



Beacon College Office Senior Bulletin

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New This Week

Midyear Grades

Midyear grades were sent to colleges this week unless you indicated changes needed to be made to your transcript. Please check in with your counselor if your transcript is still on hold. You can see that your midyear transcript was sent in Naviance "Colleges I Am Applying To" under "Office Status" (it should say "mid-year materials submitted").

Reminders

Free applications!

- Drew University Fee Waiver - use code drew28
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute - no code needed
- Seton Hall University fee waiver - use code XFW
- SUNY Purchase - no code needed (ends **2/15**)

TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)

Once you have filled out the FAFSA with at least one college in NY, you will get a direct link to fill out your TAP scholarship application. This is a scholarship for all schools in NYS (public/private) [if you are eligible](#). If you miss this email you can also just click [here](#) to fill out the TAP application.

Please be aware that it will automatically randomly populate one of the NYS colleges you listed on your FAFSA. You can leave that school there until you know where you are

actually attending. You have until May to put in the attending college so that the money, if you qualify, goes to the correct school. You cannot fill out the TAP application until your FAFSA application has been processed.

FAFSA Update

The launch of this year's FAFSA has been slow going and issues are still being worked on. The problems families have seen go beyond the known issues listed on the FAFSA website.

The Department of Education recently announced that the Student Aid Index (SAI), the FAFSA-generated need analysis indicator, will be adjusted to account for cost of living inflation. In response, Federal Student Aid released a statement on January 30th that this update will delay the college's receipt of FAFSA student reports until mid-March. That means students who need to make corrections or add colleges to their FAFSA will not be able to do so until after that point.

So what should you do?

- Don't panic. This situation is affecting countless students across the US, and presents major challenges to college admissions and financial aid officers as well. Everyone is aware that these FAFSA issues are outside of your control and will take time to resolve.
- Colleges that use the CSS Profile or their own aid form get more info from those forms than the FAFSA. They can use that to provide very accurate aid estimates for any students admitted EDII in the coming weeks. CSS deadlines have not changed, and that form works just fine for those colleges that use it.
- If you are approaching a college's financial aid deadline and were unable to file a FAFSA, email that financial aid office and let them know about your issue and why you were unable to file.
- If you have yet to file the FAFSA due to a technical problem or you just haven't started yet, keep trying. But remember, much of the site is simply unfinished, and you may not be able to file. Don't waste hours of your time on this or trying to reach customer service. You may just need to table the FAFSA and return to try again in a week, or a few weeks, given the extent of the form's problems.
- If you haven't yet completed FAFSA, check out the [Understanding FAFSA Guide](#) for some helpful context.

We'll share any important updates as the situation develops.



Last Chance Opportunities

Freedom to Reach Teen Ambassador

- February 20th - February 23rd
- Through the Brooklyn Public Library
- In-person Freedom to Read Advocacy Institute to connect with peers to discuss book challenges, censorship, and intellectual freedom.
- Have fun while exploring how to be an effective intellectual freedom advocate in your community.
- Participants will receive a \$200 stipend for completing the institute and continuing to work on advocacy projects throughout the year as Freedom to Read Teen Ambassadors
- Deadline: **February 12th**
- Learn more [here](#)

David & Dovetta Wilson Scholarship Fund

- One time scholarship in the amount ranging between \$1000-1500
- 2.5 GPA Requirement
- Applicant must be a Graduating senior of a public high school (U.S.) and either a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college or university
- Application deadline is **February 15th**
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

SUNY Purchase - Apply for free!

- Free application code ends **February 15th**

Ithaca College

- Extended application deadline to **February 15th**



Upcoming College-Related Events

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

Walk Through FSA ID for Parents

- Students and contributors (parents or spouses) are required to have a FSA ID to complete and sign the FAFSA online
- Attend one of the information sessions for a step-by-step guide
- Register [here](#)

EOP Form Completion Workshops

- Information Session for assistance with the completion of their required EOP Financial Information Form.
- EOP Form Completion events are designed for EOP applicants who have already submitted an application to a SUNY school via applySUNY or the Common Application
- Register [here](#)

SUNY Application Workshops

- Information sessions for seniors who have not submitted their SUNY applications yet
- The workshops will provide an overview of the application process as well as step by step information
- Register [here](#)

Macaulay Honors College- Spring 2024 Information Sessions

- Hear from current students about their Macaulay experiences
- 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](#)

SUNY Buffalo State Application Review Days and Information Session

- Two in-person events for high school students at the SUNY Global Center (116 E 55th St, New York, NY 10022)



- Application Review Days: Tuesday, 2/20/24 – Thursday, 2/22/24 from 11:00am – 6:00pm
 - Application Review Days provide students who have applied to Buffalo State the opportunity to meet with an admissions advisor, have their application reviewed, and potentially receive an admissions decision on the spot!
 - Students who are missing application documents are able to bring them in-person to their appointment or have them sent to us electronically by their high school counselor.
 - NOTE: Students must have an application on file with Buffalo State no later than Sunday, 2/18/24 in order to attend.
 - Register [here](#)
- General Information Session: Wednesday, 2/21/24 at 6:00pm
 - Students and their guests are able to attend an information session to learn more about Buffalo State’s academic programs, student engagement opportunities, and admissions process.
 - The information session is open to all high school students and their families/parents.
 - Register [here](#)

Boston University Winter Visit Day

- Friday, February 23, 2024 9am - 3pm
- A chance to go to campus and learn all about BU!
- Start the day with a student panel, an admissions case study, and visit a school or college. In the afternoon, you can grab lunch in a dining hall, tour campus, and hear from financial assistance!
- Register [here](#)

Lehman College New Students Program

- Students that were accepted into Lehman College is offering a new student program
- Dates: Tuesday, February 20th - Friday, February 23rd
- Opportunity to visit classes and tour facilities in business, health, the arts, humanities, science, education and more.
- Learn first-hand from students and faculty why Lehman is a great choice for you
- Register for Events:
 - [Arts and Humanities](#)
 - [School of Education](#)
 - [School of Natural and Social Sciences](#)
 - [School of Business](#)
 - [School of Health Sciences, Human Services and Nursing](#)





Extracurricular & Internship Opportunities

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!](#)

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. Learn more [here.](#)

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
- 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](#)

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,, 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
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- Application for spring cohort is February 18th
- Learn more [here](#)
- Apply [here](#)

Music Theater Summer Academy

- Hosted by Marymount Manhattan College on the Upper East Side
- Opportunity to analyze a script and song, make informed acting choices, use music to propel the story, and understand the techniques required to create a digital pre-screen.
- The program is based on current industry standards for both college auditions and the professional world in New York City.
- Dates
 - Summer Intensive I June 23rd - July 6th
 - Summer Intensive II July 7th - July 20th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

Urban Leadership Fellows Program

- Paid Summer Internship
- Topics:
 - Business
 - Finance
 - Government
 - Public Policy
- Interns work full-time for six weeks between July and August at prestigious firms around New York City.
- All students are required to attend mandatory workshops, training, and events that take place between mid-May and mid-August.
- Virtual Information Session are available throughout the month of February, sign up [here](#)
- Deadline: February 28th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

Manhattan District Attorney's High School Internship

- Five week internship that provides students more insight on the criminal justice system.
 - Program Dates: July 8th - August 9th (Monday through Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm)
 - Participants will have the opportunity to engage in workshops and discussions, participate in a mock trial program, develop professionalism in an office setting, and more.
 - Interns will be paid minimum wage.
 - Application deadline: March 8th
 - Application includes one page resume and 300 word essay about your interest in criminal justice
 - Apply [here](#)
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Free Community Yoga

- Dates: February 1st through April 13th
- Have you always wanted to try yoga but need somewhere to learn?
- Do you need techniques to calm your mind and strengthen and stretch your body?
- Are you a dancer or an athlete and want to experience how yoga can better your performance? Or perhaps you have a disability and have few options available?
- Yoga classes:
 - Yoga
 - Dance Flow
 - Accessible Yoga
 - Yoga for Special Needs.
 - Register [here](#)

Teen Workshops - Center for Architecture

- Winter/Spring series will develop fundamental architectural design skills and explore the architecture of New York City.
- Each workshop focuses on a different core lesson that will help high school students explore their interest in architecture and hone skills that will be helpful for portfolio development.
- Need-based scholarships are available.
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

Youth Action/ Youth Build (YAYB)

- Located in East Harlem
- Goal of program is to drive self-empowerment
- Provides job skills training, job placement services, high school equivalency certification and a safe environment where students are positively encouraged to become leaders in their communities.
- Learn more [here](#)



Academic Prep Resources

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 [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 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

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
- 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](#)

Zeta Zeta Lambda Chapter Scholarship

- \$1,000 Scholarship for Male High School Seniors who live in Queens
- Provided by the Zeta Zeta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.
- Required Materials:
 - Topic Essay
 - Personal Statement
 - One Letter Recommendation
 - Official Transcript
 - Resume
- Applications due March 1st
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

The Albert Shanker College Scholarship Fund of the United Federation of Teachers

- The United Federation of Teachers proudly awards \$1 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to academically excellent and financially eligible students from New York City public schools.
- The Fund awards more than 200 college scholarships to outstanding public high school graduates every year. Each award totals \$5,000 – that is, \$1,250 a year for four years of college.
- Albert Shanker College Scholarships are given to students who will be attending an accredited public or private college or university.
- Learn more about the UDT Scholarship Fund [here](#)
- View the Albert Shanker College Scholarship Fund Handbook [here](#)

Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCP)

- A nonprofit organization that administers scholarships to eligible high school seniors.
 - All scholarship deadlines are Monday, April 15th
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- Offers many scholarships opportunities including:
 - Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship Eligibility:
 - Plans to attend a US accredited 4-year college/university or a community college and will be enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 2024
 - GPA requirement of 3.0
 - Have a household income at or below the County Low Income Level (must be able to show 2022 or 2023 income tax return if selected for award)
 - Open to ALL MAJORS with no ethnicity requirement
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HOLA at Microsoft Scholarship

- HOLA Scholarship will award five scholarships totaling US \$55,000:
 - Two \$20,000 scholarships distributed over 4 years(\$5,000 per year, renewable)
 - Three \$5,000 one-time scholarships
- Application deadline is March 13th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

Other Scholarship Resources

www.fastweb.com

www.myscholly.com