

MESSAGE FROM THE *Principal*

As the days lengthen and the air grows warmer, we find ourselves immersed in the arrival of spring—a season marked by rejuvenation. It's a time to release the old and embrace the fresh opportunities that await us.

March, specifically, holds significance as Women's Month, a celebration of the fortitude, resilience, and invaluable contributions of women worldwide. Let us pay tribute to the women who have shaped our lives, from mothers and grandmothers to teachers and friends. Their influence knows no bounds, and their narratives ignite our aspirations to reach for the stars.

In the spirit of spring, I leave you with this positive quote:

"Blossom by blossom, the spring begins." – Algernon Charles Swinburne

May this season envelop you in happiness, foster your development, and ignite a feeling of awe. Let us wholeheartedly welcome the splendor of spring as a united community.

*Jewell Ralph*

## WT CAREER &amp; COLLEGE FAIR



**WHEN?** March 13, 2024  
9:15 am - 12:30 pm  
**WHERE?** Western Tech Gymnasium



Our **Western Tech Career and College Fair** will be held in-person for our juniors and seniors. This event provides students with information about the many options available to them after high school. A variety of community supporters and volunteers will share their post-high school experiences, training, background, and workplace insight to help students plan for their future.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Cia Allen**, a student at Western School of Technology (Baltimore, MD, US), has been selected to represent Windsor Mill, MD as a **National Youth Correspondent to the 2024 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University**.

Allen joins a select group of students from all over the country for an intensive study of journalism and media. Allen was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in journalism and media studies.

With distinguished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners, the **Washington Journalism and Media Conference** offers aspiring journalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience. The week long program, held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus, will encourage and inspire young leaders from across the country who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic industry. The Washington Journalism and Media Conference will be held **July 7 to July 12, 2024**

SAT

## SAT TEST DAY

Western Tech juniors will take the SAT in school on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** at no cost. This will be an official College Board SAT score, most juniors first one. As will be discussed in English classes, for Test Day, juniors should determine the **FOUR** colleges/universities they would like to send free SAT score reports. If your junior doesn't know where they will apply just yet, they will be able to send score reports during their senior year (not free, then, however). At the very least, local schools like UMCP, UMBC, Morgan, and Towson U are all popular options for juniors who don't know just yet where they will apply.

CollegeBoard

Just because a student sends a college a score report, they are under no obligation to follow up with an application senior year. Each time your student takes the SAT, they are offered the opportunity to send four free reports, and many colleges do Superscore across SAT tests, so it doesn't hurt students to send their junior year SAT results to schools. This is a good discussion to have with your junior before SAT Day as they will have limited time on test day to make this choice.

Additionally, on **SAT Test Day**, students will need:

- Their charged BCPS device and the charger. They should take care of any tech concerns before test day.
- Two #2 pencils — for scratch paper notes
- Calculator approved by the College Board with full batteries — or be comfortable with using Desmos in the Blue Book platform because they can use a calculator for EVERY question.
- Bottle of water to stay hydrated and a healthy snack to eat during the break
- Comfortable layers, like a hoodie, in case the testing room is chilly

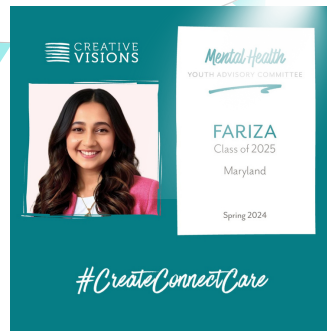
All juniors are encouraged to take the free SAT practice tests offered in the Blue Book app installed on their BCPS device and to take advantage of free SAT exercises offered in Khan Academy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact  
**Melanie Coates, SAT Coordinator at [mcoates2@bcps.org](mailto:mcoates2@bcps.org)**

CPR<sup>2</sup>COURTEOUS  
PUNCTUAL  
RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Fariza Samadova**, Class of 2025, has been selected as a national Mental Health Youth Advisory Committee member for Creative Visions' #CreateConnectCare, a storytelling and creative expression campaign for youth mental health and well-being. This year, we have selected a 17-member Youth Advisory Committee of passionate student leaders across the US who have invested time and talent into the issues of youth mental health and well-being.



The program officially kicked off in February 2024 and will conclude and be celebrated during Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Fariza is responsible for designing, planning, and leading a Community Impact Project this spring in the Catonsville Community. Creative Visions is proud to empower young voices in the conversation around youth mental health and well-being. Recognizing the potential of Fariza's project, we're awarding a #CreateConnectCare \$250 Micro-Grant to support their impactful youth-driven initiative. Each student is working with their local community partners. Our team is supporting checkpoints with the Youth Committee via interactive webinar sessions including content, planning support, and of course dynamic discussions.

CONGRATULATIONS  
*Fariza Samadova*

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The **National Honor Society**, in collaboration with Planet Aid, is hosting a **Donation Drive!** We want your clean, used clothing, shoes, and household items (such as curtains, towels, bedding) to protect the environment, reduce waste, and increase the efficient use of vital resources! Drop off your donations at the designated spots in the main lobby, den, and first-floor elevator hallway or in the big yellow Planet Aid collection box located behind the gym. In addition, for every pound we collect for Planet Aid, we will donate 5 cents to the Maryland Food Bank. Donations will be accepted up to June 1!

# DONATE

## Class of 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

### Attention, Seniors!

Have you received acceptances to colleges?  
We'd love to hear about it!  
Scan to record your information!



## WT PTSA UPDATES

All hands on deck!!! Partner with the WT PTSA in working together on the upcoming **WT Career and College Fair on March 15th** and **Mock Interviews on March 7th and 12th**. See the SignUpGenius for further information.

➤ **WT PTSA Food Pantry** items are still available to our WT Community. Contact Ms. Durham for more information.

➤ Our next **PTSA meeting** will take place on **March 21st at 6:30 pm, room 210**. We need to nominate a new Secretary and Treasurer for the 2024-2025 academic year. If you are interested and/or have questions please notify us.

➤ We are excited to assist with **sponsoring the Senior Class Trip to NY on May 14th**. Wishing you fun and safe travels to the Big Apple.

➤ We are hosting a **Scholarship Application Preparation Workshop for the Senior Class of 2024**. Resources will be made available to assist students in completing applications. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. **Date TBD**.

➤ **2nd Annual WT Paws for the Day** is coming back for our teachers and students. **Dates TBD**.



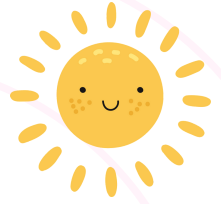
In Ms. Achar's Living Systems class while learning about Natural Selection, the students role played the Galapagos finches!



# UPCOMING EVENTS <sup>at</sup> *Western Tech*



## March 2024



### MARCH 1, 2024

Spring Sports Tryouts begin  
Pagliarini/Durham - AA Museum field trip, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Internship Application due date  
SGA Field trip

### MARCH 4, 2024

Faculty Meeting  
Afterschool Detention, Room 111

### MARCH 5, 2024

Cooney - NY Hair Show Field trip, 5:45 am - 8:00 pm

### MARCH 6, 2024

Attendance Committee Meeting, 8:30 am - 9:30 am  
(Conference Room)

### MARCH 7, 2024

Library at Lunch  
FAFSA Night, 6:30 pm (Cafeteria)  
Career Prep Sessions for Juniors, 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm (Library)

### MARCH 8, 2024

ILT Meeting, 8:00 am  
Tomecek - New Eastern Market Field Trip, 7:40 am - 12:40 pm  
Magnet Results released for 2024 - 2025 after 4:30 pm

### MARCH 10, 2024

Daylight Savings Time begins (Spring forward)

### MARCH 11, 2024

Spring Team Sports Photos, afterschool  
Carlino Choral Assessment, 12:10 pm - 6:15 pm  
Department Meetings

### MARCH 12, 2024

Tech Tutoring Tuesday  
Career Prep Sessions for Juniors, 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm (Library)

### MARCH 13, 2024

Honor Societies Induction Ceremony, 5:00 pm (Gym)

### MARCH 14, 2024

Hamilton - TU Art Field Trip, 8:30 am - 1:45 pm

### MARCH 15, 2024

WT Career Fair, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm (Gym)

### MARCH 16, 2024

AP Mock Exams  
Miller, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (Calc AB)  
J. Streets, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (Calc BC)  
Olive, 8:00 am - 11:00 am (Feench)

### MARCH 18, 2024

Tomecek Culinary In School Field Trip  
"Ice Queens", 9:00 am - 10:40 am (Rm 218)

### MARCH 19, 2024

Afterschool Detention, Room 111  
Snow Date for Honor Societies Induction,  
5:00 pm (Gym)

### MARCH 20, 2024

SAT Day  
Attendance Committee workday - no meeting  
Smith - Science Center Field Trip, 9 am - 2 pm  
AHP Rising Junior Internship Meeting,  
6 pm - 7 pm (Room 215)

### MARCH 21, 2024

MP3 Grading Window opens  
Science Expo, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm (Room 210)

### MARCH 22, 2024

AHP CCMA Exam 8:00 am (Rm 215, 212, 213)  
Seal of Biliteracy Test, A2 & A3 (Library)  
Spring Break Begins at end of school day

### MARCH 23 - APRIL 1, 2024

Spring Break

