOLARSHIP. FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**[PARK SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURELINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#)**

**[PARK UNDER-RESOURCED ASSISTANCE \(PURA\) BROCHURELINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#)**



# Scholarships

**PLEASE CHECK THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENTS CANVAS ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED BELOW OR STOP BY THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

**YOU MUST SUBMIT A FORM (LOCATED IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE) TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE ALONG WITH A TYPED RESUME (INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT, AND LEADERSHIP ROLES BY THE GRADE IN WHICH THEY OCCURRED) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025.**

**JOHN HANDLEY HIGH SCHOOL MAY NOMINATE ONE STUDENT FOR EACH OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. PLEASE SEE THE LINK FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP TO GET MORE INFORMATION.**

**THE JEFFERSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND THE WALENTAS SCHOLARS PROGRAM—CULTIVATE OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, PROVIDING THEM WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PURSUE THEIR PASSIONS AND DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY AND BEYOND.**

**JEFFERSON AND WALENTAS SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE THE ENTIRE COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND MANY SUPPLEMENTAL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES.**

**THE CHOSEN NOMINEE FOR THE WALENTAS SCHOLARS PROGRAM MUST ALSO BE A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT.**

**DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 1, 2025**

**LEARN MORE: [HTTPS://WWW.JEFFERSONSCHOLARS.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship)**

----- JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP

----- WALENTAS SCHOLARSHIP

----- **THE HARRY F. BYRD, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD SEEKS TO REWARD APPLICANTS WHO CONSISTENTLY DISPLAY EXCELLENCE OF CHARACTER, QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP, DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT. WHILE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IS A CONSIDERATION, THE SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE. THEREFORE, MOST RECIPIENTS ARE LEADERS WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR PEERS TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES AND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. MOST RECIPIENTS ENGAGE IN ENDEAVORS THAT DEMONSTRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, INITIATIVE, COURAGE, PERSONAL DISCIPLINE, STRONG WORK ETHIC, COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, ABILITY TO CONFRONT CHALLENGES, AND PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. THIS IS A \$30,000 SCHOLARSHIP, AND STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IN VA. AFTER NOMINATION, THE SELECTED STUDENT MUST COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION WITH SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS, SUBMIT A TRANSCRIPT AND A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL.**

**DEADLINE FOR STUDENT SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 1, 2025**

**LEARN MORE: [WWW.BYRDLEADERSHIPAWARD.ORG](http://WWW.BYRDLEADERSHIPAWARD.ORG)**

----- **THE PAMPLIN LEADERSHIP AWARD (PLA) SEEKS STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE SUPERIOR INTELLECTUAL PROMISE, ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, DEDICATION TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, INTEREST AND SUCCESS IN PHYSICAL FITNESS AND HEALTH, AND UNIMPEACHABLE INTEGRITY. THIS IS A 1-YEAR, MERIT-BASED \$5,000 VA TECH SCHOLARSHIP. STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST A 3.8 GPA. STUDENTS MUST HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE VT UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION. THE STUDENT SELECTED BY JHHS MUST THEN COMPLETE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION AND AN ESSAY.**

**DEADLINE FOR STUDENT SUBMISSION: JANUARY 15, 2026**

**LEARN MORE: [HTTPS://VT.ACADEMICWORKS.COM/OPPORTUNITIES/53039](https://vt.academicworks.com/opportunities/53039)**



## Scholarships



# Current Scholarship Applications Available in Counseling

\*Winchester Lioness Lions Club Memorial Scholarship