Education notebook: Virginia Western to host one-stop registration event

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New students can enroll in classes at Virginia Western Community College during an ‘express’ event later this month.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 25, new students can complete all the steps needed to register for fall classes, spokesman Josh Meyer said.

“We’re going to have everything available in one place,” Meyer said.

Staff will be on hand at the Student Life Center to help students apply, take placement tests, apply for financial aid assistance and register.

The express event is family friendly and will feature food as well as music, games and prizes.

People who want to register for fall classes but cannot attend the express event can also enroll online at www.virginiawestern.edu. The fall semester begins Aug. 24.

Area colleges to participate in private college week

High school students can visit and tour private college campuses during the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia’s Private College Week.

Three Roanoke-area schools are among the 24 statewide that are participating: Hollins University, Jefferson College of Health Sciences and Roanoke College. The private college week runs from July 27 to Aug. 1.

The council hosts the event annually to make it easier for students to tour campuses. Students who visit three or more of the colleges can get an application fee waiver to three of the private colleges.

On Monday through Friday, each college will hold sessions at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. where students can learn about the college and find out more about financial aid options. Some colleges will also host sessions on Saturday morning.

A full list of the private colleges participating can be found at www.vaprivatecolleges.org. To participate, students and parents should contact the colleges they wish to visit in advance.