



WASHINGTON LATIN
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Anna Julia Cooper Campus
Post-Secondary Night
Thursday, March 12, 2026

Our Philosophy

We believe that **each student has their own path to create after high school**. We also aim to train **all students** to become informed, reasoned, and flexible human beings whose paths will be marked by **achievement, service, and decency**. Some of our graduates join the work force immediately; others enter two-year colleges; currently, the majority of our graduates continue on to four-year colleges. As we advise them in this process, our focus is on **finding the right fit** for each young person, taking into account the particularities of their life, interests, and needs.



Tonight's Presenters



Khashiffa Roberts
Principal



Bill Clausen
Assistant Principal



Diana Smith
Chief of Classical
Education



Julia Toews
Director, 2nd Street
Postsecondary
Counseling



Hope Foster
Postsecondary
Counselor



Rethinking the Definition of Post-Secondary Success

- Different journeys lead to success
- Students have different skills, strengths, interests, values, and goals
- Success should not be singularly defined



Changing the Conversation

- Providing information about various pathways
- Educating families and students about the options in a non-hierarchical manner (the focus is on fit and not just fitting in)
- Connecting education to career goals



Expanding the Post-secondary Pathways

- Apprenticeships
- Industry recognized credentials
- Workforce
- 2 or 4 year college route(s)



Our College Counseling Results



Class of 2026

- 85 seniors
- 351 acceptances (so far): see handout
- \$11,475,397.00 in academic scholarships (so far)
- 3 National Merit Finalists

Classes 2012-2025

- 987 graduates
- \$124 million in academic scholarships



Our Program: goals and practice

Grade	Student Goals	Practice
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand post-secondary pathways• Understand importance of 9th grade: studentship, how a transcript works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarterly presentations• Quarterly newsletters
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn how to be resilient - your grades can always go up!• Begin mapping post-secondary options• Consider taking on more academic challenges and leadership roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarterly presentations• Quarterly newsletters• Attend College Fair



Our Program: goals and practice

Grade	Student Goals	Practice
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Analyze transcript and set goals● Reflect on achievements and work on self-awareness● Research specific post-secondary options and create plan● Begin tasks related to college applications● Take on more academic challenge● Attend presentations from College Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Evening Presentations● Weekly Newsletter● Junior Portfolio● Family Meetings● Junior Jump Start Class● College Fair field trips● One-on-one meetings
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finalize post-secondary plans● College Bound: apply to 10-12 schools● Take on appropriate academic challenges● Meet regularly with College Counselor● Attend presentations from College Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Evening Presentations● Weekly Newsletter● Application Boot Camp● Senior Practicum Class● Essay writing workshops



What do colleges like about Latin?

- Well-rounded students
- Deep thinkers, comfortable around adults
- Great letters of recommendation
- Strong moral compasses
- Small high school = many leadership opportunities



Next year (10th grade)

English: English 10, AP English Language and Composition

Math: Geometry, Algebra II, PreCalculus (or Honors)

History: World History II

Science: Chemistry (or Honors)

Latin: Latin II, Latin III, Latin IV (or Honors for III and IV)

Modern Language: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese

Arts: Fine Art, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theater/Tech

Electives: as available, including Dual Enrollment

