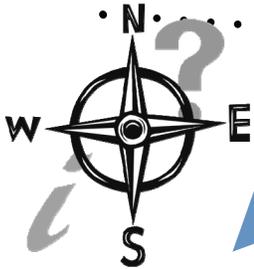


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**College and Career Readiness:**  
Navigation Through and Beyond WCPS

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## Washington College Four-Year, Private Liberal Arts

**Student Enrollment:**  
1512 undergraduates

**Location:**  
Chestertown, MD

**Financial Aid:**  
Average Package: \$31,111  
95% of need met

**Mid-Range Scores:**  
SAT R: 540-630  
SAT M: 530-620  
SAT W: 520-620  
ACT: 23-27

**Sports:**  
NCAA Division III

**Source:**  
[Washington College Website](http://www.washingtoncollege.edu)

## Summer Plans for the College Bound

As the school year comes to a close, thoughts turn to vacations and lazy days. For teens who are college bound, summer is the perfect time for pursuing interests and gaining experiences not offered in the classroom. The key is to focus on an enjoyable endeavor while building one's list of

accomplishments and skills. Activities do not have to be academic, but undertakings should demonstrate initiative and responsibility. Students can volunteer in the community, visit local businesses to explore careers, take an art class, or work. Finding the perfect

enrichment camp, program, or internship can also be beneficial, but a word of caution: it needs to match interests and personality. Selection of activities should be based on curiosity rather than perception or prestige. Time should also be allocated for college and scholarships searches, test preparation, and reading.

## College of the Month

Washington College can't claim that "George slept here," but he did serve on the founding board. Chartered in 1782, Washington College was founded "to educate students who could help lead a free society and do the hard work of democracy." Located in a rural community along the Chester River and near the Chesapeake Bay, "Shoremen" value the environment and are building a new waterfront campus. With a student

to faculty ratio of 12 to one, each student is ensured opportunities to develop a personalized program and for individual attention. As a liberal arts school with a language requirement, it is noteworthy that earning a four or five on an AP Language exam will fulfill the requirement. George Washington is known for its focus on developing strong writers, but with more than 40 majors and a variety of academic programs, shaping a



course of study to fit intellectual interests and career aspirations is easy. The most popular majors include, biology, business administration, economics, and political science. When visiting, staff encourage attending a class and offer overnight stays as well as Saturday programs. Students looking for a small college with big opportunities should visit.

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# Academic Competitions

Most worthwhile ventures in life come with some element of pressure, and our motivation often comes from desiring "the prize." Academic competitions pique student's interests and provide them with a purpose for intellectual pursuits. Participation in team activities also teaches students to deal with success and failure, while showing them that quality performance requires practice. Studies show that students who participate in team competitions gain skills that are valuable for college admissions, scholarships, and careers.

The WCPS Office of preK-12 Advanced Programs recently hosted the 17th Annual Academic Teams completion. This event underscores the importance of academic rigor and versatility for our college-bound students and rewards them for outstanding achievement. *Congratulations to all participants!*

## 2013 Academic Team Competition Champion: Boonsboro High School, coached by Tracy Salka



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team: Smithsburg High School, coached by John Fetchen

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team: North Hagerstown High School, coached by Carisa Mattu

4<sup>th</sup> Place Team: Clear Spring High School, coached by James George