



Spring 2023
College/Career Q&A
GCM College & Career Center

January 24 at 6PM





Agenda

- **College/Career Readiness: Timeline & Resources**
- **Tips for Course Registration**
- **SAT / ACT updates and Information**
- **College Visits, Fairs, Info Sessions at GCM**
- **Myths about Admissions that Seniors Should Bust**
- **Financial Aid & Scholarships**
- **Questions ??**



GCM College & Career Center ***Gardner Humphreys***

Info for Students & Parents:

SCHOOLGY “Marshall Student Services” Course

- ✓ **College Research & App Help:** gkhumphreys@fcps.edu
- ✓ **Financial Aid, Reducing Cost & Scholarships**
- ✓ **Jobs for Students**
- ✓ **Volunteering, Internships, Summer Programs**
- ✓ **Test Prep** - free online prep and guides, GCM Library website

School Website: **Google “GCM College Career”**

<https://marshallhs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-career-center>

Naviance: <https://www.fcps.edu/naviance>

Schoology: GCM Homepage

COLLEGE & CAREER EVENTS

- ✓ **Junior Focus Day** – April 20, 2023, in school, for Juniors only (students)
- ✓ **Senior College Essay Help** – In-person Mondays 3-4PM Fall/online any time
- ✓ **Financial Aid for College Night** (all grades) – October 2023
- ✓ **PSAT & Senior SAT** – Oct. 2023 in school. PSAT for 10-11 only, no charge, no registration needed.
- ✓ **Rising 10-12th College Q&A** – January 2024, online, before course registration
- ✓ **ASVAB Military Vocational Assessment** – TBD Nov. & Spring, grades 10-12







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Career Readiness Steps & Resources



<https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2015/article/career-planning-for-high-schoolers.htm>


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Career planning for high schoolers

Elka Torpey |

"I've always had a pretty clear idea of what I want to do," says Megan Lovely, a high school senior who hopes to become a [director](#) someday. She's already taking steps toward her career goal by interning with her school [drama teacher](#), acting, and applying to colleges.

If you're still in high school, you may not be as sure of your vocation as Lovely is of hers. But, like Lovely, you can start thinking about—and planning for—your future before graduation.

"Start exploring what you want to do when you're a freshman," says Mark Danaher, a career counselor at Newington High School in Newington, Connecticut. "The high school years go very quickly."



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➤ **College Readiness by Grade: Timeline & Resources**

- <https://www.ecmc.org/students/opportunities-guide-workbook.html>

➤ **Tips for Course Registration**

- Balance challenge & interests, health
- Don't gear towards one college
- Most colleges want 2-3 foreign language credits but not all

➤ **SAT/ACT updates and Information**

- Full Presentation: <https://marshallhs.fcps.edu/node/2554>
- Many colleges test-optional for Class 2024, check yearly www.fairtest.org
- SAT going online Spring 2024, ACT not announced yet
- Check your PSAT scores, College Board sent email to students with login



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➤ **College Visits, Fairs, Info Sessions at GCM**

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/>
- <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/events>

➤ **Myths about Admissions that Seniors Should Bust**

- The best college for me is the one that denies the most people
- There are “good schools”, “bad schools” and “party schools”
- Everyone should apply Early Action or Early Decision and it always helps
- Test scores are always important and usually as important as grades
- I need to settle on my major before I apply

➤ **Financial Aid & Scholarships**

- Use Naviance, Net Price Calculators and the colleges' official websites
- Info & Research costs <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> and <https://finaid.org/>



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SOME FAVORITE SITES

College Research and Advice

- ✓ <https://collegesearch.collegeboard.org/home>
- ✓ <https://www.nacacnet.org/> (Knowledge Center)
- ✓ <http://uvaapplication.blogspot.com/>
- ✓ <https://hscw-counselorscorner.blogspot.com/>

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- ✓ <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- ✓ <https://finaid.org/>

Career Exploring (also in Naviance)

- ✓ <https://www.careeronestop.org/>
- ✓ <https://mypathway.tech/assessment/>



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