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Creating a College-Going
Culture in WCPS



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McDaniel Facts

Undergraduates
1,600 students from
37 states and
27 countries

First Generation
40%

Middle 50% SAT
(CR+M)
1050-1240

Middle 50% HS GPA
3.1–3.85

Freshmen Receiving Aid
90%

On Campus Residency
80%

Average Class Size
15

Source www.mcdaniel.edu

The Future Starts Now

Washington County Public Schools is hosting its first district-wide college and career planning night on Thursday, March 15, at South Hagerstown High School. Entitled "The Future Starts Now: College and Career Planning for K-12 Families," the event will include specialized information sessions for elementary, middle, and high school families with representatives from McDaniel College, UMBC, Hagerstown Community College, and other organizations, as well as WCPS's own counselors and teachers.

Students interested in learning more about careers will have the oppor-

tunity to participate in informal "Career Cluster Conversations" with local business and community leaders representing Maryland's ten career clusters. These professionals will discuss their career paths and the education/training required for their current and past positions.

Other activities include a panel discussion with parents of college students, hands-on computer exploration of college and career resources, door prizes, and a concession stand. Language interpreters will be available.

Visit our [website](#) for a complete listing of session topics and times.

College of the Month

McDaniel College has been ranked nationally as one of the "40 Colleges that Change Lives" and included in *U.S. News and World Reports* annual list of top-tier liberal arts colleges. McDaniel offers over 60 undergraduate programs,

including dual and student-designed majors, and a student-faculty ratio of 12:1. Students in the top 10 percent of their high school class with outstanding records and leadership potential are invited to apply for the Honors

Website of the Month

COLLEGEdata
your online college advisor

www.collegedata.com

College Data provides tips for finding the right college match, getting accepted, and paying your way. The finance section includes information on money management, opening a checking account, financial aid, and student loans. The site also offers free newsletters, campus videos, true stories from students applying to college, and a "data locker" where students can save their favorites and track their applications.



Program, and those who are accepted receive academic scholarships. McDaniel hosts 21 student honor society chapters, including the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa.

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Upcoming Events

February 10 — Registration deadline for the March 10 [SAT test](#). Seniors who need to improve their scores for admission or scholarship goals and juniors whose PSAT scores demonstrate college readiness should plan to take the March SAT after preparing with [TCA](#) and [College Board](#) resources.

February 11 — ACT test. Any student taking the ACT should practice and prepare before the test. The [ACT website](#) offers a variety of resources.

February 15 — A free, live [webinar](#) from the [College Savings Plans of Maryland](#). Learn about the Maryland Prepaid College Trust and the Maryland College Investment Plan. A representative from the College Savings Plans of Maryland will also present four informational sessions at our March 15 event, "The Future Starts Now."

March 12 — [You Can Go!](#) A free [webinar](#) that will explore the College Board's new "YouCanGo!" website, an online resource created to inspire lower-resourced students who want to go to college but feel it's not an option for them. The webinar is intended for counselors, teachers, principals, community-based organizations, and parent coordinators.

March 15 — "The Future Starts Now: College and Career Planning for K-12 Families" at South Hagerstown High School. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

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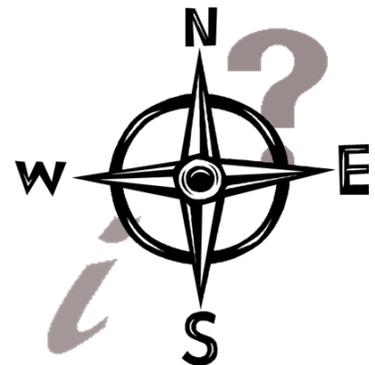
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