

College & Career Readiness

Highlighting College Majors, Trades, & the Military Monthly

April 2022

Don't let the April showers bring you down! This month we honor Autism Awareness Month and National Volunteer Week (April 17-23)! We focus on the college major Communications, the trade of Audio Engineering, and we share information about the Service Academies.



MAJOR: **Communication**

The study of human interaction and expression. Understand how to use oral written, and multimedia communication to persuade, inform, create, educate, and entertain others.



TRADE: Audio **Engineering**

No cubicle for you! Your office is way cooler: It's a recording studio! If you love music, consider a career as an audio engineer.



MILITARY: Service **Academies**

This month we are highlighting three service academies in the United States. Graduate from there and you could be an officer in the military!

National Volunteer Week (April 17-23, 2022)

National Volunteer Week recognizes the impact of volunteer service and encourages people to make a difference in their communities through volunteerism! In order to graduate from BCPS **all students**

must have 75 service-learning hours. Did you know that if you have more than the minimum, you may be able to qualify for scholarships for college?

Consider connecting with your school's service learning coordinator, to see what volunteer opportunities could count as service-learning hours!

Learn more about National Volunteer Week: <https://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/>

Learn more about **BCPS Student Service-Learning**, including the forms you need and some ideas! http://bcpscoss3.sharpschool.com/departments/communications/family_and_community_engagement/student_service_learning

College Major of the Month

Communication

An event planner, public relations, business planner, or social media specialist are careers that you can pursue if you major in this wonderful major. If you are fascinated by how you might influence, entertain, and inform others by creating the best possible media content for an audience, a communications major may be right for you. Here are some helpful site to learn more:

Making the Decision to Major in Communications

<https://www.communications-major.com/>

Why You Should Pick a Degree in Communications

<https://www.degreequery.com/pick-degree-communications/>

Best Jobs for Graduates with a Communications Degree

<https://www.thebalancecareers.com/best-jobs-for-communications-majors-2059631>



HBCU Highlight of the Month...Virginia State University

This month we look at Virginia State University, founded in 1882 was the first fully state supported, four-year institution of higher learning for Black in America. This college offers an associate degree all the way to a doctorate degree! Learn more about it by checking out their web site.

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Colleges for Students with ASD

In honor of **Autism Awareness Month**, we want to provide some helpful college resources! More than half of young adults with ASD either do not go to college after high school or do not finish college. The reason is because there may not be adequate supports for our students with ASD.

There are **many colleges that offer an array of services for students with ASD** who have needs that extend beyond the classroom. Check out these links for colleges in the United States and what kind of supports they could provide:

Best Colleges for Students with Autism

<https://www.collegechoice.net/choosing-a-college/best-colleges-for-students-with-autism/#:~:text=Because%20of%20this%20assistance%20as,those%20on%20the%20Autism%20spectrum.>

College Programs from College Autism Spectrum

<https://collegeautismspectrum.com/collegeprograms/>

Hussman Center for Adults with Autism at Towson University

<https://www.towson.edu/iwb/centers/hussman/>

Trade of the Month

Audio Engineering

An audio engineer plays a vital role in the music industry. Anytime you listen to music, a sound/audio engineer controlled the sound you heard. Not limited to a recording studio, an audio engineers is needed for making movies, whenever musicians go on tour, or working for television or websites. Learn more about it here:

Life as a Recording Engineer

<https://www.recordingconnection.com/reference-library/recording-entrepreneurs/life-as-a-recording-engineer/>

What Does a Sound Engineer Do?

<https://www.thebalancecareers.com/what-is-a-sound-engineer-2460937>

Audio Engineering Program at Sheffield Institute in Maryland

<https://www.sheffieldav.com/education/courses/audioworks>

Military

Service Academies

Amongst the military colleges, we focus on the Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, and the US Military Academy: West Point. All applicants would have to meet similar eligibility criteria to apply to any, which includes passing a medical and fitness exam. All three are federally funded, which means if you are accepted tuition is FREE! Check out these sites for more information:

Air Force Academy

<https://www.academyadmissions.com/>

United States Naval Academy

<https://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>

West Point

<https://www.westpoint.edu/>

Learn more about all Five Military Academies

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com/education-training/military-schools>



Audio/Visual Engineers in the Army, Navy, or the Air Force!

Check out this site for more information about the different careers related to the trade we are focusing on this month! Not limited to Audio Engineering, you can also be a musician or work in television for the military.



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In our next newsletter...

It's gonna be MAY... next month we honor Asian American & Pacific Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness. Also, don't forget to show your appreciation to your teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week too! We will look into the college major **Engineering**, the trade **Automotive & Diesel**, and the **Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)**.