



# Beacon College Office Junior Bulletin

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## New This Week

Please read our [Junior Parent/Guardian Letter](#) that was sent earlier today.

### **Maia Learning**

Students and parents can get started using Maia Learning! This is the software platform we will be utilizing throughout the college application process. Students can sign on [here](#) with their DOE email (no password needed) using the Google sign in and parents should have received an email to reset their password to gain access.

### **Junior Parent Coffee Talk - February 13th, 2024, 12:00pm**

Junior Parent Coffee Talks with Deb Heller begin next month. There is no set topic for these monthly conversations. It is an open forum for parents and guardians of juniors to ask questions about the college admissions process. These conversations will not be recorded. Join using [this](#) link.

### **Junior College Night - March 12, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00pm**

This is the official event welcoming juniors and their parents to the college process! Patrick O'Neill from the University of Rochester will be opening the evening, followed by Ms. Heller who will review how the college process works at Beacon. Link [here](#).

# Last Chance Opportunities

## **DOROT Teen Volunteer Opportunity - GENuine Connections**

- Welcomes high school students and older adults (65+) volunteers to meet weekly over Zoom in small groups for meaningful conversations and fun activities to bridge generational divides.
- Workshop activities include creative writing, chess, art, current events, etc. Opportunity to earn service hours
- More information about GENuine Connections [here](#)
- Applications are open and [can be found here](#) for the **Winter Semester starting the week of January 29th.**
- Contact [genuineconnections@dorotusa.org](mailto:genuineconnections@dorotusa.org) with any questions.





# Extracurricular & Internship Opportunities

## [The Friends of Governors Island](#)

The Friends of Governors Island are seeking youth volunteers this spring! Governors Island is a 172-acre park, located just a 7-minute ferry ride from Lower Manhattan. Volunteers support the Island's visitor services and are responsible for greeting visitors at Governors Island's ferry landings and sharing information. This spring, volunteers will also facilitate two large public events, our annual Egg Hunt and Earth Day on Governors Island.

Through the program, volunteers will develop communication skills, learn about public space advocacy, and build environmental stewardship skills. Volunteers are required to be 15+ with parental permission and complete at least 50 hours of service, which can be used as community service hours. Training begins the second weekend of March. Fill out an interest form [here](#)!

## **GlowNew**

- An organization supporting women in homelessness by providing comprehensive makeovers and care packages
- In search of passionate students to start GlowNew chapters in schools - leadership experience, volunteer opportunities, awards, and online internships are all available
- Learn more [here](#)

## **Banson NYC High School Fashion Summer Camps**

- A chance for high school students to learn the fundamentals of the fashion industry from an insider perspective
- Students will stay in a midtown hotel with visits, seminars, and activities planned for each day
- Summer 2024 camps will be taking place in late June and mid-July. Please follow [this link](#) for more details

## **Let's Get Ready**

- This free mentorship program is targeted at juniors and seniors looking for support throughout their college transition
- For seniors, weekly texts from a mentor will help with applications, financial aid, and enrollment decisions
- For juniors, LGR offers weekly texts and monthly workshops, along with future SAT prep programs
- Visit [the website](#) to apply and learn more

## **Costa Rica Youth Exchange**

- High school village immersion



- Elevates Spanish skills through the power of youth social dynamics and active community engagement
- Gain confidence and language independence naturally through the fun, small town experience of Costa Rica
- Learn more [here](#)

### **Bossgirls Bootcamp at City College of New York**

- A free summer entrepreneurship program open to high school female and nonbinary students, open to juniors and seniors
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis, first deadline is January 31st to be considered for July 2024 program, final deadline is March 31st, 2024
- Program highlights:
  - Work on a team of other young entrepreneurs to identify a problem and come up with a solution, and find a business opportunity
  - Research the market, compare competitors, learn how to price your product and prototype it, and create a brand
  - Pitch ideas to an audience (“Shark Tank without the sharks”)
  - Meet entrepreneurs, get advice from expert mentors
- 5 week in-person program
- Find more information and apply [here](#)

### **DOROT Teen Internship Program**

- Academic year internship program: January 29th-March 15th
- Summer internship program: June 24th-July 18th OR July 23rd-August 15th
- Gives interns a unique community service opportunity by connecting students with older adults in a variety of settings (chess games, home visits, discussions with older women, etc.)
- Internship is one afternoon per week
- High-quality training included
- Opportunity to earn service hours
- Learn more and apply for the academic year internship [here](#) and summer internship [here](#)

### **Ladder Internships**

- Selective start-up internship program for high school students, founded and run by Harvard graduate students
- Students will work 1-1 with supervisors from top start-ups to work on real-world projects in a real start-up environment
- Application for spring cohort is February 18th
- Learn more [here](#)
- Apply [here](#)

### **Summer TUTTI Performing Arts Camp**

- 8 day residential summer high school intensive camps



- Dance
- Music
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre
- Program dates: June 22nd - June 30th
- Open to students ages 15-18 years old
- Financial support is available for families in need.
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **Seeds of Fortune: Business Accelerator**

- Hybrid program that assists participants in setting up social enterprise business ideas and professional websites that impact their local communities
- Program open to identifying women of color
- 2.7 GPA requirement
- A chance to win \$6,000 in prizes and an all expense paid trip to Miami
- Application deadline: April 17th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **Seeds Fortune: Innovation Research Fellowship**

- Hybrid program that pairs high school students with top company
- Provides hands on experiences, research opportunities and participation in real-world case studies
- Program open to identifying women of color
- 2.7 GPA Requirement
- Application deadline: March 8th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)



# Pre-College Summer Programs

## Costa Rica Youth Exchange - Summer 2024

- 2 weeks to 2 months exchange program in Costa Rica.
- Sessions include arts, cooking, music, dance, Spanish conversation, sports encounters, village events, farm visits, local excursions, outdoor games, youth service projects. .
- Session One: June 9 - July 6 (four weeks)
- Session Two: July 7 - August 3 (four weeks)
- Summer 2024: [Dates/Costs](#)
- Register [here!](#)

## 2024 Pre-College Summer Programs at Champlain College

- [Art & Design Portfolio Course](#): Your students will unleash their creativity and refine their artistic skills as they build an impressive portfolio that will set them on a path to success in the world of art and design.
- [Animation Academy](#): Students will dive into the captivating world of animation and develop the skills needed to bring their imaginative creations to life.
- [Audio Engineering, Sound Design & Music Academy](#): Your students will explore the magic of sound design and music production, learning from industry professionals while honing their skills in our state-of-the-art facilities.
- [Champlain Game Academy](#): For the game developers of the future, this program will immerse your students' in the world of game design, development, and industry insights.
- [Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics Academy](#): Students will uncover the exciting world of cybersecurity and digital forensics, learning to protect and investigate in an increasingly connected world.
- [Digital Media Production](#): Your students will learn the art of storytelling through digital media, from videography to editing, and get hands-on experience.
- More general information [here](#).

## Interior Design Summer Workshop at Ball State University

- The Youth Interior Design Forum (YIDF) is open to all high school students.
- The workshop combines tradition and innovation in creative learning, covering areas in applied critical thinking and exploration with materials. During studio time, students explore the fundamentals of 2D and 3D concepts, learn basic drawing and illustration skills, play with color use and light effects, and learn how interior environments affect human behavior. Upon completion, students will have a portfolio of work (a required component for the application for many accredited college interior design programs) and an official certificate of completion.
- Available online AND on-campus.



- More general information [here](#)
- Online:
  - Will use Canvas, WebEx, or Zoom.
  - Monday, June 10–Friday, July 5, 2024
  - Register [here](#)
- On-campus
  - Offered Summer 2024 and will have all of the same elements of the online session, but at a much more accelerated pace.
  - Sunday, June 2–Tuesday, June 11, 2024
  - Sunday, June 16–Tuesday, June 25, 2024
  - Register [here](#)

### **Wake Forest University Pre-College Programs**

- [Summer Immersion Program:](#)
- Empowers high school students to manifest their goals. Through meaningful real-world experiences, robust academics, an inclusive campus culture, networking and mentorship, students can discover their passions and clarify their pathway
- Apply [here](#). Application opens in early November. Rolling admissions.
- [Online Immersion Program](#)
- Explores exciting topics asynchronously and in-depth. Wake Forest University professors teach courses through interactive learning modules, and students are supported 1:1 by Wake Forest undergraduate course mentors. The program is available year-round, and the online format allows students to study anywhere, anytime, while working at their own pace.
- Apply [here](#).

### **PROMYS at Boston University**

- Six-week summer program in mathematics for strongly motivated high school students who are carefully selected from across the U.S. and worldwide.
- PROMYS is a residential program held on the Boston University campus with approximately 80 high school students and 25 undergraduate counselors.
- PROMYS 2024: June 30 – August 10, 2024
- Application Deadline: March 1, 2024 at 11:59 EST
- Students should spend considerable time working on the 8-question problem set and additional application components. We encourage students to start their applications weeks in advance of the deadline.
- Admissions Decisions: by April 30, 2024
- Find more information about PROMYS [here](#). Apply [here](#)!

### **Summer at Smith College**

- Academic and residential programs at Smith College in Northampton, MA
- One week, two week or four week program options
- Open to female-identifying and gender non-conforming high school juniors



- 2024 programs offered:
  - Summer science and engineering
  - Women, gender, and representation
  - Sustainable futures
  - Creative writing
  - College readiness
- Dates vary by program between July and August 2024
- Tuition: varies between \$2660-\$4745 per session (financial aid is available)
  - Tuition includes class materials, room and board
- Courses are **not** for credit
- Application deadline: May 15th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **RISD Pre-College Immersion Experience**

- Residential summer immersive experience
- Live like a RISD student and work alongside hundreds of other creative, motivated students who will inspire you to push your limits and produce your best work
- June 29th-August 3rd
- Find more information [here](#)

### **Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Programs**

- Prepares students for upcoming college experiences, narrowing career focuses, and building on critical knowledge and skills
- Many course offerings, including:
  - Architecture (5-week program)
  - Art (3- and 6-week program options)
  - Computational Biology (3-week program)
  - Design (6-week program)
  - Drama (6-week program)
  - Music (3- and 6-week program options)
  - National High School Game Academy (6-week program)
  - Summer session (6-week program)
  - Writing and Culture (4-week program)
- Additional course offerings- **fully funded merit-based** pre-college programs
  - AI Scholars (4-week program)
  - Summer Academy for Math and Science (6-week program)
- Learn more information [here](#) and apply for programs [here](#)

### **Tufts University Pre-College Program**

- Open to high school juniors
- Deadline to be nominated: March 31st, 2024
- Nomination for pre-college program will give students an easier application process
  - No transcript submission
  - No need for a letter of recommendation





- Learn more [here](#)
- Please contact Ms. Heller if you'd like to be nominated & let her know which program you'd prefer

### **Northwestern University National High School Institute Cherubs Program**

- Open to high school juniors
- Programs consist of intensive training in area of study in person. Deadlines:
  - Theatre Arts - Regular admission: March 4th, 2024
  - Film & Video - Regular admission: March 8th, 2024
  - Playwriting - Rolling admissions begin in February 2024
  - Debate - Rolling admissions begin Winter 2024
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **Notre Dame Summer Programs**

- Open to high school juniors
- Summer Scholars and Leadership Seminars allow students to live on campus for two weeks: July 20- July 31, 2024
- Students will stay in a residence hall with a roommate, take a challenging college-level course, and participate in fun activities
- Students will earn transferable college credit
- Financial aid and fee waivers available
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **Champlain College Pre-College Programs**

- Courses offered:
  - Art & Design Portfolio Course
  - Animation Academy
  - Audio Engineering, Sound Design & Music Academy
  - Champlain Game Academy
  - Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics Academy
  - Digital Media Production
- Cost for each program: \$4500 (financial aid available)
  - Includes: class materials, room and board, transportation
- Dates vary based on program. Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **Syracuse University Pre-College Programs**

- Choice of over 100 college-level course offered on campus, online or hybrid
  - Research courses and accelerated semester courses also available
  - Credit and noncredit courses available
  - Scholarships are available; deadline is March 1st
  - Final application deadline is May 1st
  - Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
  - Learn more and apply [here](#)
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## **SUNY New Paltz Summer Programs**

- Open to high school juniors from underrepresented populations
- July 21-26th, 2024
- Workshops and excursions
- Meals included
- Requirements: 86 cumulative GPA
- Students will pay a \$300 fee for food and activities
- Tuition and board is free
- Please contact Ms. Heller if you would like to be nominated

## **University of Wisconsin-Madison PreCollege Programs**

- Open to high school juniors
- Various in person and online programs, including accelerated learning programs for high school credit
- Tuition varies by program
- Scholarships available
- Deadlines vary by program
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

## **UNC Asheville Pre-College Programs**

- Residential programs run from Sunday-Friday
- Tuition includes room and board, class materials, activities, and excursions
- Programs run from June 16-21 and June 23-28
- Several topics, including:
  - Ceramics
  - Climate, robotics, rocketry, and aerospace engineering
  - Film scoring and sound design
  - Geology and adventure
  - Great Smokies young writers shop (creative writing)
  - Meteorology
  - Music composition & songwriting
  - Pre-med
  - River ecology and adventure
  - Video game design
- Find more information and apply [here](#)

## **Colorado College Block Plan**

- July 8-24th, 2024
- Courses for credit taught by Colorado College professors:
  - Introduction to Human Anatomy
  - Climate Change and Sustainable Development
  - Entrepreneurship & Business Management
  - Introductory Astronomy
  - Writing the News

- Introduction to Drawing: Landscape Immersion
- *\*newly added\** Introduction to Filmmaking
- Need-based scholarships available until March 1st
- Find more information and apply [here](#)

## **Fordham's Summer Leaders Academy**

- Fordham's [Summer Leaders Academy](#) is an immersive pre-college program that offers innovative academic courses and activities in New York City
  - [Immersion 1: June 24-27](#)
  - [Immersion 2: July 8-18](#)
  - [Immersion 3: July 22-August 1](#)
- On-Campus Housing and commuter options available
  - Residential Application Deadline: April 15th
  - Commuter Application Deadline: May 15th
- [Virtual Information Session](#): Wednesday, January 31st at 6:00pm

## **Frontiers: Worcester Polytechnic Institute Pre-College Experience**

- Two-Week residential program
  - Frontiers I: July 7-19
  - Frontiers II: July 21 - Aug 2
- Participants will have a STEM major and humanities, arts or business minor
- Cost per session of Frontiers: \$3,995 (Prices includes housing, food, field trips, workshops, and activities)
- Application Deadline: April 30th
- All 2024 Summer Program [Information Session](#): February 1 at 11:00am
- Learn more and [apply](#) here

## **Emerging Journalists Program at Elon University**

- Immersive Summer Experience: June 17-28th
- During the workshop students will learn reporting, writing, multimedia storytelling, leadership and media management skills.
- Students will become part of a working newsroom, producing professional web content and learning to track audience engagement metrics.
- Residential learning workshop
- FREE of charge (program pays for student's travel, lodging, meals and materials)
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

## **Boston University Summer Journalism Academy**

- Hosted by Boston University College of Communication
- Three offered courses:
  - [On-campus residential program](#) from June 24 to July 12, 2024 (for students with some journalism experience)

- [On-campus photojournalism program](#) from June 24 to July 12, 2024 (for students interested in visual storytelling)
- [Two-week learn-from-home program](#) for high school students at all experience levels, starting June 17, July 1, and July 15
- Applications for on-campus programs due April 19th
- Applications for the online/learn-from-home program are due May 10th
- If students apply and are enrolled before March 8th can save \$400 off the full fee for residential program or \$200 off full fee for the online program
- Scholarship and financial aid is available
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **Cornell Engineering: 2024 High School Summer Outreach Programs**

- Diversity Programs in Engineering: CURIE and CATALYST Academies
- July 14th - July 20th on Cornell University's campus
- Application deadline: February 15th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: STEM Outreach/College Immersion Program**

- SHPE Outreach Weekend hosted by the undergraduate chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- March 23rd and March 24th in person on campus in Troy, NY
- No charge for students: food, housing and transportation included.
- Application deadline is February 14th
- Students will be notified on February 19th regarding admissions
- Apply [here](#)

### **Macaulay Honors College- Spring 2024 Information Sessions**

- Hear from current students about their Macaulay experiences
- Learn about the application process
- Dates and Zoom Links:
  - [Tuesday, February 13th 4:00-5:30 pm](#)
  - [Tuesday, March 19th 4:00-5:30 pm](#)
  - [Wednesday, April 17th 4:00-5:30 pm](#)
  - [Thursday, May 16th 4:00-5:30 pm](#)

### **“Which SUNY Are You?” Information Session**

- Introduce the Class of 2025 to SUNY!
- Information sessions throughout the spring about EOP information and Financial Aid Sessions
- Learn more and register for the workshops [here](#)

### **Wheaton Pre-College**



- Program to provide academic excellence while fostering independence, adaptability, and social engagement
- Program has two pathways:
  - A Student Experience where students select two courses in their area(s) of interest
  - A one-of-a-kind Student Athlete Experience where students who pursue Fencing, Swimming or dedicated Strength and Conditioning to support any sport can take a college-level course plus training from NCAA coaches.
- The program offers a commuter or residential option.
- Credit/Non-Credit options are available
- Learn more and apply [here](#)





# Academic Prep Resources

## **Atlas Test Prep- Beacon Classes**

- Weekly classes at Beacon in preparation for the digital SAT held in March 2024
- Classes begin January 20th
- Guaranteed scholarships until January 1st
  - \$50 off group prep classes (code: 2025GP)
  - \$100 off private tutoring (code: 2025PT)
- Register for group classes [here](#)
- Register for private tutoring [here](#)

## **Free SAT Prep Class**

- Aegis Prep is running two free classes on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-2 pm
- Please visit their [website](#) for more details
- To register, simply email [aegisprep@gmail.com](mailto:aegisprep@gmail.com) for a form

## **Sci-Inspire at Columbia University**

- Complimentary tutoring service from Columbia students for high schoolers pursuing STEM subjects
- Tutors are highly accomplished and selected carefully
- Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings
- Learn more about registration [here](#)

## **Revolution Prep Tutoring \$200 Offer**

- Revolution Prep private online tutoring focuses on closing academic learning gaps, scaffolding complex subject matter, improving grades and GPA, strengthening executive functioning skills, and preparation for exams (AP, SAT, ACT and more)
- Offering Beacon families a \$200 gift card to use toward a tutoring package
- Find more information [here](#)

## **Ulster University Discovery Academy**

- Online courses free and available to all
- Designed to help students choose a major
- Courses are self-paced and accessible 24/7
- Learn more [here](#)





# Scholarships

## **Scholarship Resources**

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.myscholly.com](http://www.myscholly.com)

