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Creating a College-Going
Culture in WCPS



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Salisbury Facts

Undergrad Enrollment
7,892

Full-Time Undergrads
92.5%

Countries Represented
69

Average Class Size
24

Average SAT Scores
CR 560
M 569
W 562

Cost of Attendance
\$16,018

Source www.salisbury.edu

College Coaching Offered

Navigating the college application, scholarship, and financial aid processes can be challenging for many students and parents, especially those who are new to this experience. In recognition of these challenges, Washington County Public Schools is now offering college coaching sessions in the evening as well as during the school day.

To ensure that families receive personal, individualized support, high school counselors will be scheduling one-on-one appointments to develop action plans covering topics such as college searches, college visits, applications and

deadlines, transcript requests, letters of recommendation, application essays, scholarship searches, financial aid, and the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

One-hour college coaching appointments will be available on specified evenings for those families who find it difficult to meet during the school day. Initial efforts will focus on seniors who have demonstrated their desire to attend college by taking the SAT or ACT. Counselors will offer college coaching for juniors in the spring. Interested families should contact their high school counseling center.

Website of the Month



WCPS has developed a [College and Career Readiness](#)

microsite that provides information and resources for K-12 parents, teachers, and students. Pages include College Readiness, Career Readiness, Advanced Programs, Postsecondary Planning, Financial Aid, and K-12 Counseling. All sections include links to the most useful and up-to-date external sites. Find us by clicking on **College and Career Readiness** under Quick Links on the WCPS home page or by using the link above. Check it out and tell us what you think!



College of the Month

Salisbury University, a comprehensive Maryland public university located only 30 miles from Eastern Shore beaches, offers 42 undergraduate programs in liberal arts and sciences, including pre-professional programs in business ad-

ministration, education, medical technology, nursing, respiratory therapy and social work. SU has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Top Public Regional University for 15 consecutive years. Salisbury has also

been named a Top 100 "Best Value" in public colleges by *Kiplinger's* and was selected as a 2011-2012 College of Distinction.

Go, Seagulls!

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School Spotlight: BMS, HHS

One hundred percent of the students in Dawn Spitzer's class participated in College Pride Day at **Boonsboro Middle School**. Pictured below left are Mrs. Spitzer, her students, and principal Paul Engle—all Virginia Tech fans.

The **SGA at Hancock Jr-Sr High School** sponsored College Dress-Up Day during Spirit Week (below, right). In other college-readiness efforts, counselor Sue Schultz arranged a visit to WVU last spring for 10th and 11th grade students who had registered for the SAT.



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Upcoming Events

November 4: December [ACT Registration](#) Deadline

November 5: SAT test

November 6: [Performing & Visual Arts College Fair](#), Washington Convention Center, DC

November 7 & 8: [National College Fair](#), Baltimore Convention Center

November 8: December [SAT Registration](#) Deadline

November 10: Financial Aid Night at North Hagerstown High School

December 1st and 2nd: Application deadlines for elementary, middle, and high school [magnet programs](#)