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Culture in WCPS



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MSU Facts

Location
Baltimore, Maryland

Enrollment
6,000

Cost of attendance
(in-state)
\$15,346

Average HS GPA
3.0

Degrees Offered
Bachelor's
Master's
Doctorate

Next Open House
April 8, 2011

Source: www.morgan.edu

March Madness

What better time to make college connections for our students than during March Madness, when the NCAA tournament has millions of Americans talking about colleges every day? March Madness activities can provide students with opportunities to learn more about specific universities and to visualize themselves going there one day. Consider the following activities for your school:

Assign tournament teams to different classes in the school. Have students research the universities, especially some of the less familiar ones, and create posters or pennants about their school. Hold a scav-

enger hunt to locate specific information from the college displays. Post a U.S. map in the hallway and identify locations of all tournament teams. Have students and staff wear apparel supporting their favorite colleges. Hold a trivia contest in which students guess answers to questions about staff members' colleges, majors, extracurricular activities, etc. Project virtual tours or slideshows of colleges on a large screen in the cafeteria.

Finally, plan a post-MSA field trip to a college campus so that the dream can become a more concrete reality for our students.

College of the Month

One of four historically black universities in Maryland, Morgan State University serves students of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. MSU awards more bachelor's degrees to African-American students than any other campus in Maryland, was ranked 4th nationally in doctorates

awarded to African-Americans, and was ranked among the top 25 best colleges for Hispanics and women.

Offering degrees in engineering, business, architecture, education, and hospitality management, among others, Morgan recently added new degree programs in nursing, construc-

GO COLLEGE

Website
of the Month

www.gocollege.com

Go College offers a one-stop source of postsecondary information for students and parents. Articles cover Education Options, Admissions, Financial Aid, and College Survival. The site includes an online financial planning wizard and various financial calculators. *Go College* awards a \$250 scholarship each month to students who register on the website.

Check it out!



tion management, and entrepreneurship.

An NCAA Division I school, Morgan State made it the NCAA tournament in 2010 and has four football alumni in the NFL Hall of Fame. Go, Bears!

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School Spotlight: Cascade

To develop a college-going culture, staff at **Cascade Elementary School** made collages celebrating their college experiences. All posters were displayed in the main hallway with the title "Where will YOU go to college?". To continue the excitement, students were asked to find special topics within the collages, such as staff members who attended the same college, studied abroad, or were their school mascot, etc. Thanks to Amy Krumpe, Cascade's Enrichment Specialist, for sharing these photos.



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How is your school creating a college-going culture? Send your activities and photos to Lori Parks-Murphy for publication in future issues of *The College Connection*.