



# Beacon College Office Weekly Bulletin

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## New This Week

### Application Procedures

The College office has visited each senior English class over the last two weeks to go over our [Application procedures](#). Please make sure to read through this document carefully before submitting any applications.

### Outside Beacon Transcripts

If you've taken a College Now class, other college class, or have transferred from another high school, please make sure to fill out [this form](#) and upload your outside transcript. We will send it with your Beacon transcript to your colleges.

### Apply to CUNY for Free!

Class of 2024 NYC Public School (DOE) graduates will have their fee waived when they [submit an application](#) through the month of **October**. You can choose up to **six** schools!

### Senior College Workshop Week Events

**Tuesday, September 26th:**

**6:00pm**      *Building a Balanced College List*, [Register](#)

*Getting to Know CUNY*, [Log on](#)

**7:00pm**      *Getting Serious About Supplement Essays*, [Log on](#)

Wednesday, September 27th:

6:00 pm      *Creating a Strong, Unique Personal Statement*, [Register](#)

7:00 pm      *Acing the Interview*, [Link](#)

Thursday, September 28th

6:30pm      *A Senior's Roadmap to the Year Ahead*, [Register](#)

## Reminders

### Transcripts

All seniors should have received their transcripts in advisory last week. Please refer to the email sent by the College Office for more details and complete the [Initial Transcript Hold Form](#) by **October 1st** if you have any changes that need to take place before your transcript can be sent to colleges.

### Senior College Meetings

Please fill out your Senior Pre-Meeting Questionnaire on Naviance in order to schedule your senior college meeting. Parents/guardians are welcome to join this meeting via Zoom.

### Common Application

If you have started your Common Application, please refer to [this FAQ](#) and [this tutorial video](#) for more instructions.

### Financial Aid Night Recording

Missed Financial Aid Night this week? [Watch the recording!](#)





## 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.

### **New York Black College Expo**

- On Saturday, **September 23rd**, from 10 am - 4 pm, the National College Resources Foundation is offering the chance to meet with colleges, as well as the potential to be accepted on the spot, receive scholarships, attend seminars, and more.
- Please visit [this website](#) for more information

### **Study in Ireland Education Fair**

- Representatives from seven different universities on the Emerald Isles will be speaking about academics, applications, scholarships, and more
- The fair will take place Sunday, **September 24th** from 2-4 pm
- Learn more and register for the event [here](#)

### **Seeds of Fortune College Prep Leadership Program**

- Hosted at Columbia University, this program is designed to empower young leaders to achieve their potential
- In addition to college prep and leadership development, students gain access to like-minded peers and industry stakeholders, the atmosphere of Columbia, and financial support for their education
- Apply [here](#) by **September 25th**

### **Miami University Bridges Program**

- An overnight visit experience for high-achieving students from historically underrepresented populations and/or those with a commitment to diversity
- Students will:
  - Visit campus to feel what it would be like to attend
  - Engage with students and professors in the classroom
  - Eat in the award-winning dining hall and stay in a residence hall
- Those who complete the program and enroll will be eligible for the Bridges Program Scholarship
- Deadline to apply is **September 25th** - [learn more!](#)

### **Girls Who Code**

- Columbia students work teach computer science to high school women in an open and fun learning environment
- To apply, follow [this link](#) and submit by **September 27th** at 11:59 pm



## Getting to Know Union

- GTKU is a day-long college preview event for high-achieving students, priority going to those with an underrepresented background
- October 8-9, 2023
- Application deadline is **September 27th** - [learn more!](#)

## Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University

- Attend a virtual information session to learn about the diplomacy and IR programs, including some new majors, at Seton Hall
- The info session will be held **September 27th** and [registration is available now](#)

## World Class Study in London

- To learn gain advice and guidance on UK degrees, the advantages of living in London, and the application process, join representatives from Imperial College London and University College London
- Two info sessions are available for attendance:
  - [Friday, September 29th from 6-7 pm](#) (hosted by the Lycee Francais de New York)
  - [Saturday, September 30th from 11 am - 12:30 pm](#)

## Yale Multicultural Open House

- Celebrate diversity and inclusion at Yale - explore student groups, cultural and resource groups, and more
- Register for the Saturday, **September 30th** event at [this link](#)

## Clark Expedition

- An overnight program with opportunities to meet students and faculty, visit classes, and learn about the admissions process
- The experience will take place Sunday, November 5th - Monday, November 6th
- [Applications](#) are due by **October 1st**

## The Great Expectations National Distinguished Writer Award

- Prizes include up to \$500 and personal professional reviews of a college application essay
- In order to apply, students must also attend a live webinar on September 27th on crafting a strong personal statement
- Applications are due by **October 1st** - please see [this flier](#) for more details



## Upcoming College-Related Events

### Case Western Reserve University Diversity Overnight

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- Designed to give smart and curious high school seniors from diverse backgrounds a look into the opportunities available at Case
- Stay in a nearby hotel, connect with faculty and other prospective students, and engage in extracurriculars
- The program will take place November 12th - 13th and the deadline to [apply](#) is October 2nd

### **Reed College Scholars Programs**

- Junior Scholars is a comprehensive online program for high-achieving students designed to introduce the college search, help produce competitive applications, and answer unique questions posed by underrepresented students and students of color
  - More details and applications, due October 2nd, can be found [here](#)
- Senior Scholars is a year-long program, which begins online and affords students the opportunity to learn about life at Reed and build connections with current members of the Reed community
  - Financial support for admitted students who would like to visit is provided
  - Students must apply Early Decision or Early Action and submit an application by October 15th - more information can be found [here](#)

### **University of Rochester Multicultural Visitation Program (MVP)**

- A fully funded campus visit for those who may not otherwise be able to make the trip - includes transportation to and from campus, a residence hall stayover, and other programming
- The program will take place Thursday, November 9th - Friday, November 10th
- Learn more and apply [here](#) by Friday, October 6th

### **Harvard, Princeton, UVA, Wellesley, and Yale**

- Representatives from each of the schools above will discuss academics, campus life, selective admissions, and financial aid
- There are multiple dates available:
  - To register for October 1st, please follow [this link](#)
  - To register for October 15th, please follow [this link](#)

### **Cornell, Emory, Pomona, Rice, and Washington University in St. Louis**

- This consortium of schools is hosting an event for students and families to hear from admissions officers from the schools listed above:
  - Wednesday, October 4th from 7-9 pm in Astoria
  - Registration can be found [here](#)

### **SUNY College Fair**

- Join representatives from more than 50 SUNY campuses, explore their tables, and take the chance to listen to various presentations
- The event is on October 5th starting at 4 pm

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- Register now at [this link](#)

### **How to Write the UC Personal Insight Questions**

- The College Essay Guy is leading a course in UC (University of California) school applications
- Live meetings will happen from October 5th - October 12th
- Register at [this link](#) and explore the website to learn more

### **Boston University Fall Visit Days**

- Prospective students are welcome to a student panel, an admissions case study, and visit one of the colleges. Later on, families have the opportunity to take a tour, eat at a dining hall, and hear from financial assistance
- There are two upcoming dates that you can register for:
  - [October 6th beginning at 9 am](#)
  - [October 27th beginning at 9 am](#)

### **Annual College Fair (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority)**

- Meet college representatives, participate in workshops, and receive free SAT prep books, in addition to snacks and other giveaways
- The fair will be on October 7th
- Please see this [flier](#) for more information and registration details

### **Guilford College Open House**

- Visit, take a tour, and learn more about Guilford College on Saturday, October 14th
- Free admission to the school's football game
- Register [here](#)

### **Macaulay Honors College Virtual Events**

- On October 15th, from 2-4 pm, there will be a virtual Open House. Register [here!](#)
- Three different Information Sessions will also be held, each of which from 4-5 pm. Register for the following below:
  - [September 27th](#)
  - [October 24th](#)
  - [November 2nd](#)

### **CUNY Queens College Open House**

- Visit campus and learn about academics, financial aid and scholarships, extracurriculars, housing options, and more
- Register for the October 22nd event [here](#)

### **CUNY Lehman College Open House**

- Tour Lehman's tree-lined campus, meet new people and learn more about admissions, financial aid and more
- The event will take place October 28th, starting at 9:30 am

- Click [here](#) to register

### **CUNY City College Open House**

- Visit City College in person for their Open House on October 28th
- Meet faculty and staff, explore campus, attend workshops and more
- Register at [this link](#)

### **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

### **Fall for Tufts**

- Tufts' signature virtual open house includes student panels, mock classes, admissions sessions, and more
- Further details and registration can be found [here](#)



# Extracurricular & Internship Opportunities

## Pivotal Essay Contest

- Prizes include up to \$15,000 cash and library access
- Topics include Ethics, Policy, and Artificial Intelligence
- The deadline to enter is October 10th, please find more information at [this link](#)

## Bennington College's Young Writers Awards

- All high school students may enter the competition in either poetry, fiction, or nonfiction
- Prizes are up to \$1,000 and both finalists and winners are eligible for scholarships of up to \$60,000 at Bennington
- Please find an informational poster [here](#) and the links to apply by November 1st [here for online](#) and [here to submit by mail](#)

## Greenhouse Scholars

- This program focuses on a community change model, aiming to use education as an equalizer for income differences
- High-performing and under-served high-school students have the chance to join a successful community of young people affecting positive change in their communities
- Learn more and apply [here](#) by November 21st

## GENuine Connections

- High school students and older adults (65+) meet weekly over Zoom to help bridge generational divides through various workshop activities
- The next semester begins on October 16th and applications can be found [here](#)

## Academic Teen Internship Program

- An opportunity to hone leadership skills and provide meaningful service through assisting and building connections with older adults at DOROT on the Upper West Side
- The next semester begins on October 16th and applications can be found [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](#)

### **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





# Scholarships

## **Heisman High School Scholarship**

- This scholarship rewards students who succeed both in the classroom and in their respective athletic endeavor and show leadership in their community
- Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000!
- Find the official flier [here](#) and apply by the October 17th deadline [here](#)

## **Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Scholarship**

- This program recognizes one student from each participating high school in NYC by awarding them \$500
- The scholarship goes to a senior who exhibits dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism, you have the chance win and then go on to further competition for a grand prize of \$5,000
- If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity, which you can learn more about [here](#), please reach out to your college counselor for more details
- Latest date to submit an application is November 10th

## **Windward Spirit Scholarship**

- Open to any high school student who is striving to make a difference
- 16 different winners will receive \$3,000 each
- Visit [this website](#) to learn more and apply by November 15th

## **Other Scholarship Resources**

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

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

