

# April 2019

# Newsletter



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# ATTENTION JUNIORS!

## Finish up your junior year with a bang!

A lot happens at the end of junior year that admissions offices consider in the application process, such as standardized tests and Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Also, keep in mind that next year, when you're a senior, you may be asking some of your junior-year teachers for letters of recommendation during the college application process.

## Choose your senior-year courses with care

When planning your senior-year curriculum, we encourage you, when possible, to choose challenging courses that prepare you for college-level work. The most competitive college applicants demonstrate a solid academic foundation that includes the five core subjects (English, social sciences, a foreign language, science and math) every year and a willingness to take on ambitious coursework.

## Junk Mail 101:

### Put all that college propaganda to good use

Starting this month, your college search will begin, ready or not. You'll be bombarded by emails and mail from colleges and universities, and the way you sort through all of the communications can set the tone for the rest of your college search. Don't dismiss an institution based on its ranking or its unfamiliarity to you. Many students find "their" college through an unsolicited communication. Before signing up to be on mailing lists, create a new email account or a folder within your email for all communication to and from schools.

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## Class of 2019 Acceptances (As Of March)

Academy of Art University	Maryland Institute College of Art	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (5)
Adelphi University	Art	School of Visual Arts (8)
Albright College	Marymount Manhattan College (5)	St. Francis College (3)
Alfred University (6)	Massachusetts College of Art and Design (3)	St. John's University (8)
Arcadia University	Medgar Evers College (2)	Stonehill College
Baruch College (7)	Mercy College	Stony Brook University (5)
Becker College	Meredith College	Suffolk University (2)
Borough of Manhattan Community College (13)	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	SUNY Albany (7)
Bronx Community College (6)	Monmouth University	SUNY Alfred State (9)
Brooklyn College (10)	Montclair State University	SUNY Buffalo State (6)
California College of the Arts (2)	Montserrat College of Art	SUNY Brockport
Cazenovia College (2)	Moore College of Art and Design (2)	SUNY Delhi
City College of New York (9)	Morgan State University	SUNY Fredonia (6)
Cleveland Institute of Art (2)	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY Geneseo
College of New Rochelle	Mount Saint Vincent University	SUNY Morrisville
College of Staten Island (4)	Neumont College of Computer Science	SUNY New Paltz (6)
Columbia College (5)	New England College (3)	SUNY Old Westbury (2)
City Tech (12)	New York Institute of Technology (10)	SUNY Oneonta (3)
DePaul University (2)	New York School of Interior Design	SUNY Oswego (10)
DePauw University	New York University (2)	SUNY Plattsburgh (2)
East Stroudsburg University	Onondaga Community College	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Florida Institute of Technology	Otis College of Art and Design (2)	SUNY Potsdam (2)
Franklin Pierce University	Pace University (10)	SUNY Purchase (9)
Full Sail University	Penn State University (3)	Syracuse University
Fulton-Montgomery Community College	Pratt Institute (2)	The New School
Hartwick College (2)	Purdue University	University of Buffalo (7)
Hofstra University (6)	Queen City College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Hult International School of Business (3)	Queens College (8)	University of Denver
Hunter College (10)	Queensborough Community College (6)	University of Hartford
Institute of Culinary Arts	Ringling College of Art and Design (5)	University of New Haven (2)
Iona College	Rochester Institute of Technology (3)	University of North Florida
John Jay College (5)	Rutgers University (2)	University of Puget Sound
Keuka College	Saint Peter's University (2)	University of Rhode Island
Kingsborough Community College (5)	Salve Regina University	University of Scranton
Laguardia Community College (5)	Savannah College of Art and Design (4)	Virginia Commonwealth University (3)
Laguna College of Art and Design (2)		Virginia State University
Lehman College (6)		Washington State University
LIM College		Wells College
Long Island University (3)		West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Maine College of Art		Whittier College
Manhattanville College (2)		Wilson College
		Xavier University

# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Is There Life After High School?		FIT College Tour		May SAT Registration Deadline	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
College Fair @ Javitz Center	Is There Life After High School?	Postsecondary Options for Students with IDs or Autism @ TCAC		Family Night @ TCAC		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Is There Life After High School?		College Essay Workshop @ 53 <sup>rd</sup> St Library			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			May SAT Late Registration Deadline			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Is There Life After High School?					

← SPRING BREAK →

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT HSAD

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## **FIT College Tour**

Wednesday,  
April 3, 2019

Fashion Institute of Technology is a **medium-sized college** (8,661 undergrads) in **Manhattan**. Undergraduate programs in fashion, art, design, and business are offered.

**For more information, check out their website:**

<https://www.fitnyc.edu/index.php>

***We are no longer accepting permission slips for this trip.***

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## **Is There Life After High School?**

Mondays  
2:40 – 3:30 PM

Join us in the College Office for our new **college prep club for juniors!** Each week, we will discuss different aspects of the **college admissions process**, including researching colleges, financial aid, and career & major exploration.

**Register for the club on our Eventbrite (Password: College2019):**  
<https://hsadcollegeprepclub.eventbrite.com>

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AT TCAC

The **Transition & College Access Center (TCAC)** is an excellent resource for **students with IEPs and their families**. These events will be held at their Brooklyn, Queens, and Bronx locations:

## **Queens TCAC**

90-27 Sutphin Blvd  
Room 149  
Jamaica, NY 11435

## **Brooklyn TCAC**

1700 Fulton Street  
Room G170  
Brooklyn, NY 11213

## **Bronx TCAC**

Dewitt Clinton High School  
100 W Mosholu Pkwy  
South  
Room 148  
Bronx, NY 1046

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## **Postsecondary Options for Students with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism**

Tuesday,  
April 9, 2019  
5:30PM - 7:00PM

This workshop is designed to support parents of students who are classified with an **intellectual disability (ID) or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** as they explore postsecondary options for their children, including **college, vocational programs, independent living and long-term savings plans**.

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## **Family Night**

Thursday,  
April 11, 2019  
5:30PM - 7:00PM

Family Night provides opportunities to share information on Transition & College Access Center (TCAC) service and program offerings. During this event, **families will receive information and resources to strengthen their knowledge of transition, independent living and the postsecondary supports available for students with IEPs**. Family night events will provide opportunities to solicit feedback from families to inform future TCAC offerings as well as opportunities for families to network.

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# Upcoming College Fairs!

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## Spring New York National College Fair

Sunday,  
April 7, 2019  
12:00PM - 4:00PM

**Location:**

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center  
655 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY

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## SUNY College Fair

Sunday,  
May 5, 2019  
12:30PM or 3:00PM



**Location:**

The Armory and Field Center  
216 Fort Washington Ave  
New York, NY

**Register here:** [www.suny.edu/studentevents](http://www.suny.edu/studentevents)

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53<sup>rd</sup> Street Library

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# Writing the College Admissions Essay

Presented by *Laurel Haines*

**Wednesday, April 17, 4 – 5:30 PM**



Do you need to write a personal essay for a college application? At this workshop, you'll learn how to choose a meaningful topic and write a great essay that will make you stand out from the crowd! We'll also discuss ways to overcome anxiety and writer's block.

**For ages 13 to 18 years old.**

Major support for children's and young adult programming is provided by the Andreas C. Dracopoulos Family Endowment for Young Audiences.

Additional major support is provided by the Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Barakett Endowment for Children's and Young Adult Programs and Services.

Additional support is provided by Beth and Christopher Kojima; The Jason and Susanna Berger Fund; the Estate of Charles J. Mauro; the Estate of William C. Morris; The Morris and Alma Schapiro Fund; Solon E. Summerfield Foundation, Inc.; Epstein Teicher Philanthropies; Mr. and Mrs. John Klingenstein; Mrs. Frederick P. Rose; and The Edith Glick Shoolman Children's Foundation.

Get the latest events for kids and teens by email: [nypl.org/NYPLfamilyprograms](http://nypl.org/NYPLfamilyprograms)



New York  
Public  
Library

**53<sup>RD</sup> STREET LIBRARY**  
18 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10019, 212-714-8400



Connect with us:

[nypl.org/events](http://nypl.org/events)

# Hello Seniors & Juniors!

This month, both seniors and juniors should be working hard to prepare for college.

## Senior To-Do List

- ✓ **Commit to a school!** National College Decision Day is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ **Indicate on Naviance** which schools you have been accepted to, which schools you have been denied by, and which school you are attending.
- ✓ **Talk to us about your financial aid packages.** These can be hard to analyze, so let us know if you need help!
- ✓ **Take the CUNY Assessment Test**, if you're attending CUNY.

## Junior To-Do List

- ✓ Check out our College Prep Club, **Is There Life After High School?**
- ✓ Continue to **add colleges to your Naviance account**, including 6 CUNYs and 4 SUNYs.
- ✓ **Take the April ACT** (if registered).
- ✓ Continue working on your **college essay**.
- ✓ **Register for SAT subject tests and AP exams.**
- ✓ **Register for AT LEAST one more SAT** before December.

# Is There Life After High School?

A College Prep Club for Juniors



**Mondays, 2:40 – 3:30pm**  
**March 25 – May 27, 2019**  
**College Office (Room 602)**

Beginning **March 25, 2019**, the College Office will be offering **Is There Life After High School?**, a College Prep Club for Juniors at Art & Design. Each week, we will discuss different aspects of the college admissions process, including:

- ✓ Building a college list
- ✓ Exploring careers & majors
- ✓ Preparing for the SAT & ACT
- ✓ Applying for financial aid
- ✓ Writing a college essay

Please register for this club on Eventbrite and complete our survey: [hsadcollegeprepclub.eventbrite.com](https://hsadcollegeprepclub.eventbrite.com) (Password: College2019)

# COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR JUNIORS

## APRIL

- Continue to **add colleges to your Naviance** account, including 6 CUNYs and 4 SUNYs.
- **Take April ACT** (if applicable).
- Continue working on your **college essay**.
- **Register for SAT subject tests and AP exams.**
- **Register for AT LEAST one more SAT** before December.

## MAY

- Continue to **add colleges to your Naviance** account, including private colleges.
- Register for October SAT (if you plan to take it).
- **Submit financial income forms to the College Office.** This will allow us to determine your eligibility for application fee waivers and opportunity programs.
- Create an **FSA ID**. This is the first step in applying for financial aid!

## JUNE

- **Request 3 letters of recommendation** from teachers on Naviance.

## SUMMER

- Continue to **build your college list**.
- Work on your **college essay**.
- **Visit colleges!**
- **Prep for SAT or ACT** if you plan to retake these tests in the fall.

# Upcoming SAT & ACT Test Dates

## May SAT: May 4, 2019

- Registration Deadline: 4/5/2019
- Late Registration Deadlines: 4/24/2019
- Scores Available 5/17/2019

## June SAT: June 1, 2019

- Registration Deadline: 5/3/2019
- Late Registration Deadlines: 5/22/2019
- Scores Available 7/10/2019

## June ACT: June 8, 2019

- Registration Deadline: 5/3/2019
- Late Registration Deadline: 5/20/2019
- Scores Available 6/18/2019 – 8/2/2019

## July ACT: July 13, 2019

- Registration Deadline: 6/14/2019
- Late Registration Deadline: 6/24/2019
- Scores Available 7/23/2019

## August SAT: August 24, 2019\*

- Registration Deadline: TBD
- Late Registration Deadlines: TBD
- Scores Available TBD

## September ACT: September 14, 2019

- Registration Deadline: 8/16/2019\*
- Late Registration Deadline: 8/26/2019\*
- Scores Available 9/24/2019\*

## Need an SAT or ACT fee waiver?

SAT & ACT fee waivers are available to low-income 11th and 12th grade students in the U.S. SAT Subject Test fee waivers are available for students in grades 9 through 12.

SAT & ACT Fee Waivers will be given out in the College and Career Office, Room 602, during your lunch period or after school. You must provide your parents' financial information to receive a fee waiver. To complete your lunch form, please visit: [www.myschoolapps.com/application](http://www.myschoolapps.com/application)

**\*Anticipated Date**

# Check Out This Summer Program!

## **Summer Engineering Awareness Program for Minority and Women High School Students @ Manhattan College**

### **About**

This 10-day intensive program for **rising juniors and seniors** is offered **free of charge**, and geared toward **minority and female students** in the New York City metro area. The program is directed by Walter P. Saukin, Ph.D., associate professor of civil engineering, and sponsored by the ACE Mentorship Program, the Metropolitan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the General Contractors' Association, in addition to individual corporate sponsors.

The program focuses on **science, engineering, SAT prep and the college admission process**. As a program participant, you can expect to:

- Learn about chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental and mechanical engineering, and physics through hands-on experiments in the laboratories. Specific topics include:
  - Aerospace and energy
  - Computer-aided design sessions in robotics
  - Computer graphics
  - Geotechnical engineering and green building design
  - Green buildings
  - Laboratory experimental design program
  - Robotics
  - Structural project periods
  - Structural competition
  - Water filtration
- Hear from a variety of guest speakers and lecturers
- Take a field trip to a structural design company
- Learn about SAT testing and strategy
- Get information on scholarships and financial aid
- Learn about Air Force ROTC opportunities
- Browse engineering careers in law, business, medicine and education

**Applications are available online and due April 12, 2019.**

### **Apply Here:**

[https://manhattancollege.formstack.com/forms/summer\\_engineering\\_program\\_registration](https://manhattancollege.formstack.com/forms/summer_engineering_program_registration)

# SENIORS:

## Should I attend this college?

<https://students.collegefactual.com/applying/should-you-attend-this-college-six-warning-signs>

Whether you've just started your college search, or are now comparing financial aid offers, there are some warning signs you should be aware of before accepting an offer from a college. These issues could apply to both schools you've never heard before, or well-known institutions. Find the answers to the following six questions and make sure you understand the consequences.

### Is the college accredited?

Colleges can be nationally accredited or regionally accredited, or both. **If the school is only nationally accredited and has no regional accreditation this could be a warning sign.** Regional accredited is usually looked upon more highly and can be necessary if you want your credits to transfer or if you want to pursue graduate school or certain types of certification. You can [learn more about that here](#).

### Is the college on a list?

The government has placed about 550 colleges on a watch list of heightened cash monitoring. This list includes schools with serious offenses, as well as those with minor issues like forgetting to file an audit. If your school is on such a list, it does not necessarily mean you should not attend, but it does most certainly mean you should do some research before accepting. **If a school loses access to federal funding that college often has no choice but to close.**

### Do students actually graduate from here?

**Low graduation rates and low freshmen retention rates** are signals that something could be wrong. This college is not able to keep students coming back or help them to succeed in their classes. It could also be a signal that the type of student that attends this school is not serious about their education. Either way, you want to be going to a college where you'll graduate, preferably in four years. Extremely low graduation rates can also compromise the amount of federal aid the school receives, again putting it in danger of closing.

## If you need financial aid, are your needs being met?

In theory, colleges are supposed to meet all of your financial need and you should only be responsible for paying your EFC (expected family contribution). In practice, **many colleges will not offer enough financial aid to meet your family's requirements.** This is known as gapping. Sometimes colleges do this to discourage a student from attending. If you cannot afford the college you should either decide to attend a more reasonably priced school, or you can contact the college to ask for more financial aid. Just don't accept a crummy financial aid offer in order to go to a school that may not want you there in the first place.

## Is your financial aid offer mostly loans?

A financial aid offer from a college may look like it is meeting all of your financial needs, but if the offer is made up of mostly loans, it really isn't. Some colleges will even include unsubsidized loans as part of their financial aid offer. These types of loans are available to everyone regardless of their financial need. They are not a good deal! Try calculating how much your student loan payment will be after graduation. You can either then **decide to go to another school that is offering you more grants and scholarships, or you can contact the college to ask them to amend their initial offer.**

Need help determining if the offer is a fair one? [Try this program.](#)

## What's your return on investment?

There's more to your education than just making money. That being said, you should have an understanding of what your ROI is for this particular college. **You don't want to spend a lot of money on an education that will get you a job that pays as well as the average salary of a high school graduate.**

## Bonus Question: Is it the right college for YOU?

There are hundreds of colleges and universities in America offering excellent educational opportunities to their students. But that doesn't mean that they are all great fits for you. Make sure you steer clear of any schools with obvious warning signs, but also optimize your success by choosing a college and a major that fits you the best!

# Scholarships!

## Microsoft disAbility Scholarship

The disAbility Scholarship at Microsoft delivers on the mission of Microsoft's cross disability employee resource group to empower and enable people with disabilities. This scholarship enables **high school seniors with disabilities** to go to college and target a career in the technology industry. In addition, we hope to contribute to increasing the pool of persons living with a disability enrolling in higher education and, in the long term, decrease the unemployment bias for this demographic.

This scholarship will be awarded to promising high school seniors **who plan to attend a vocational or academic college and have a financial need.** The amount of this renewable scholarship to be awarded is \$5,000 per year, up to \$20,000 total, which is paid through the Seattle Foundation on behalf of the disAbility Employee Resource Group (ERG) at Microsoft to the recipient's school's Financial Aid Office.

- **Apply Here:** <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoftdisabilityscholarship.aspx>
- **Deadline:** 4/1/2019

## Empower Scholarship

The EMPOWER Scholarship, administered by Courage Kenny Foundation, encourages and supports **ethnically diverse students who are pursuing a career in a medical or rehabilitation field.** The scholarship is made possible by a generous gift from the David M. Hersey Endowment Fund of the Courage Kenny Foundation. Applicants must identify how they will use their education and training and demonstrate their interest in rehabilitation. Selection is based on the applicant's stated intentions, past achievements, need, and graduation ranking.

- **Apply Here:** <https://www.allinahealth.org/Courage-Kenny-Rehabilitation-Institute/Programs-and-services/Volunteer-opportunities/EMPOWER-Scholarships/>
- **Deadline:** 4/15/2019

## Charles Shelton Veterinarian Medicine/Technology Scholarship

This \$2,500 award is available to **black students who are enrolled in a veterinary medicine or veterinary technology degree program.**

- **Apply Here:** <https://www.allinahealth.org/Courage-Kenny-Rehabilitation-Institute/Programs-and-services/Volunteer-opportunities/EMPOWER-Scholarships/>
- **Deadline:** 4/15/2019

## Doodle4Google Contest

The Doodle 4 Google is an annual contest open to **students in grades K-12.** Students are invited to create their own Google doodle for the chance to have it featured on the Google homepage. One National Winner's artwork will be displayed on Google.com for one day. He or she will also received a \$30,000 college scholarship. Four National Finalists will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship.

- **Apply Here:** <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/enter/>
- **Deadline:** 4/18/2019

### Frame My Future Scholarship Contest

Church Hill Classics is a leading U.S. manufacturer of custom diploma frames, certificate frames, insignia desk accessories and photo frames for thousands of institutions of higher education, the military, professional associations, and corporate clients. The 2019 scholarship contest is open to **“success-driven” seniors who are legal US residents and not employed by Church Hill Classics.** \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500 scholarships are available.

- **Apply Here:** <https://www.diplomaframe.com/contests/frame-my-future-scholarship.aspx>
- **Deadline:** 5/1/2019

### Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity

This is a 4-year scholarship of up to \$20,000 (granting awards of up to \$5,000 per year to each winner) for **exceptionally innovative and creative high school juniors, seniors,** and college freshman who are from CT or the NYC metro area (and plan to attend or are attending college anywhere in the US) or are from any part of the US who plan to attend (or are attending) college in CT or NYC. Apply for the scholarship if you are a student who has come up with a distinctive solution to a problem faced by your family, school, community or the world, or a student who has solved an artistic, scientific, or technical problem in a new or unusual way.

- **Apply Here:** [www.rbffoundation.org](http://www.rbffoundation.org)
- **Deadline:** 5/1/2019

### The Stony Wold-Hebert Fund

Direct Service Grants from the Stony Wold-Herbert Fund provide financial assistance to **students with respiratory ailments** and are intending to help complete their education and become self-sustaining, independent members of the community. Grants are available to any student with a pulmonary problem who lives or goes to school in the greater New York City area (within a 50 mile radius), is at least 16 years old, can demonstrate financial need and otherwise meet Stony Wold's qualifications. Individual grants, averaging \$250 per month, are awarded for a maximum of four years to approximately 25 to 30 students enrolled in either academic or technical training programs. The Fund dispenses approximately \$95,000 per year.

- **Apply Here:** <http://www.stonywoldherbertfund.com/>
  - **No Deadline**
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## **MORE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TOOLS**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

[Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)

[Scholarships.com](http://Scholarships.com)

[ScholarshipMonkey.com](http://ScholarshipMonkey.com)

[www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx](http://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx)

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

[www.cappex.com/scholarships/](http://www.cappex.com/scholarships/)

[www.chegg.com/scholarships](http://www.chegg.com/scholarships)

[www.collegeresourcenetwork.com/scholarships/](http://www.collegeresourcenetwork.com/scholarships/)

[cheapscholar.org/about/scholarship-database/](http://cheapscholar.org/about/scholarship-database/)

[colleges.niche.com/scholarships/](http://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/)

[www.finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml)

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

[scholarships360.org](http://scholarships360.org)

<https://www.collegegreenlight.com/>

<https://mydocumentedlife.org/2016/09/12/scholarships-open-to-undocumented-students/>

<https://www.kqed.org/news/10914421/new-app-helps-undocumented-immigrants-find-college-scholarships>

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/low-income-students/>