



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Family of Sample,

Thank you for choosing DC Public Schools (DCPS) for your child's educational journey. As you begin to prepare for what's next for Sample after they graduate DCPS, we are here to support and partner with you to ensure they are ready for the future.

I am excited to share the DCPS Guide to Graduation, Career, and College. This resource is designed to facilitate ongoing conversations among Sample, Jackson-Reed High School, and your family regarding life beyond our district. The guide includes specific information about your child's progress toward graduation, college, and career readiness.

What's Inside:

- **Transcript (Pages 2-3):** Outlines past course performance and academic record.
- **Graduation (Page 4):** Details progress towards high school graduation requirements.
- **College (Page 5):** Explores what colleges seek in candidates and steps to prepare for higher education.
- **Career (Pages 6-8):** Provides information on career pathways aligned with Sample's interests.
- **Next Steps (Page 9):** Highlights additional actions Sample can take to reach their graduation, college, and career-related goals.

Next Steps:

- Review this resource with Sample and discuss their graduation progress along with career and college options.
- Visit the Parent and Student Portal to view Sample's most recent attendance, grades, and credits at www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS.
- Connect with your school's counselor, whose name is at the top of this letter, for questions or additional information.
- Refer to and implement the recommended action plan on Page 9.

Please note that the guide reflects your student's academic progress as of February 2024. While some details may have changed, this information serves as a starting point for discussions at home and in school about academic goals and planning for the future.

We look forward to collaborating to ensure Sample's success in high school and beyond.

In partnership,
Lewis D. Ferebee, Ed.D.
Chancellor, DC Public Schools

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

SAMPLE'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRESS

You are not on track yet in the following areas: community service.

There are still opportunities to get fully on track to graduate. Your graduation progress data was pulled on 04-12-2024 and only reflects what you completed as of that date. Schedule time to meet with your counselor and bring this document with you to see what your progress looks like with your current course schedule. View page 9 for additional resources and recommended next steps.

One checkbox represents .5 credits for all subjects.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1 Year

2 Years

3 Years

4 Years

HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Service					Students are required to earn community service hours to be eligible to graduate. Your individual community service requirement is listed on page 1 of your transcript. Please contact your school counselor to discuss community service opportunities.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				You are on track in art for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	College Level/Career Prep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		You are on track in college level/career prep for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electives	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>				You are on track in Electives for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	You are on track in History for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Math	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	You are on track in Math for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				You are on track in music for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phys Ed/Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			You are on track in phys ed/Health for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Well done! You have completed this requirement.

LEGEND

Must Take



Enrolled



Course Passed



Sample Student

Grade 11 (Based on YOG in Aspen)

ID# 9260350

ISA

N/A

SAT

PSAT

870

Community Service Hours

90

Weighted GPA

3.72

This page of your Guide focuses on what colleges are looking for and steps to take to apply for and enroll in college.

SMART COLLEGES

Smart Colleges are institutions at which you have a higher likelihood of being successful and graduating based on your academic profile.

- Meet with your counselor and/or college and career coordinator to identify your Smart College Choices.
- Check out our Naviance video on how to research colleges: <http://bit.ly/naviancesupermatch>.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

The cost of attendance listed on college websites is not always the amount you will pay to attend. Financial aid and scholarships may lower this cost.

- If eligible, submit the FAFSA at <https://fafsa.gov> and the CSS Profile at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/> once they open your senior year.
- Colleges offer cost calculators on their website to estimate what your family may be expected to pay toward tuition.
- DC residents may qualify for scholarships and grants such as DCTAG and Mayor's Scholars.
- Apply for scholarships starting now! Sign up for the DCPS Dollars4College Scholarship and Financial Aid Newsletter: <http://bit.ly/dollars4collegesignup>
- After being admitted to college, review and compare the financial aid package offered from each school to make the best financial choice. You will receive an offer from each school after you are accepted into a college, upon successful submission of FAFSA and if applicable, the CSS profile.
- After receiving a financial aid package, know what your family's out of pocket expenses will be. Your school counselor and/or college and career coordinator can help you understand the cost of attendance.



TELL YOUR STORY!

Colleges want to know your interests and accomplishments beyond your GPA or test score.

- Get involved in extracurricular activities, internships, jobs, and family responsibilities and share them on your college and scholarship applications. These factors are just as important to colleges as your grades.
- If you have the opportunity to interview for colleges and scholarships, do so!
- Use Revision Learning, (formerly Story2) to help you write powerful college essays. Sign up for FREE at <https://storybuilder.learnrevision.com/register>

KNOW YOUR ACADEMIC RECORD

The most important admissions factor colleges consider is your academic profile, which includes your GPA and the challenging courses you are taking throughout high school.

- Your GPA helps determine which colleges are Smart College Choices for you. Know the difference between an unweighted GPA and a weighted GPA.
- Taking classes that are AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, or part of a Career Academy and listing them on your college applications demonstrates how you have pursued your interests and challenged yourself.
- When filling out your college applications, you will provide a complete list of your senior year courses to show your senior year rigor.

Prepare for College Entrance Exams

Test scores from the SAT or ACT are used by some colleges to assess your academic preparedness for college.

- Test scores may be used for scholarship and merit aid consideration, even if they are not required for admission. Do your research!
- Students can use Khan Academy to practice for exams and understand their test scores by linking their College Board account: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- Some colleges may have gone Test Optional, which means students may choose whether to include their test scores with their application. To learn about Test-Optional schools visit: <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>
- Some colleges will accept your superscore, which is the combination of your highest score on each test section. Testing multiple times allows you to earn a higher superscore.



Senior Year Activities to Prepare for College

Terms 1 & 2

- Finalize your activities list and/or resume
- Create a [Federal Student Aid Account \(FSA ID\)](#), and submit a CSS profile if needed.
- Senior year grades matter, stay focused and do well
- Submit college applications by early deadlines and apply for scholarships.

Term 3

- Beginning February 1, submit DC-TAG Application at osse.dc.gov/dctag
- Complete your remaining college applications
- Complete your FAFSA before the end of January
- Review your financial aid awards prior to committing to a college

Term 4

- Visit the colleges that you have been accepted to, prior to accepting your offer
- By May, pay the enrollment deposit or request a waiver for the college you choose to attend
- Sign up for DCPS Persists by the end of May
- Complete your Senior Exit Survey in Naviance before graduation
- Request your final transcript be sent to your college

Post-Graduation

- Ensure all your health and housing documents have been submitted to your college.
- Share any college credits you have with your college from Dual Enrollment, AP or IB exam scores.
- Receive and pay your first college bill.
- Attend orientation to connect with resources and make your course schedule.
- Attend DCPS Persists College Send-Off and Summit Event for DCPS alumni.



Work Based Learning

Documented Experiences	
Career Exploration Guest speaker Industry Site Visit	# of Events Attended 0
Career Preparation Employability Skills Training Internship Pre-apprenticeship	# of Events Attended 0

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

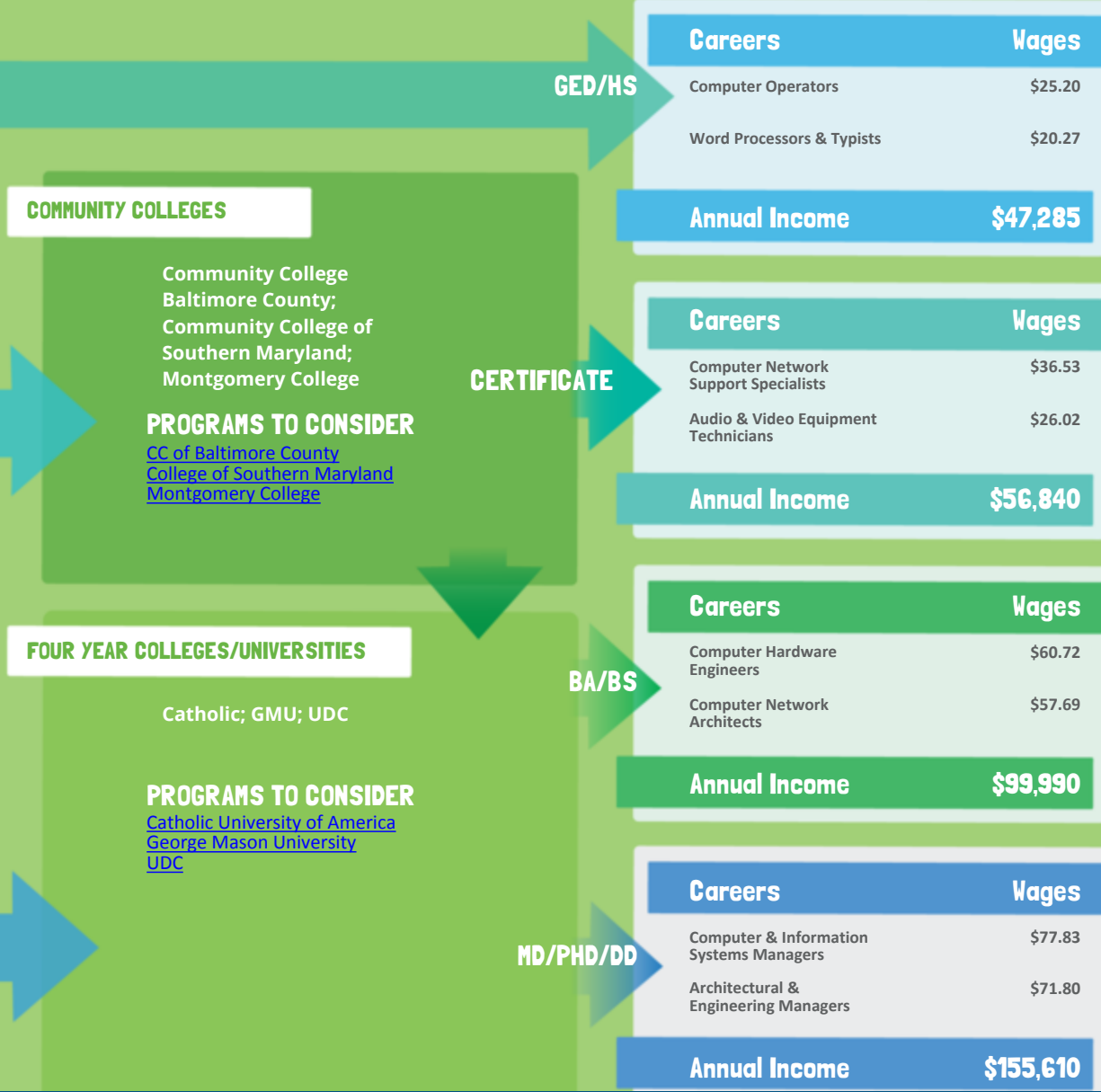
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Certifications

Career Industry	Opportunity
Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coding for Social Good Computer Science Summer Institute (CSSI) at Google Microsoft High School Internship

Internships

Career Industry	Opportunity
Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Technology Certification Introductory Certification in Coding CompTIA





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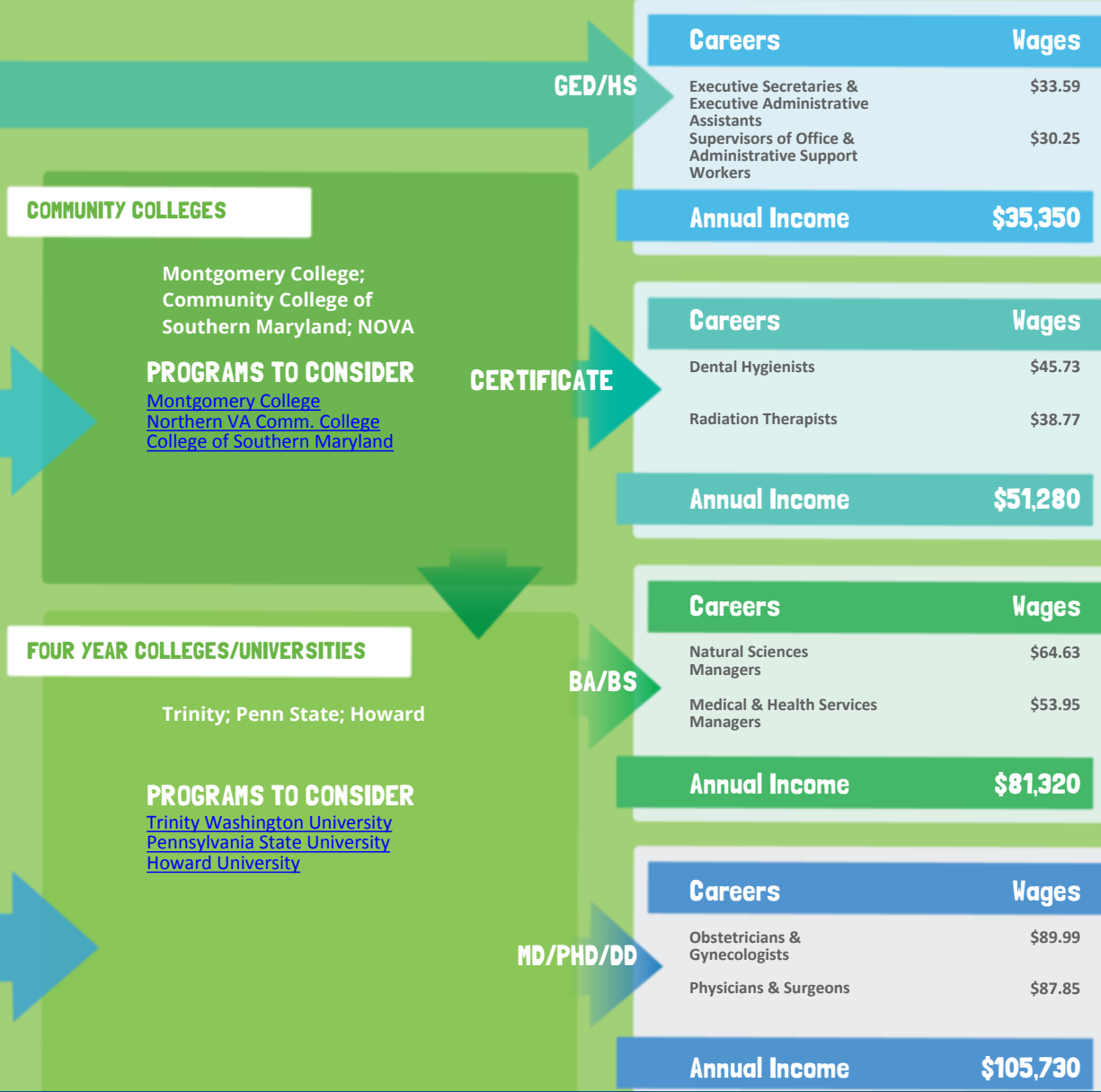
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Certifications

Career Industry	Opportunity
Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Institute of Health Kaiser Permanente LAUNCH Program Johns Hopkins CARES Summer Program

Internships

Career Industry	Opportunity
Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Health Science Certificate Phlebotomy Technician Certification STNA Certification



CAREER INTEREST

A 3RD CAREER THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER IS:
Business, Management and Administration



Work Based Learning

Documented Experiences	
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Guest speaker Industry Site Visit	0
Career Preparation	# of Events Attended
Employability Skills Training Internship Pre-apprenticeship	0

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

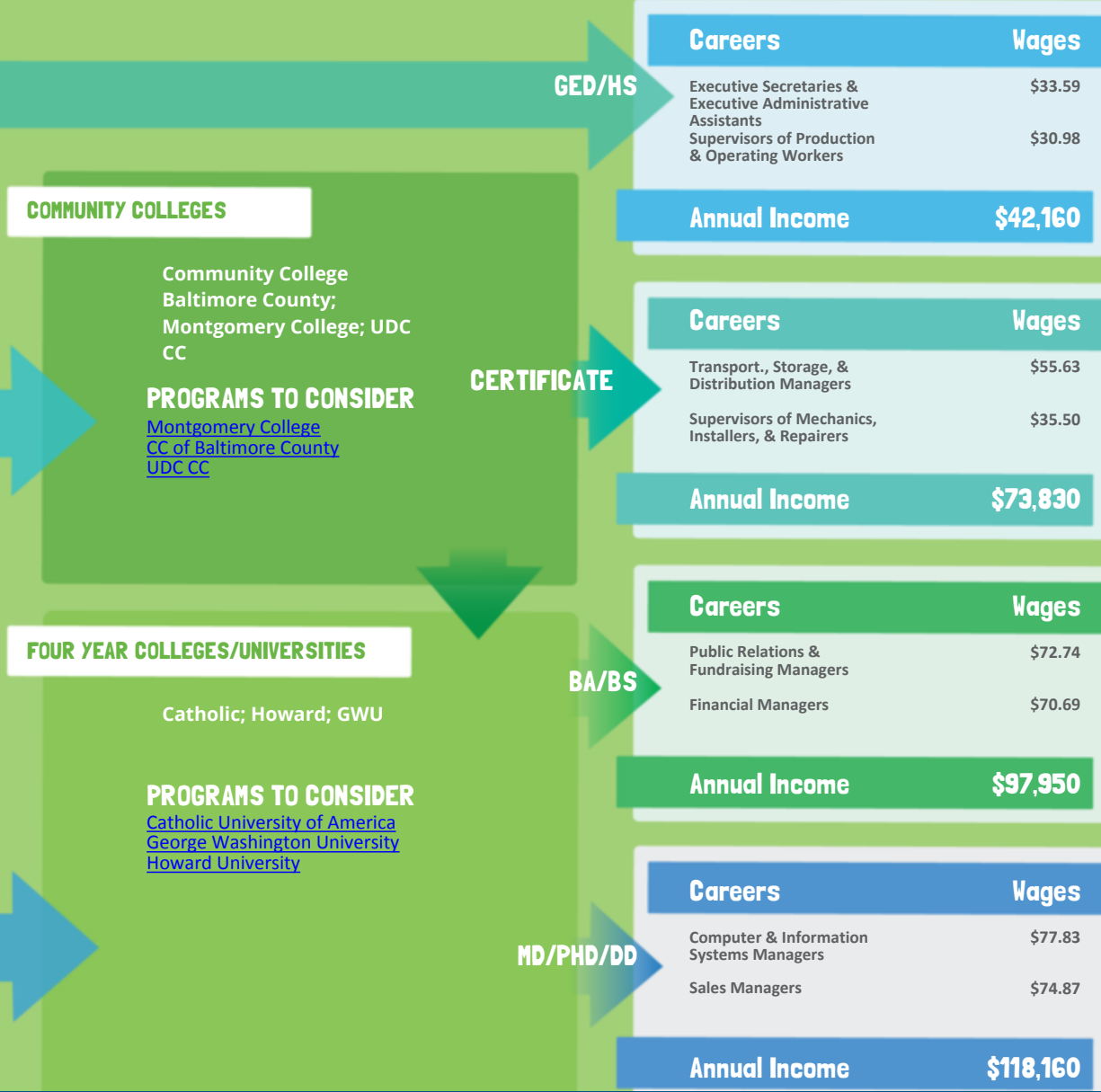
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Certifications

Career Industry	Opportunity
Business, Management and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hacking Entrepreneurship Social-Impact Companies/NGOs Virtual Internship Business & Finance Virtual Internship

Internships

Career Industry	Opportunity
Business, Management and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Profit Management Certificate Entrepreneurship and Small Business Certification Yale University Certification Course on Financial Markets



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SAMPLE'S ACTION STEPS

You are not on track yet in the following areas: community service. Please meet with your school counselor to discuss recovery options.

You did not select any pathways in your Naviance postsecondary survey. Below you'll find action steps on graduation and postsecondary pathways to ensure success in high school and beyond.



Graduation Action Steps

Set up a meeting with your school counselor to discuss a plan for graduation that includes course recovery and community service hours.

Participate in academic support/ tutoring sessions (before school, during lunch time, and/or after-school) with teachers in subject areas in which you are demonstrating academic challenges.

If you are behind on credits for your year in school, reach out to your counselor about seeking enrollment in a credit recovery program or Twilight program, and/or participate in Summer School.

College Action Steps

Enroll in the Testing College Success DCPS course if your school offers it. If not, use Khan Academy test prep to prepare for the fall PSAT or SAT school test day. 20 hours of studying at Khan Academy is associated with a 115-point increase on average.

Using Clever, log onto Naviance and explore college options through SuperMatch and Scattergrams, and add at least 5 colleges to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list.

Based on your GPA, you may be eligible for a variety of competitive scholarships. Please consider looking into the following scholarship opportunities: The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, QuestBridge, and POSSE. For more information on these and other scholarships, sign up for the Dollars4College Newsletter: <https://dcpsgoestocollege.org/distance-learning-resources/dollars4college-resources/>

Career Action Steps

Use www.naviance.com or [Career Coach DC](http://CareerCoachDC) to build a resume.

Explore career opportunities through <https://VirtualJobShadow.com> or <https://www.Naviance.com>.

Explore the Tenacity Professional Character Skills curriculum to prepare for upcoming interviews: <https://dcpscarrerready.org/tenacity/>

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