Spring 2016 Education Fair

March 9, 2016
UMW Stafford Campus
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
If there is one word for you to remember during the Education Fair, it is TALK, TALK, TALK! Take the initiative and interact with the employer representatives. Remember, these people have come to the University of Mary Washington to talk to you! Listed below are some key tips for you to consider, as well as some sample questions for you to ask.

**During the Education Fair:**

- Be conscious of the employer’s time, especially if there is a line behind you.
- Do not be distracted by the employer’s give-aways. Stay focused on your purpose.
- Approach employers on your own and avoid walking in “packs.”
- Create and display your name tag. The visual reminder will help some employers remember your name.
- Ask questions:
  - Would you please tell me about employment or internship opportunities within your organization?
  - What type of background/characteristics do you prefer to find in people applying for these positions?
  - What do you consider ideal experience for working within your organization?
  - What are the advantages/challenges of working for this organization?
  - What advice do you have for someone interested in an entry-level position within your organization?
  - How do you predict the current economic situation may affect the job market in general/ in your field?
  - What happens to my application once I submit it online?
- Ask representatives for business cards.

**After the Education Fair:**

- Follow up with employers of interest by sending a short thank-you letter or an e-mail. A thank-you letter includes the following: a statement of thanks, a reminder of the field you are interested in, a summary of your skills and qualifications, confirmed interest in the company/position, and acknowledgement of the next step.

For assistance with any of the above, or with preparing for future career or employer fairs, contact the Center for Career and Professional Development to schedule an individual appointment.
EMPLOYER DIRECTORY

Alexandria City Public Schools
www.acps.k12.va.us
Alexandria City Public Schools is one of the most diverse school systems in the country and we celebrate that diversity. Our students come from more than 80 different countries, speak more than 60 languages, and represent a rainbow of ethnic and cultural groups. They are economically diverse, but all are rich in that the residents of Alexandria are dedicated to ensuring that each and every student achieves success. Just 8 miles from Washington, D. C., ACPS offers many exciting opportunities for new teachers. The City of Alexandria was recently named one of the Top 100 Communities for Young People by America's Promise, partly because of the quality of our schools and programs.
Representatives: Lynne Peterson, lynne.peterson@acps.k12.va.us
Contact Information: 703-619-8010  1340 Braddock Pl, Alexandria, VA 22314

Caroline County Public Schools
www.ccps.us
Nestled in Northeastern Virginia, Caroline County combines the best of all the Commonwealth has to offer. Ideally located between the ocean and the mountains, a short drive from Richmond and the District of Columbia, Caroline has preserved its small-town flavor in proximity to sophisticated metropolitan centers.
Representatives: Becky Elam, vimorrow@ccps.us
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Colonial Beach Public Schools
www.cbschools.net
The Colonial Beach Public School System was established as an independent school division in 1907. It serves the residents of Colonial Beach, which is a small town of about 3,500 people located directly on the Potomac River. Our division has an elementary school for grades PK-7 and a high school for grades 8-12. Our small size provides a strong sense of community, with a total student population of approximately 570 students. Please browse through our website to learn more about Colonial Beach Schools. We are committed to excellence in every area of student endeavor. The Colonial Beach School Board does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or handicapping condition.
Representatives: Jennifer Grigsby, jgrigsby@cbschools.net
Contact Information: 804-224-7166  100 First St. Colonial Beach, VA 22443

Culpeper County Public Schools
www.culpeperschools.org
A rural school division in the Piedmont Area of Virginia. Six elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools. Located 40 miles west of Fredericksburg.
Representatives: Dr. Stacey Timmons, stimmons@culpeperschools.org
Contact Information: 540-825-3677  450 Radio Lane, Culpeper, VA 22701

Fairfax County Public Schools
www.fcps.edu
Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), located in Northern Virginia, is the nation’s 11th largest public school system, serving more than 187,000 students in the most populous jurisdiction in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Our diverse student body is educated in 242 schools and centers. We are seeking enthusiastic educators who strive to get the best out of their students AND to grow and develop collaboratively with their colleagues.
Representatives: Anthony Terrell, recruit@fcps.edu  
  Michael Bloom  

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Fredericksburg City Public Schools  
www.cityschools.com  
Public School System  
Representatives: Sue Keffer, skeffer@cityschools.com  
Contact Information: 540-372-1130  817 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Hanover County Public Schools  
www.hcps.us  
Hanover County Public Schools is a successful, national award-winning suburban school district located in the Richmond, Virginia, metropolitan area. The editors of the Richmond-Times Dispatch have said, “Hanover County has reason to think of itself as the jewel in the crown of Richmond-area localities. With low taxes, little crime, good schools, and a bucolic atmosphere only a few minutes from downtown Richmond, it enjoys the best of both the urban and rural worlds.” Approximately 18,000 children attend Hanover’s 25 comparably successful schools (four high schools, four middle schools, 15 elementary schools, one alternative education center, and one technical center.) Hanover County is ranked Number 1 in Virginia on-time cohort graduation rate and on-time cohort dropout rate. Hanover County teachers enjoy excellent student to teacher ratios, many active parent volunteers and business partnerships, abundant technological equipment, a beginning teacher mentor program, and many other professional development opportunities, including tuition reimbursement.  
Representatives: Mike Duke, mduke@hcps.us  
Contact Information: 804-365-4587  200 Berkley Street, Ashland, VA 23005

King George County Public Schools  
www.kgcs.k12.va.us  
King George County Public Schools is located just 20 minutes east of Fredericksburg. There are 3 elementary Schools, one middle and one high school to include the Commonwealth Governor’s School.  
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Loudon County Public Schools  
www.lcps.org  
Loudoun's 88 public schools offer more than 75,000 students an educational program that ranks with the best in Virginia and the nation. One of the fastest growing counties in America, Loudoun continues the proud tradition of support for quality public education to maintain an outstanding record of student achievement despite the pressures of surging enrollment. Loudoun County Public Schools is the third largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We will hire more than 500 new teachers for the 2016-17 school year.  
Representatives: Alix Smith, Alix.Smith@lcps.org  
  Sharon Bean, Sharon.Bean@lcps.org  
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Louisa County Public Schools  
www.lcps.k12.va.us  
Louisa is a short drive from Charlottesville, Richmond or Fredericksburg and just 95 miles from Washington, D.C. LCPS includes 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 1 high school (approx. 4,900 students). New teachers can earn $42,836 or $45,125 with a master’s. From our comprehensive benefits package to the various
professional development opportunities we provide our teachers, we go the extra mile to ensure each teacher receives the support he or she needs to be successful.

Representatives: Doug Straley, chaneysr@lcps.k12.va.us
Contact Information: 540-894-5115  953 Davis Hwy, Mineral, VA  23117

Madison County Public Schools
www.madisonschools.k12.va.us
Madison County Public Schools are committed to excellence and have high expectations for our students. Approximately 1,811 students attend two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The PK-12 curriculum is designed to help students acquire the academic and social skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Representatives: Griff Carmichael, gcarmichael@madisonschools.k12.va.us
Jeanette Alexander, jalexander@madisonschools.k12.va.us
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Manassas City Public Schools
www.mcpsva.org
We are a small, diverse, public school system in Northern Virginia, not far from Washington, D.C.

Representatives: Stacy Cataneo, scataneo@mcpsva.org
Billie Kay Wingfield, bwingfield@mcpsva.org
Contact Information: 571-377-6027 P.O. Box 520, Manassas, VA 20108

Manassas Park City Schools
www.mpark.net
Manassas Park City Schools serves the City of Manassas Park, a 2.6 square mile independent jurisdiction in Northern Virginia, located approximately 30 miles southwest of Washington, DC. We serve just over 3,000 students at four schools - two elementary, a middle, and a high school. While we are small in size, we are BIG on providing innovative learning experiences for our diverse community of learners. At MPCS, you will find coordinated curriculum and vertical articulation like no other – our size enables a laser-like focus on preK-12 education. At MPCS, educators know the families, connect with the community, and collaborate with staff - yes, even the Superintendent.

Representatives: Charles Forrest, charles.forrest@mpark.net
Contact Information: 703-335-8850 One Park Center Court, Suite A, Manassas Park, VA 20111

Newport News Public Schools
www.nnschools.org
Newport News Public Schools educates approximately 29,400 children in 5 early childhood centers, 24 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 5 high schools, 1 middle/high school combination school, and 9 program sites. Located on the banks of the Hampton Roads harbor in southeastern Virginia, the 21 mile long city features neighborhoods that offer the convenience of modern subdivisions as well as those listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Newport News is minutes from Williamsburg and a short drive to Virginia Beach and the Atlantic Ocean.

Representatives: Stephanie Hautz, stephanie.hautz@nn.k12.va.us
LaTanja Riley-Hedgepeth, latanja.riley@nn.k12.va.us
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Orange County Public Schools
www.ocss-va.org
Orange County is a rural area, approximately 341 square miles, with views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and home to much history. Orange is located in the north-central Piedmont region of Virginia and is conveniently located to
The school division has experienced increased growth over the past several years. With support from the Board of Supervisors, the school system has been able to maintain, improve and expand school facilities and instructional programs. Orange County is committed to providing a quality education and opportunities for all students to ensure they will be successful in their learning and working environments.

**Representatives:** Sherri McGhee, smcghee@ocss-va.org  
Katrina Richardson, krichardson@ocss-va.org

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200 Dailey Drive Orange, VA 22960

**Prince William County Schools**  
www.pwcs.edu

PWCS is located in Northern VA, approximately 35 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. With a population of 438,580, the area offers a variety of communities in which to live and work. In addition to World-Class schools, the region provides many historical, entertainment, and recreational opportunities, as well as a growing business community, including biotechnology and life sciences industries.

**Representatives:** Cheri Bradford, bradfocs@pwcs.edu

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14715 Bristow Road, Manassas, VA 20112

**Southern Teachers Agency**  
www.SouthernTeachers.com

SOUTHERN TEACHERS AGENCY (STA) has helped great schools hire great teachers and leaders since 1902, longer than any other service in America. Nearly 600 of the top private and independent college-prep schools in the Mid-Atlantic and Southern states—from Pennsylvania to Florida to Texas—list thousands of jobs with STA each year in order to recruit talented educators who care about kids. STA serves schools of all kinds: day and boarding, nonsectarian and faith-based, urban and rural, large and small, preschool through grade twelve. STA helps schools hire teachers of everything from art to zoology, from kindergarten through Advanced Placement, as well as coaches, dorm advisors, media and technology specialists, counselors, admission and development staff.

**Representatives:** Abby Hall, recruiter@SouthernTeachers.com

**Contact Information:** (434) 295-9122  
7 Elliewood Ave., Ste. 2A, Charlottesville, VA 22903

**Spotsylvania County Public Schools**  
www.spotsylvania.k12.va.us

Spotsylvania County Public Schools is a diverse, suburban/rural county located between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA. We are home to 17 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 5 high schools, a Career and Technical Center, an Educational and Cultural Center, and a Commonwealth Governor’s School. Our community offers an array of educational, cultural and entertainment options for residents and visitors.

**Representatives:** tmcdonne@spotsylvania.k12.va.us

**Contact Information:** 540-834-2500 ext. 1500  
8020 River Stone Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

**Stafford County Public Schools**  
http://stafford.schoolfusion.us/

Stafford County is conveniently located 35 miles south of Washington DC. Here at Stafford County Public Schools, a superior instructional program is a top priority. We focus on strategies that challenge each student to reach his or her potential and to succeed in society. We inspire excellence by employing high-quality educators, and we offer many professional development opportunities and mentor programs for our staff. With 30 schools educating over 26,000 students, our school system is one of the best in Virginia. Our students score above the state and national averages on standardized tests, and they earn awards at the regional, state and national levels. More than 82% of our graduates plan to continue their education at college or trade/technical schools.

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York County School Division
hr.yorkcountyschools.org
The York County School Division is an award-winning school system serving more than 12,000 students in the heart of the Virginia's historic triangle, situated between Virginia Beach and Richmond. Comprised of 19 schools, the division provides an array of rigorous and diverse programs, that few school systems of similar size can match, such as Elementary Fine Arts and Math, Science, and Technology Magnet schools, as well as the International Baccalaureate program. The York County School Division is also a VA Virtual School approved multi-division online provider.

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