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The 7th Annual BCPS HBCU College Fair is only two weeks away

Students encouraged to register, more than 35 Historically Black Colleges and Universities to participate

Towson, MD – The Seventh Annual Baltimore County Public Schools Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair is now only two weeks away and the list of participating HBCUs continues to grow.

The college fair 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.

[Registration through StriveScan](#) is open to all BCPS high school students and their families. Participants are also strongly encouraged to complete the [Common Black College Application](#) prior to the event. School counselors and college counselors are available to help with registration and application. (Those who register who need assistance in traveling to the event are asked to complete a [transportation request survey](#).)

“While this college fair is open to all high school students, we are especially hopeful that seniors and their families will participate,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers (Yarbrough). “This fair is an outstanding opportunity for students to learn more about higher education options, whether or not they are focused on attending an HBCU.”

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. This year’s fair

will also include special BCPS HBCU Homecoming performances by Woodlawn High School's Scarlet Legion Marching Band and New Town High School's cheerleading team.

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
- 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”

The following organizations will also be available at the fair to share resources with students and families:

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Baltimore County Public Library
- BCPS Office of Human Resources
- Caring for Young Minds College Tours and Mentorship
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- The Education Foundation of BCPS, Inc.
- First Financial Federal Credit Union
- Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc.,
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity, Inc.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- PNC Bank
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.,
- Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc.

Event updates up to the day of the event will be posted on the [BCPS HBCU Smore Newsletter](#).

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