College Night

SPRING 2022
Welcome

Format

• General thoughts
• Introductions
• College Representatives – discussion
• LCHS Presentation
• Additional Questions and Answers
• Suggested Timeline
• List of resources including emails.
General Thoughts

Remember it’s not about finding the best college; it’s about finding the right college. “College is a match to be made not a prize to be won”

Students with the same GPA, same SAT scores, from the same High School – might find more success at different colleges.

Some students are College (specifically one college) driven and some students are Interest (majors, sports) driven.

Community College might be a better option then you think.

Be honest with yourself.
What is?

58
- Number of 4-year colleges in VA (15 Public and 43 Private)

111
- Number of Juniors with a GPA of 4.00 or above (355)

1990
- Number of college transcripts requested in 2021-2022

109
- Number of LCHS 2021 graduates that applied to JMU (71 admitted, 31 enrolled)
Thomas Chalk

Northern Virginia Community College
Admissions Outreach Coordinator
Office of Recruitment & Admissions
Community College

23% of LCHS Students
Gives students an opportunity to grow academically, emotionally and socially.
Gives families an opportunity financially.
Virginia’s guaranteed admissions.
Benefits of Starting at NOVA

1. Open Access (24% of local High School Graduates attend NOVA)
2. Small Class Sizes
3. Transfer Tracks (Guaranteed Admissions & ADVANCE)
4. *Tuition Cost

**NOVA**
$2,226 - $3,339
$BEST VALUE$

*per semester costs for average full-time student 2019-20)

Tuition calculation based on average cost for completion of a 62-credit program of study.

2 Years @NOVA
$11,500
1

2 Years @Univ.
$42,000
0+

= Saving $31,000
0+
What Can You Study at NOVA?

CREDIT

Degrees Designed to Prepare Students for Transfer

• Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.)
• Associate of Science Degree (A.S.)
• Associate of Fine Arts Degree (A.F.A.)

Degrees & Programs Designed to Prepare Students for Work

• Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)
• Associate of Applied Arts Degree (A.A.A.)
• Career Studies Certificate (C.S.C.)

NON-CREDIT

Certificates & Programs Designed to Prepare Students for Immediate Work

• Workforce Development Certificates
Helpful Resources to Get Started @ NOVA

https://www.nvcc.edu/getting-started/index.html
What is the FAFSA

• Free Application for Federal Student Aid
• Determines EFC - Expected Family Contribution
• Schools use this figure to determine eligibility for need-based Financial Aid
• What if I have no need?
• Loans & Scholarships!
• Apply every year!
• A new application opens October 1st every year
Mario Cruz
VIRGINIA TECH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS
Factors in college interest (student)

- Geographic Location
- Size and Diversity (what does 400 mean to you?)
- Cost (public vs. private)
- Academic Opportunities (majors, Honors/Leadership Programs)
- Personal Opportunities (friends, sports)
- Social Opportunities (fraternities/sororities/weekend life)
- Application deadlines and difficulty
- Reputation among friends
Factors in college interest (parent)

Location – what surrounds the college campus?

Who teaches undergraduates?

Academic Opportunities (majors)

Internship Opportunities

Retention Rate

COST!!!!!!!!!!!!

Scholarships

Reputation in workforce and community
Factors in getting accepted

**OBJECTIVE**
- Challenging courses
- Core Subjects all four years (including Senior year)
- Have you stretched yourself

**Academic Courses**
- Grades in advanced courses
- Comparing students from the same High School?

**Overall Performance (GPA/Rank)**

**Test Scores (SAT vs ACT)**

**Volume of Applications (college)**
Factors in getting accepted

**SUBJECTIVE**
- Depth of involvement, contributions
- Quality vs Quantity

**Extra Curricular**
- Stick to the topic and length
- This is your “megaphone”

**Essays**
- Someone who knows you

**Recommendations**
- Does it impact admissions?
Andy Woodall
Shenandoah University
Assistant Vice President of Recruitment & Admissions
Post Secondary Options

- What are your options?
  - 4-year college (68%)
  - 2-year college (23%)
  - Military (2%)
  - Employment
  - Apprenticeships andInternships
  - GAP Year
(VA) College Tours
The Campus Visit

MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE COLLEGE SELECTION PROCESS

LOOK FOR:
Academic support and preparation
Financial support and preparation
Career Aspirations
Belonging
Wellness and Safety

WEEKDAY VISIT VS. OPEN HOUSE/WEEKEND
RAINBOWS AND UNICORNS/IT RAINS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES TOO

DEVELOP QUESTIONS AS YOU GO/DON’T HAVE TO THEM ON FIRST VISIT

LISTEN TO THE STUDENTS
JUST GO!
College Essays

- One-sided conversation
- But only about what colleges tell you and only in the amount words they want you use
- Don’t repeat yourself...or anyone else
- There’s no right answer
- Tell stories that make the reader think and emote
Recommendations

- Your lack of planning is not my emergency
- Speak to your learning style and ability; growth; perseverance
- Total number of recommendations – read the college application
- Who can write the recommendation?
- Thank you for letting be myself
Choices: Does public or private school matter?

Very little difference between the two

Funding source is the only universal difference
- Public is primarily funded from tax revenue and public funds + tuition and fees; possibly their endowment funds
- Private is primarily funded from tuition and fees and likely also from endowment funds

Private schools tend to be smaller, but not always

Cost is perceived to be the biggest difference but often not true
- VTAG: $5000
- Nearly all students receive scholarships at private schools
- Costs are often equal and sometimes less at private schools
Resources - Website

Counseling Directory
- Director of Counseling: Dan Croyle
- Counselors:
  - Katie Rowley, A - CA
  - Matt Armes, CE - FI
  - Beth Kosakov, FL - H
  - Heather Hong, I - MA
  - Cynthia Connell, MC - Q
  - Jarrel Taylor, RA - SP
  - Kim Burnett, SR - Z
- Registrar: Lisa Ann Jones@lcps.org
- Admin Asst: Anna Mitchum@lcps.org
- Psychologist: Mackenzie.Crawford@lcps.org
- Social Worker: Keri.Hendershot-Waymire@lcps.org
- Student Assistance Specialist: Heather.Rainey@lcps.org
- Parent Liaison:

Additional Information
- Phone: 571-252-2012
- Fax: 571-252-2013
- LCHS CEEB School Code: 471230
- LCHS Testing Code: 47-420
- 2020 LCHS School Profile
- County Captains Newsletter Aug 21
- County Captains Newsletter Sept 21
- County Captains Newsletter Oct 21
- County Captains Newsletter Nov 21
- County Captains Newsletter Dec 14
- County Captains Newsletter Jan 25
- County Captains Newsletter Feb 23
Resource – College Process Page

Counselors
Dan Croyle (Director of Counseling)
Kathie Rowley (Last Names A - Ch)
Jessie Green (Last Names Ci - Gh)
Resources - Naviance
Get Organized

- List of dates
  - Application Deadlines, Scholarships, Transcript Requests

- List of passwords
  - Write everything down

- Double Check/Follow Up
  - Recommendations, Application type, Transcripts

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<th>South Carolina</th>
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<td>November 15th (E.A.)</td>
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## Advanced Placement vs Dual Enrollment

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<th>DUAL ENROLLMENT</th>
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<td>▪ 19 courses offered at LCHS</td>
<td>▪ 6 courses offered at LCHS</td>
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<td>▪ CollegeBoard</td>
<td>▪ NOVA and local colleges</td>
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<td>▪ Two-week testing window in May</td>
<td>▪ Semester based credit</td>
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<td>▪ Test determines the college credit</td>
<td>▪ Students earn college credit</td>
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<td>▪ Score Range (1-5)</td>
<td>▪ Do all four-year colleges accept Dual Enrollment credit from course taken at LCHS?</td>
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<td>▪ College specific (mostly 4,5)</td>
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# High School Transcript

## Student Name

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## Leeston County Public School

**Leeston County HS**

115 E. 9th St.
Leeston, VA 22075

**School Code:** 000000

**Class Year:** 2022-2023

**Graduation Year:** 2023

**Term:** Fall 2022

**GPA:** 3.8

**Cumulative GPA:** 3.8

## Transcript Information

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**Total Credits:** 64

**Cumulative GPA:** 3.8

**GPA for Fall 2022:** 3.8

## GPA/Credit Summary

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**Total Credits Earned:** 64

**Total Credits Enrolled:** 64

**Total Credits in Progress:** 0

**Total Credits Needs:** 0

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**Signature of school official:**

03/07/2017

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Future Days of Interest

- April 9th - April 18th: Spring Break
- June 15th: Last Day of School
- August 18th: Senior Parent Night
- July 16th: ACT
- August 27th: SAT
- September (?) Financial Aid Night - NOVA
- September 25th (?) College Fair – SBHS/RVHS
- October (?) Financial Aid Workshop - NOVA
- November 1st Deadlines for College Applications
What is magic?

There is no magic
A + B = does not always equal C
Different outcomes – different years
Research, research, research …

“Some families research the purchase of a $10,000 used car more than a $100,000 education”
What post secondary schools do LCHS students attend?

- James Madison
- Virginia
- Mary Washington
- NOVA
- Virginia Tech
- West Virginia
- Christopher Newport
- George Mason
- Virginia Commonwealth

- NOVA 74
- Virginia Tech 30
- James Madison 31
- Virginia 15
- Virginia Commonwealth 21
- George Mason 21
- Christopher Newport 9
- Mary Washington 2
- West Virginia 3
What is BEST for you ...

STUDENT

▪ No matter your skills, talents, interests or abilities – if you want to go to college, there is a college for you!

▪ Do research EARLY!

▪ Use your resources! Be careful how neighbors, twitter (Social Media), siblings might try to influence your thoughts about a college, etc.

▪ Visit the campus.

▪ Be honest with yourself

PARENT

▪ Do not play the system

▪ Build boundaries
  ▪ When to discuss college applications, scholarships

▪ Be careful of others offering help – people usually discuss extreme situations

▪ Be careful of social media
## PRE/POST COVID

### PRE-COVID QUESTIONS

- How important are teacher recommendations?
- How important are the college essays?
- What are some quality questions to ask college representatives?
- What application is best for the college?

### POST-COVID QUESTIONS

- What is the future of the SAT/ACTs and college admissions? Test Optional?
- If SAT/ACT have less of an impact on the admissions process/what areas become more important?
- How has COVID effected college visits and tours?