



Beacon College Office Weekly Bulletin

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New This Week

Financial Aid

You should complete the CSS Profile, if [required](#), by early January.

The opening of FAFSA has been pushed back until 12/31. All students requesting financial aid will need to submit the FAFSA. Even though you cannot start filling out the application yet, you should request your FSA ID [here](#) now (student and each parent need one).

Reminders

First Quarter Grades

First Quarter grades were sent for all students who requested them via the Google form. Students waiting for corrections should follow up with their teacher and counselor.

Free applications!

- Drew University Fee Waiver - use code **drew28**
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute - no code, free for all applicants



Last-Chance Opportunities

We aim to tell you about any opportunities we hear of as soon as possible. These may be reminders or brand new opportunities that we just received, but please note that they may be due in under a week.

The Hagan Scholarship

- A nationwide need-based merit scholarship
- Provides up to \$7500 each semester for 8 consecutive semesters
- Free workshops, brokerage accounts, study abroad, and more
- First year recipients receive \$1000 prior to college enrollment to purchase essential items not covered by the scholarship, such as computers, clothing, dorm essentials, etc.
- Eligibility requirements:
 - 3.5 GPA
 - Must work 240 hours from 1/1/2024 to end of fall 2024 semester of college
 - Applicant's Adjusted Gross Household Income must not exceed \$85,000 for the 2022 tax year
- Deadline: **December 1, 2023**
- Find more information [here](#)

Experience King's

- Learn about the community and various academic programs offered at University of King's College, Halifax through their virtual open house on **December 3rd** Click [here](#) to learn more and register

The Bronfman Fellowship

- A summer in Israel, along with a year-long experience, in which students go on a transformative journey
- Applicants must be 11th graders from any one of a wide range of Jewish backgrounds
- Find more info and apply [here](#) by **December 4th**

FIT Portfolio Preview Days

- Students will be able to experience a one-on-one feedback session with a faculty member from various FIT programs
- Portfolios can include anything from sketchbooks to finished products, and feedback sessions are a great opportunity to ask questions about the school too
- The event will take place on **December 9th**. Please register [here](#) to learn more





Upcoming College-Related Events

Hunter College: Navigating Admissions as an Undocumented Student

- Learn more about the college admissions process as it relates to undocumented students
- Will go over eligibility for DREAM scholarships, admissions process, and resources available to undocumented students at Hunter
- Open to all undocumented applicants and their parents and supporters
- Two virtual events: December 7th at 3pm and January 16th at 4pm
- Learn more and register [here](#)

UK College Admissions Weekly Zoom

- Students and parents welcome to join this weekly informational Zoom on the UK college admissions process
- Join Tuesdays from 4-6 pm at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89591528259>
- Additionally, you can register for [this website](#), which gives you access to a plethora of information on UK admissions and access to personal meetings

Bryn Mawr Interview Days

- These virtual events give students the opportunity to interview a member of the Bryn mawr alumni
- Five different interview days are taking place, once a month, from September to January
- Click [here](#) to register

Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) at Vaughn College

- Free program open to all high school students who are NY residents, are economically disadvantaged **or** are African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Alaskan Native or American Indian
 - Students who identify as economically disadvantaged will be required to provide tax documents for proof of income
- 11th and 12th grade students have the option to take the STEP courses and/or college credit
- An Accuplacer placement test is required, information can be found [here](#)
- Spring 2024 term begins on January 16th
- Final day for registration is January 5th
- Learn more [here](#) and [register here](#)

Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Programs

- Summer programs for various career paths, including computational biology, drama and music, AI, architecture, art and design, writing, culture, and many more.



- Programs are open to all students
- Programs vary in length and all offer scholarships
- Virtual information sessions will be held between November 29th and January 25th and are specific to each program
- Learn more about virtual discover sessions [here](#)

RISD Pre-College Immersion Experience

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

MICA Prospective Students Day

- Saturday, December 9th at 10am
- On-campus opportunity to get a first hand look at MICA's campus and all that it offers
- Includes a CommonApp fee waiver, a Q&A session with the Office of Financial Aid, an inside look at MICA's facilities, studios, and housing, an opportunity for a portfolio review, a student-led tour, and more!
- Find more information and register [here](#)

Fordham University STEP Program at Lincoln Center

- Tentative dates: February 10th, 2024-April 20th, 2024 from 9:45am-2:40pm
- Deadline: January 12th, 2024
- Programs offered:
 - Math and science academic enrichment
 - High school and college advising
 - Personal and professional development elective courses
 - Math and science tutoring
 - Mentoring from Fordham University students and administrators
 - Community events and career workshops
 - Annual spring semester ice cream social
- Find more information and apply [here](#)

Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Programs

- Open to high school juniors and seniors
- Key points: 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](#)



Extracurricular & Internship Opportunities

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](#)



Ball State University Interior Design Summer Workshop

- Workshop designed to help students explore the field of interior design and determine if it is right for them, get a head start on fundamental concepts, start building their portfolio, and more!
- Open to all seniors with an interest in interior design
- Three workshops offered, one online and two in person
- Each workshop is limited to twelve students
- Online session will be held from June 10th to July 5th
- In person sessions include a ten-day residential stay at Ball State University and will be held from June 2nd to June 11th and from June 16th to June 25th
- Find more information and register for the workshop [here](#)



Academic Prep Resources

Atlas Private SAT Tutoring

- The final opportunities for SATs are around the corner. If you're in need of private tutoring, check out Atlas, using 2025PT as a discount code for \$100 off. Register [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 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 + \$50 Gift Card 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 of your choice (extra \$50 gift card if you purchase in November)
- Find more information [here](#)



Scholarships

Harlem Y bai Corporate Scholarships

- The Harlem Y will award roughly 30 scholarships to worthy youth who are not currently enrolled in a YMCA of Greater New York Teen Program
- The scholarship requires a minimum 2.7 GPA and the application can be found [here](#)
- They are also awarding one scholarship known as the Youth Achiever, which requires a minimum 3.0 GPA to apply. Follow [this link](#) for the application
- All applications are due January 8th

Raymond J. Rue Memorial Scholarship

- This scholarship is intended to provide aid to students' whose families and lives have been impacted by gun violence
- Applications are due April 30, 2024
- Please follow [this link](#) to apply

TIME 2000 Program at Queens College

- A specially designed undergraduate teacher education program offering scholarship towards tuition for all accepted students
- Aims to recruit highly qualified math students, with teacher shortages expected to rise
- Follow [this link](#) to apply and learn more

Bronx Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship

- An \$8000 scholarship dispersed in \$1000 increments per semester
- There are also several one-time grants in various amounts that are available
- Open to high school seniors who are residents of the Bronx, maintain a "B" average, are involved in extracurricular activities, and plan to be a full-time student at a 4-year college in Fall 2024
- Requires a two-page essay (min. 1000 words), two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher/guidance counselor and one from a community service supervisor), an official transcript, and a copy of SAT/ACT scores
- Note: no electronic submissions will be accepted, all applications must be sent via postal service
- Applications must be postmarked by February 23, 2024
- Learn more [here](#)

Bates College Kessler Scholars Program

- Open to first-generation students at Bates College



- Cohort program in which students receive an exclusive first year summer pre-orientation experience, professional exploration workshops, individualized advising meetings, financial planning workshops, recreational and community building activities, and support for graduate school exploration trips (such as law and medical school)
- Learn more about the 2024 cohort [here](#)

CACNY Scholarship Plus

- Open to high school seniors in NYC who have demonstrated a GPA of 84.5% or higher, family income of less than \$52,000, and a willingness to engage in community events, workshops, and semester check-ins
- Applicants must be citizens or have permanent residency in the US
- Information sessions are held on December 5th and January 10th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

Brandeis Scholarship

- Open to all students applying to Brandeis
- No additional application needed, all students considered
- Merit scholarships vary from \$10,000 to \$20,500 annually
- Learn more about Brandeis scholarships and fellowships [here](#)

Other Scholarship Resources

www.fastweb.com

www.myscholly.com