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Transportation available to 7th Annual BCPS HBCU College Fair

More than 35 Historically Black Colleges and Universities to be represented

Towson, MD – Baltimore County Public Schools encourages high school students and their families to participate in the Seventh Annual Baltimore County Public Schools Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at New Town High School, 4931 New Town Blvd., Owings Mills 21117.

This year, for the first time ever, bus transportation will be available to and from the fair. The following are pickup-locations and times.

Southwest Area

Lansdowne High School, 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Western School of Technology, 9 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Catonsville High School, 9:15 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. Woodlawn High School, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Northwest Area

Pikesville High School, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Milford Mill Academy, 9 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Randallstown High School, 9:15 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. Franklin High School, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Owings Mills High School, 9:40 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.

Central Area

Hereford High School, 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Dulaney High School, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Towson High School (rear parking lot), 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Northeast Area

Overlea High School, 8:45 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. Perry Hall High School, 9 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Parkville High School, 9:15 A.M. and 11:20 A.M. Loch Raven High School, 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

Southeast Area

Sparrows Point High School, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Dundalk High School/Sollers Point Technical High School, 8:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Deep Creek Middle School, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Kenwood High School, 9:20 a.m. and 11:25 a.m.

Eastern Technical High School, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Students should arrive at the pickup location most convenient to them at least 10 minutes early. Bus stops will be marked with "HBCU College Fair Bus Pick Up" signs. Traffic and weather might impact buses' ability to arrive on time.

Return buses will leave New Town High at 2 p.m. No buses will be available before or after 2 p.m.

Fair <u>registration through StriveScan</u> is open to all BCPS high school students and their families.

Participants are also strongly encouraged to complete the <u>Common Black College Application</u> prior to the event. School counselors and college counselors are available to help with registration and application.

At the fair, students can meet college admissions representatives from HBCUs and participate in workshops related to the college selection process, college admissions, financial aid, and college life. Drop-in support for college application essay writing will be offered throughout the day.

The following colleges and universities have confirmed their participation in the fair:

- Alabama A&M University
- Alabama State University
- Benedict College
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- Bethune-Cookman University
- Bowie State University
- Central State University
- Claflin University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Coppin State University

- Delaware State University
- Dillard University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Memorial University
- Fort Valley State University
- Hampton University
- Harris-Stowe State University
- Howard University
- Langston University
- Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
- Livingstone College
- Morgan State University
- North Carolina Central University
- Norfolk State University
- Shaw University
- South Carolina State University
- Spelman College
- Stillman College
- Tuskegee University
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- University of the Virgin Islands
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia State University
- West Virginia University
- Winston-Salem State University
- Xavier University of Louisiana

In addition, breakout workshop sessions will cover the following topics:

- "Budgeting for College: Financial Literacy and the FAFSA"
- "Essay Writing: Tips to Drafting a Winning College Essay"
- "First Financial Federal Credit Union Scholarship"
- "Narrowing Down Your College List"
- "NCAA Initial Eligibility"
- "Student Life" A Panel Discussion"
- "Supporting Mental Health and Wellness During the College Transition"
- "Connecting to the Divine Nine (fraternities and sororities) and Social Fellowships"

Event updates up to the day of the event will be posted on the BCPS HBCU Smore Newsletter.

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