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Lancaster High School
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Commencement
10 a.m., Saturday, June 17
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Speaker: Craig Oren, health and physical education teacher and wrestling coach

Congratulations, Peanut!
Best of luck at ODU!
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Monica!
We’re proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Stacey

LHS cap and gown photos by
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Chosen majors often change

While high school seniors on the cusp of graduating and moving on to college give ample thought to their college majors, many are likely to change majors at least once after enrolling in a college or university. According to the University of La Verne, between 50 and 70 percent of college students change majors at least once, and many of them will change their majors three times before they graduate. The University also reports that 50 percent of college graduates pursue careers that are not related to their majors. Career and personality assessments can help students determine which subjects they may want to study upon enrolling in a college or university. Such assessments can help students discover their interests, and then students can work with advisors and career counselors at their colleges or universities to find majors that align with those interests. High school seniors on their way to college in the coming months can rest easy that, even if they don’t know what to study when they arrive on college campuses this fall, many of their fellow freshmen are equally uncertain.

Graduation garb explained

Caps, gowns, tassels, and hoods all can be seen parading down the center aisle before making proud appearances at diploma presentations.

Graduation clothing, also known as academic dress, dates back to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Clerical garb was standard dress for professors and scholars, as many students during medieval times made certain religious vows in addition to pursuing their educations. Today, faculty, graduates and alumni don such gowns during graduation ceremonies in a nod to tradition.

Americans follow the guidance adopted by the American Council on Education, whose standards have been reviewed and revised a handful of times through the decades. Some schools incorporate their own unique twists as well.

The caps, or mortarboards with tassels, are also components of graduation dress. Mortarboards usually coordinate with the color of the gown. Tassels are traditionally black, but school colors may also be worn.

More information on academic dress is available through the American Council on Education at www.acenet.edu.
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NHS photos by Lifetouch
Northumberland High School
Class of 2017
Commencement

10 a.m., Saturday, June 10
NHS Auditorium
201 Academic Lane, Claraville

Speaker: Peggy Myrick, former
Northumberland Middle School principal
Commencement exercises for Rappahannock High School will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 17, in the high school gymnasium. The ceremony will include music by the school band and members of the choir under the direction of Jonathan M. Scott and Marcellus C. Dungee.

Senior class president Madison Pierson will provide the welcoming address.

The five graduates with the highest academic average for their four years at RHS will speak during the graduation ceremony. They are first, Pierson, whose parents are David and Stacey Pierson of Warsaw; second, Connor Nicole Pemberton, whose parents are Susan Pemberton of Warsaw and Carroll Pemberton of Farnham; third, (tie) Carlie Rebecca White, whose parents are Lisa and William White of Warsaw; and fifth, Carter Ann Packett, whose parents are Douglas Packett of Warsaw and Leigh Bennett of Pearisburg.

All five have earned the Advanced Studies Diploma with the Board of Education Seal, Governor’s Seal, Career and Technical Education Seal, BETA Honors Society, Career and Technical Education Seal, Governor’s Seal, the BETA Honors Society, and are honor graduates, reported school counselor Lexi Brown.

Pierson will attend the University of Alabama and major in a branch of engineering. She has participated in Science National Honor’s Society, volleyball, cross country, basketball, softball and Spanish club. She has attended the National Youth Leadership Forum, the Washington Youth Tour and has placed All-Academic Team in sports.

Connor Pemberton will attend the University of Virginia and major in biology. She also plans to become a pediatric surgeon. She has attended the National Youth Leadership Forum in Advanced Health and Medicine and has participated Science National Honor’s Society, tennis, football and competition Cheering. She is vice president of the senior class.

Carlie Pemberton will attend Virginia Tech and major in animal and poultry sciences to become a veterinarian. She placed third in the science competition at the State BETA Convention. She was vice president of Science National Honor’s Society and senior class treasurer. She also participated in tennis, and football and competition cheering.

White will attend Virginia Tech to major in chemical engineering. He has captained the soccer and cross country teams for the last three years, and also played soccer all four years and ran cross country for three years. He captained the basketball team for a year while playing for two years. White also participates in Science National Honor’s Society.

Packett will attend Virginia Tech and major in biomedical engineering. She recently earned an associate’s from Rappahannock Community College, graduating with honors including Magna Cum Laude status and Phi Theta Kappa Honors. She will earn the Governor’s Medal for graduating from high school with an associate’s. Packett served as Science National Honor’s Society president, and has played both junior varsity and varsity soccer and basketball.
Congratulations, James!
We wish you the best on this journey called life.
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Mom, Jenascia & Rasean

Congratulations Dwayne!
Best of luck at ODU!
Love,
Mom & Family

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College advice from the ‘experts’ who’ve been there

Only 60 percent of college freshmen will graduate within 6 years according to the latest report from the National Center for Educational Statistics. That’s pretty scary stuff for college-bound students and their tuition-paying parents — especially if loans are part of the financial formula.

Even for those students who make it to graduation, there may be some question as to whether they made the most of their time on campus.

A University of Florida senior shares: “The problem with college is most of their time on campus. Even for those students who make it to graduation, there may be some question as to whether they made the most of their time on campus.”

Helping college students “figure it out” sooner rather than later is what you’re ready to graduate.

Here are some tips from the ‘experts’:

- “The first few weeks are great. You’re meeting people, partying ... no tests, no papers. Then ... WHAM! Everything’s due in the same week! If you weren’t hitting the books right along, you’ll spend the rest of the term digging yourself out!” - Senior, University of Michigan.
- “I could talk until I was blue in the face about things like time-management and self-discipline,” Tyler says, “but when a fellow student says, ‘I got great grades and I never missed a party and here’s how to do it,’ it has far more impact. Here are some tips from ‘the experts’:
- “What separated me from the masses was ‘connecting’ with a faculty member. I didn’t even know what the possibilities were until he laid out a ‘roadmap’ and showed me a few shortcuts to get there. When my confidence was shaky, he reminded me that I could do it!” - Graduate, University of Michigan.
- “Pick the professor, not the time of day.” - Junior, Duke University.
- “Get a job in the office of your major. You’ll get to know everyone from the secretaries to the dean. If any great opportunities come along, you’ll be the first to know.” - Senior, Indiana University.
- “There’s no reason to fail! There are people here to help and it’s free. Actually, you’ve paid for it so you might as well use it.” - Senior, Michigan State University.
- “The students who make the most of their college experience aren’t necessarily the smartest ones. It’s often average kids who know how to utilize the system, connect with the professors, take advantage of extracurricular activities, and manage their time well who reap the rewards,” Tyler says.