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Creating a College-Going
Culture in WCPS



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Loyola Facts

Undergraduates
3,863

Maryland Residents
19%

Students Receiving Aid
71%

Average HS GPA
3.44

Middle 50% SAT
1120-1290 (CR+M)

Average ACT
26

Student-to-Faculty
Ratio
13:1

Source www.loyola.edu

March Madness at BMS

Kudos to the Boonsboro Middle School teachers of art, music and physical education who collaborated on a college connection project related to the NCAA men's basketball tournament that involved every student in the school.

During Mr. Haines' and Miss Jordan's physical education classes, all students received cards with the name of a college in the tournament and were given time to trade their teams. A bulletin board of updated tournament brackets was displayed in the gymnasium. In Ms. Morgan's art class, students researched their teams'

logos, mascots, and school colors to create pennants that were displayed in the hallways leading to the gym. As a warm-up activity in Ms. Kline's band class, students listened to and identified college fight songs. The band is also learning to perform the Boonsboro High School fight song, which is the University of Notre Dame fight song as well.

The project inspired thought-provoking questions about different schools, their location, distance from home, and size. Thanks to the BMS teachers for their efforts to increase college awareness in middle school.

Website of the Month



BigFuture™ is the College Board's new college planning site, created with the help of students and educators to provide families with information on some of the obstacles in planning for college and ways to deal with them, including a better understanding of true college costs. Big Future guides families through the process of preparing for, finding and enrolling in college. Check it out!

College of the Month

Located in Baltimore, Loyola University Maryland emphasizes the ideals of its Jesuit founders: academic excellence, the importance of the liberal arts, and the education of the whole person. Recommended by *Kiplinger's* as

one of the "Best Values in Private Education," Loyola offers 36 majors and minors, 16 residence halls, more than 170 clubs and organizations, and 18 NCAA Division I varsity sports teams. Admission at Loyola is based primarily



on academics, and students with A's and B's in honors, AP, and IB courses are given extra consideration. The college's Early Action Deadline is November 1. Go, Greyhounds!

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School Spotlight: BMS



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