



# Beacon College Office Senior Bulletin

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## New This Week

### **Third Quarter Grades**

It is possible if you are waitlisted at a college they will request your third quarter grades. We will share more information about this closer to the end of the quarter.

### **Update Your Admissions Decisions**

You should be hearing back from all of your colleges by the end of the month. Please make sure to update your admissions decisions in Naviance, including where you decide to attend college (the pencil icon next to each school will allow you to add/modify admissions decisions).

## Reminders

### **Portals**

Please make sure to check the portal of every college you have applied to for updates and missing information.

### **FAFSA Update**

The government has announced that it will begin sending information from completed FAFSAs to colleges in mid-March. If you have completed the FAFSA, you will receive an email once the information has been processed. At that time, you will be able to see your Student Aid Index and make any necessary corrections to your FAFSA (like adding schools, etc.).

As a result of this information delay, many colleges have pushed their dates for student commitments from May 1st to May 15th or June 1st. Be on the lookout for emails from your colleges about this.

**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.



## Last Chance Opportunities

### **Manhattan District Attorney's High School Internship**

- Five week internship that provides students more insight on the criminal justice system.
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- 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](#)

### **xPreparing for College Webinar Series**

- For High School Counselors and the parents of college-bound students.
- This empowering series covers the information and insights needed to help navigate college financing.
- Topics include What Merit Scholarships Are and How to Find Them (**Wednesday, March 06, 2024 at 5pm PT / 8pm ET**), Evaluating College Acceptances and Appealing Financial Aid and Merit Scholarships (Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5pm PT / 8pm ET), Financing Your Student's Education (Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 5pm PT / 8pm ET).
- Register [here](#)

### **Virtual Info Session on College Acceptance Letters and Paying for College**

- Date: **Wednesday, March 13, 5-6 p.m.**
- This virtual info session with UnderstandingFAFSA.org will show students and their families tools they can use to evaluate various financial aid packages.
- We will also talk about scholarships, loans, work study programs and how to appeal for more financial assistance.
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# 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, March 19th 4:00-5:30 pm](#)
  - [Wednesday, April 17th 4:00-5:30 pm](#)
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# 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**

- 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](#)

## **Music Theater Summer Academy**

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- 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](#)

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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](#)

### **14Y New Country Day Camp Employment Opportunity**

- Group Counselor | 16+: Seeking enthusiastic, highly motivated, creative and responsible role models who have previous demonstrable experience working with children. Candidates should be friendly, warm, and passionate about working in a high-energy, outdoor camp environment.
- Support Specialist | 18+: Support Specialists work alongside group counselors and closely with campers who have special needs such as mild to moderate ASD, ADHD, mood or anxiety disorders in a fully inclusive camp setting. Candidates should have demonstrated experience or interest in working with neurodivergent children.
- Transportation via air-conditioned buses is available across Brooklyn and Manhattan. Hot lunch is provided 5 days a week!
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

### **16 Internship Opportunities Presented by Ladder Internships**

- Check out the variety of internships including NASA and working with the Mayor!
- Learn more [here](#)

### **Free Community Service Opportunity - GENUINE CONNECTIONS**

- Be a part of an ever-growing community of high schoolers and older adults (65+) building lasting connections!
- meet weekly over Zoom in small groups for meaningful conversations and fun activities to bridge generational divides
- Our Spring Semester begins on Monday, March 25th
- Apply [here](#)

### **Suffolk University Summer Public History Institute**

- Through site visits, group discussions, and behind-the-scenes museum tours guided by Suffolk faculty, students will learn valuable skills in historical research, museum studies, and digital interpretation.
  - Their studies will culminate in the creation of individualized digital exhibits using their very own Meta Quest unit, a cutting-edge virtual reality technology, which each student will get to keep!
  - The program will take place July 7-19, 2024.
  - Learn more [here](#) and apply by May 6.
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## **Bottom Line Early Action Success Program**

- Bottom Line supports first-gen college students from underserved communities to get into college, to graduate, & to go far. Students who join our Access & Success programs receive free, personalized advising for up to 7 years.
- All students receive career related experience through our Career Connections Team.
- Our Success program supports rising 1st year freshman (current seniors) in their journey to college graduation & the launch of their career with a free personalized advisor
  - Advisors support in the areas of Degree, Employment, Financial Aid, & Life.
- Learn more and apply [here](#) by 3/31

## **Earth Matter Summer Internship**

- Youth participants (ages 16-18 yrs.) will acquire hands-on, practical skills related to composting, animal care, farming, resource recovery, and conservation and will build leadership, environmental stewardship skills, and peer relationships.
- All interns will complete a community service project / volunteer hours in their community or school.
- Deadline to apply is Sunday, May 19 at 5 pm.
- Learn more and apply [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

## **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
- Offers many scholarship 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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- Learn more [here](#)

### **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](#)

### **2024 National CCAA First-Year Scholarship**

- Scholarship was established to celebrate and promote Catholic higher education
- The National CCAA Board of Directors is pleased to help support student' transition to college
- Scholarship is a one time \$1,000 award
- Deadline April 1st
- Apply [here](#)
- Learn more [here](#)

### **Other Scholarship Resources**

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

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