



HIGH SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

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Hello Juniors and Seniors!

In this monthly newsletter we will give you each a checklist of the things you should do with an outline and suggested websites.

**Seniors**, you should be working on your FAFSA, scholarships, and other financial aid forms (such as TAP). If you have any other questions or concerns, we ask that you come down to the College Office so we can assist you.

**Juniors**, last month we sent out a newsletter directed at the Juniors to get you started with the college process. We understand that the college process can be overwhelming and scary at times, but that is why we are here. The sooner you come to us and the more you talk about what your plan is the easier it will be to develop those ideas. Ultimately, if you take the process in smaller bits at a time, it will feel a lot more manageable for you.

The College Office would like to congratulate the seniors who have started to receive acceptance letters! At the end of the newsletter, we have the **Class of 2018 College Acceptances**. Seniors if you have heard back from colleges and have not done so already, please bring your acceptance letters to the College Office. If you have received scholarships please bring those letters as well!! Thank you!

# SENIORS

## TO DO LIST:

- ❑ UPDATE your college list (results and application status) on Naviance!
- ❑ VISIT the COLLEGE OFFICE to discuss your application progress *and* to let us know what your application results and financial aid packages are.
- ❑ APPLY TO FAFSA AND TAP NOW!
- ❑ See if the colleges you have applied to need the CSS Profile (an additional financial aid form)--if they do, APPLY TO CSS PROFILE.
- ❑ Start sending SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW. Do not wait for the due dates.

## OUTLINE

This newsletter is very important. We will be covering details on:

- FAFSA
- TAP (The New York State Tuition Assistance Program)
- SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit the College Office, room 602 and request your mid-year transcripts.

As you start getting accepted into colleges, you should also consider (re)visiting campus. If you haven't seen the campus already, you should visit. Even if you have visited before, you should consider visiting it again to see if your second impression tells you anything else about the school and how it feels for you.

# FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or better known as FAFSA is open. You need to fill this out **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. *Without this form, the colleges you've applied to will be unable to give you your financial aid package.* You want to fill out the **2018-2019 FAFSA form**. Please come down to the college office if you would like help with your FAFSA.

FAFSA FAQs:

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm>

<https://studentloanhero.com/featured/ultimate-fafsa-faq/>

# TAP

If you are applying to a school in New York State you will want to apply for The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). This program assists eligible New York residents pay for tuition at approved schools within New York State. TAP is a grant, meaning that it does not have to be paid back. You must submit in addition to the FAFSA. Please come down to the college office if you would like help with TAP.

TAP FAQs: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/grants/tap-faqs.html>

# SCHOLARSHIPS

You should be looking into scholarships help further fund your education. Financial aid given by the colleges and government are VERY important, but outside scholarships are as well! This link here is to a spreadsheet of a bunch of

scholarships you can look into:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qcNfR\\_ikyp0R29GbNmW75laS9n\\_gAEI3x3-WHMWQd5o/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qcNfR_ikyp0R29GbNmW75laS9n_gAEI3x3-WHMWQd5o/edit?usp=sharing)

*Please be sure to look at the deadlines so that you apply to them on time--some of the deadlines are coming up quickly and you have to make sure that you meet those deadlines.*

**EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP:** in combination with other student financial aid programs, the Excelsior Scholarship is to allow students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition free. Please take a look at this link to further review the guidelines for the Excelsior Scholarship: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior/>

**ASCEND EDUCATIONAL FUND:** a nonprofit that provides scholarships to high school seniors of immigrant backgrounds in New York City regardless of national origin, ethnicity, and immigration status. You can find more information for the scholarship at <http://ascendfundny.org/> The **deadline** for this is **February 2**. Finalists selected for an interview will be notified May 7, and the interviews will be held on May 19 and 20.

**H/EOP:** If you are applying to either EOP or HEOP, please take a look at these links with contacts and other detailed information about the process for each specific school.

List of contacts for H/EOP at each school:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FnDZ3ec0xc\\_EV0zp7EL-V0pUx9wilz0vxYaVGQSGp2A/edit#gid=1930279659](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FnDZ3ec0xc_EV0zp7EL-V0pUx9wilz0vxYaVGQSGp2A/edit#gid=1930279659)

List detailing the process for each school:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gD0p1YIfyCNGzBq9-PmNPHSJi3\\_bLBbDQyBIS1TNWik/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gD0p1YIfyCNGzBq9-PmNPHSJi3_bLBbDQyBIS1TNWik/edit#gid=0)

**DREAM. US:** If you intend to enroll as CUNY, are a first-time college student or community college graduate who is an immigrant and has applied for or received DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or TPS (Temporary Protected Status) or meet the past DACA eligibility criteria, you may want to consider applying for the Dream. US Scholarship. Here is a link to the website for more information: <http://www2.cuny.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/the-dream-us/>

## Other Financial Aid Info

Here is a link to FEDERAL STUDENT AID info:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about>

### COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

The Financial Aid Award Letter Comparison Tool helps you evaluate your financial aid packages and determine the bottom line cost - the difference between the cost of attendance and your financial aid package - for each college. It may surprise you that the school with the highest cost of attendance may not be the most expensive for you to attend!

You will see how much is:

- “Free money” - grants and scholarships that don’t have to be paid back
- Loans - that you need to pay back - *with interest*
- What you still need to pay

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/prepare-for-college/applying-to-college/comparing-college-award-letters/financial-aid-comparison-tool.html>

## **OTHER REMINDERS**

If you are not done with the application process, we ask that YOU FINISH EVERYTHING college-related before **FEBRUARY 1st**. That means we would like you to have all of your CUNY, SUNY, and private apps including essays, FAFSA, TAP, EOP, and recommendation letters submitted. **FEBRUARY 1** is ALSO the CUNY Application deadline and when the **CUNY FEE WAIVERS EXPIRE**.

# JUNIORS

## TO DO LIST:

- ❑ If you haven't already, CREATE your NAVIANCE account!
- ❑ You must APPLY for at least 3 spring and summer programs by the end of this month!
- ❑ Take a look at the Common Application Essay prompts and START BRAINSTORMING for your essay over the summer!
- ❑ Look to the most recent newsletter that was sent out so you can see other suggestions we have made *as well as* see the suggested timeline we have already made for you all.
- ❑ CHECK your email REGULARLY--we are always sending out emails with updates and further information!

## OUTLINE

This newsletter is very important. We will be covering details on:

- SUNY Information Sessions
- More summer programs to look into
- VISIT COLLEGES

# SUNY INFORMATION SESSIONS

REGARDLESS of whether or not you are applying to a SUNY (although we strongly encourage all students to have at least one SUNY and CUNY on their list), we have found these programs to be EXTREMELY HELPFUL. Below, you will find the 2018 PROGRAM SCHEDULE for the SUNY Information Center in Midtown, Manhattan:

## [Which SUNY Are You?, Wednesday, February 7, 5:30 p.m.](#)

Explore SUNY - the campuses, academic programs, application and admission process, financial assistance, the Excelsior Scholarship and more!

## [Financial Aid, Monday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.](#)

Prospective students will learn about the financial aid application and award process. We will review the cost of attendance and explore the types of financial aid available, including the Excelsior Scholarship.

## [Engineering & Engineering Technology, Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m.](#)

**Designed for high school juniors, we will explore SUNY's engineering majors, how to prepare for an engineering career, and discuss the future job outlook. We welcome representatives from Binghamton University, Buffalo State College, SUNY Canton, Maritime College, and Dutchess Community College.**

## [Financial Aid \(Spanish Only\), Monday, February 26, 6:00 p.m.](#)

This event will be presented in Spanish. Students and families will learn about the financial aid application and award process. We will review cost of attendance and explore the available types of financial aid, including the Excelsior Scholarship

## **SUNY Welcome Center Contact Information**



## **SUNY WELCOME CENTER in Manhattan:**

SUNY Welcome Center - 18th Floor  
33 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York 10036

Website: [SUNY Welcome Center](#)

Telephone: (212) 364-5821

Fax: (518) 320-1573

E-mail: [SUNYinNYC@suny.edu](mailto:SUNYinNYC@suny.edu)

Here are some links to get more info for SUNY Events:

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

## **MORE SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Here is a pdf of a high school summer internship program that we encourage students who are interested in pursuing careers in architecture, engineering, building trades, public administration, business administration, and information technology look into it.

Summer Internship Program with the Department of Design and Construction:

<https://succeed.naviance.com/download.php?id=UXg0a2hyUHJhamNHNHFHeDBGRjRadz09>

## **VISIT COLLEGES**

Juniors, you should start to VISIT college campuses! As we had mentioned that the Seniors should consider revisiting campuses, you should start to visit the schools that are on your list (or might go on your list). Sometimes visiting the campus and sitting in on a class can completely change how you feel about that school. There are some things that you can't quantify until you actually are there in person. You might be living there for the next 4 years, would you like *living* there? You should check with the college office for upcoming available college trips.

## Class of 2018 College Acceptances

Academy of Art University	Maine College of Art (2)	School of Visual Arts (5)
Adelphi University	University of Maine	Skidmore College
Albright College	Maryland Institute College of Art (4)	St. Bonaventure University
Becker College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design (2)	St. John's University - Queens Campus (3)
Benedict College	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	State University of New York at Albany (4)
Bergen Community College	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	State University of New York at New Paltz (3)
Berkeley College NYC Midtown Location	Medaille College	SUNY Alfred State College
Borough of Manhattan Community College of the CUNY (3)	University of Michigan	SUNY Buffalo State College (2)
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	SUNY College at Cobleskill
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design	Mitchell College	SUNY Morrisville State College
Champlain College	Monroe Community College	SUNY College at Old Westbury
The College of Saint Rose (2)	Montana State University, Bozeman (College of Education, Health & Human Development)	SUNY College at Oneonta (3)
Columbia College Chicago (3)	Montserrat College of Art (2)	SUNY Delhi
Cornell University (College of Ag. & Life Sciences)	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY Fredonia
CUNY New York City College of Technology	College of Mount Saint Vincent	SUNY Oswego (3)
D'Youville College (2?)	New England College (6)	SUNY Plattsburgh (3)
Fashion Institute of Technology	New Hampshire Institute of Art	SUNY Plattsburgh (SUNY Plattsburgh Branch Campus at Queensbury)
Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College of the CUNY	University of New Haven	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Fulton-Montgomery Community College	College of New Rochelle	SUNY Purchase (3)
Georgetown College	New York Institute of Technology	University at Buffalo The State University of New York
Green Mountain College	New York University	University at Buffalo The State University of New York
Harris-Stowe State University	Niagara County Community College	(Architecture & Planning)
Hartwick College	Otis College of Art and Design	The University of the Arts
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	University of Pittsburgh	Wells College
Iona College	Rhode Island School of Design (2)	York College of the CUNY
Iowa State University	Rochester Institute of Technology (College of Imaging Arts and Sciences)	
John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY (2)	Rutgers University-New Brunswick (College of Nursing)	
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Savannah College of Art and Design (2)	
Lesley University (Lesley College)	Savannah College of Art and Design (Atlanta Campus)	
Lincoln University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (3)	
Long Island University, Post London College of Fashion		