

WHITE PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE BULLETIN



The College and Career Center, located in Room C-141, is open to all junior and senior students. Please visit the center and familiarize yourself with its resources. Learn about scholarship opportunities, research career data, review college catalogs, get financial aid information, participate in informational sessions with college admission representatives, and obtain additional information related to this current guidance bulletin. Come by and use these great resources to help you with your career and college planning.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **SAT Reasoning Test** - Saturday, March 10th, Registration Deadline: February 10th
- **SAT Reasoning Test & Subject Tests** - Saturday, May 5th, Registration Deadline: April 6th
- **SAT Reasoning Test and Subject Tests** - Saturday, June 2nd, Registration Deadline: May 8th
- **ACT** - Saturday, February 11th (Not Offered in New York State)
- **ACT** - Saturday, April 14th, Registration Deadline: March 9th
- **ACT** - Saturday, June 9th, Registration Deadline: May 4th
- **NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION** If you have not done so already, all seniors applying to colleges need to log in and create an account on the Naviance Family Connection (www.connection.naviance.com/wphs). Transcripts, letters of recommendation, school reports and profiles will be forwarded electronically to colleges directly through Naviance. The Family Connection will be the place for you to check on the status of your application submissions and to receive a wide variety of college planning information. More information is being mailed to your homes. You must see your counselor to get your password.
- **SUNY STATEWIDE FINANCIAL AID DAYS** Get free help applying for financial aid and filling out the FAFSA. SUNY Center for Student Recruitment in Manhattan, The Fashion Institute of Technology and at Rockland Community College on **Saturday, February 11th** all day. Go to www.suny.edu/studentevents or call 800-342-3811 for more information.
- **PROGRAM PLANNING** Program planning for the 2012-2013 school year has begun. Please make sure to see your counselor for an appointment.
- **WPHS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM** Receive high school credit for local and in-school community service. See Ms. London every **Thursday during the lunch period** in room C133.

- **NURSE APPRENTICE PROGRAM** Students who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing or the health fields can participate in this program which is run jointly with White Plains Hospital. The program offers information related to employment, scholarship and college opportunities and meets in the College & Career Center during lunch period on February 1st & 15th, March 7th & 21st, April 4th & 25th, May 9th and 16th. For more information, contact Ms. Norris in Room A226 or via e-mail at annienorris@wpcsd.k12.ny.us
- **WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU** The White Plains Youth Bureau is looking for students to participate in the 2011-2012 Future Excel Program. Students go on college trips, receive academic support, do community service, receive job training and after school job placement. The Youth Bureau has an office located in the H-Cafeteria or they can be contacted at 422-2617.
- **DISCOVERING YOUR CAREER PATHWAY** Meet the professionals and explore career options – lunch time in the College & Career Center (lunch will be provided) **February 2nd & 23rd Law & Finance; March 5th, 15th, 19th, & 29th, Health, Human Services, Licensing/Certificate Programs.**

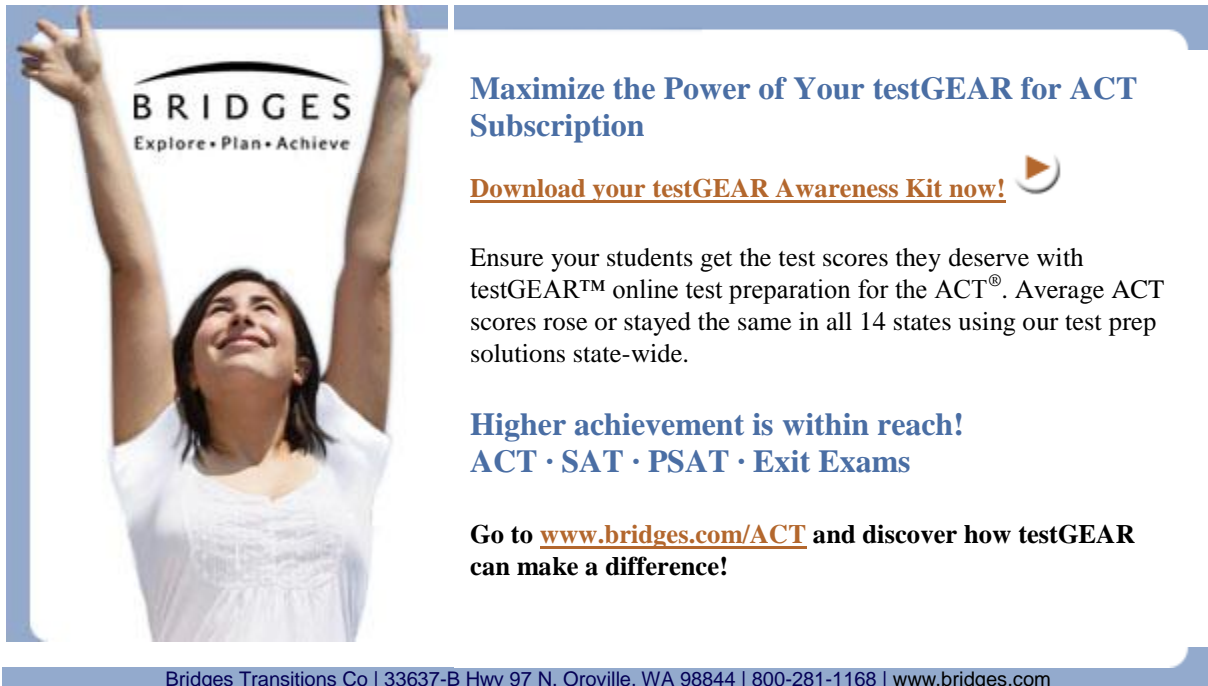
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IMPORTANT POINTS FOR SENIORS:

- Log on and create your account on the Naviance Family Connection at www.connection.naviance.com/wphs
- Notify your counselors and put into the Family Connection all of your acceptances to colleges
- Complete the FAFSA at: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Read the monthly Guidance Bulletin and look for the local and other scholarships
- Request that your counselor send your official transcript and other materials to the colleges of your choice at least two weeks before applications are due.
- If you think that you will be playing a sport for any NCAA Division I or II college, you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse as soon as possible. Pick up a registration form in the guidance office or go to www.ncaa.com.
- If you need a CSS/Financial Aid Profile, which may be requested by some of the colleges that you are applying to, you may obtain the registration guide in the guidance office or go to www.collegeboard.com.
- Don't slump academically in the second semester, remember that the college that you will be attending will receive and review your final transcript after graduation.
- Good Luck!!!

FINANCIAL AID

Below is a listing of current privately-funded scholarships. Please remember to check with colleges you are investigating or applying to for information on current institutionally-based scholarships. Institutional scholarships can be need-based, merit-based or specifically-oriented. Contact the college financial aid office or go to the college's web site for additional information.

- **For a more comprehensive listing of scholarships and financial aid information, visit the College and Career Center.**

Some key web sites to visit for more information on college planning scholarships and financial aid are:

COLLEGE BOARD	http:// www.collegeboard.com
FASTWEB	http://: www.fastweb.com
FINAID	http://: www.finaid.com
U.S.DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	http://: www.ed.gov
FAFSA	http://:www.fafsa.ed.gov
HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORP.	http://: www.hesc.com (New York State)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Morning Glory Foundation Two scholarships, one *Fine Art Award* for \$5,000 to a local high school senior displaying significant talent in any fine art medium and one *Academic Award* for \$5,000 to a local deserving senior in need who has demonstrated academic excellence.

Deadline is: February 10th. For more information visit www.morninggloryfoundation.com or see your guidance counselor.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Four top scholarships (\$2,000-\$4,000) awarded over a four-year period if "B" average is maintained; Book Awards (\$500-\$1,000), several Memorial Scholarship Endowments and Dr. Dorothy I Height Trailblazer Award. Qualifications: African American females with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale; possess good character, obtain recommendations from their school and community supervisor, and have financial need. Please see your guidance counselor for more information, or visit www.dstwac.org. **Application must be postmarked by February 29th.**

2012 Jandon Scholarship – Must have substantial financial need. A selection committee chooses scholars based on junior and senior year grades, SAT scores and good character. Scholarship winners receive \$10,000 over their four years in college, as well as a laptop computer. **Deadline to apply is March 2nd**. For more information, call Melanie Montalto at 914-995-8620 or email MelanieM@westchesterlegislators.com

Lower Hudson Council of School Personnel Administrators memorial Scholarship

LHCSPA is sponsoring its Memorial Scholarship Program: “Educator of the Future” essay contest. The first place winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship award and the second place winner will receive a \$1,000 award. For application and more information visit the College & Career Center. **Deadline is March 2nd**.

Zonta Club of Westchester Young Women in Public Affairs Award, offers awards of \$1,000 at the local level, \$500 at the district level, and \$1,000 at the international level. Applications can be downloaded from www.zonta.org (search for YWPA application forms). **Deadline: March 5th**.

Concerned Citizens for Open Space is offering a \$500 Scholarship for students who have a commitment to preserve and care for the open space and the environment. For an application and more information visit the College & Career Center. **Deadline is March 16th**.

Gilda’s Club Westchester 4th Annual “It’s Always Something” Teen Essay Contest An essay contest for high school students to share their stories about being impacted by cancer. Cash and prizes for the winners. Go to www.gidasclubwestchester.org for more information. Deadline for submission is **March 20th**.

The NYBEST Agency has two scholarships available as part of its **Opportunity to Succeed program**.

- **Scholarship I – Financial (\$1,000)**
Students in good academic standing that have financial need. Applicants are required to complete an essay to include: student’s accomplishments, field of study, reason for financial assistance.
- **Scholarship II – Academic (\$1,000)**
Students who are in good academic standing and interested in a career in business, health or education. Applicants are required to complete an essay to include: student’s accomplishments, field of study, reason for pursuing a career in the chosen field.

For more information and to download an application go to www.nybest.org Deadline: Application must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 30th.

Right Start Scholarship Custom Computer Specialists will be offering 15 (\$1,000) Right Start Scholarships to 2012 graduating seniors across the Northeast. Applications and details of the program can be found at www.rightstartscholarship.com **Deadline: March 30th**.

Vietnam Veterans of America Westchester County Chapter 49 Scholarship Awards Program

Scholarships in the amount of \$600 for each of the following scholarships: Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship, Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship, Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship, Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship, William Suddereth Memorial Scholarship. Student must be a child or grandchild of a veteran who served on active duty in any branch of the military during any war or peacetime, and will be attending an accredited U.S. college/university or technical/vocational school. **Deadline is April 1st**. See your guidance counselor for more information.

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley Scholarships

- Acacio “Roger” Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to students who plan to study in a field which will lead to a career in the building/construction industry. The minimum scholarship amount is \$1,000. For more details visit www.cfhvny.org or see your guidance counselor. **Deadline: Must be postmarked by April 1st.**
- Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation offers a minimum of eight (8) scholarships of \$1,000 in value to assist students who have been affected by breast cancer in some way. Visit www.miles-of-hope.org or see your guidance counselor for more information. **Deadline: Must be postmarked by April 1st.**
- Mary Abdo Fashion Memorial Scholarship (Common Application), available to a student who is pursuing a career in fashion at Marist College. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. For more details visit www.cfhvny.org or see your guidance counselor. **Deadline: Must be postmarked by April 1st.**

Independent Insurance Agents of Westchester County Volunteer Firefighters Scholarship

Two scholarships of a least \$1,500 each will be awarded to a son and a daughter of a Westchester County Volunteer Firefighter. For more information visit <http://www.iiawc.com/ScholarshipFund.asp>

Deadline: Scholarships must be received by April 1st.

New York State Women Inc., Westchester Chapter

NYSW, Inc. is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship based on academic excellence, community service and evidence of need.

Requirements are: Application form completely filled in, transcript, copy of student’s last report card, 300-word essay (see application), statement of recommendation from counselor. **Deadline is March 31st.** For more information, see your guidance counselor.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

The Pi Phi Chapter of Educators is offering a scholarship to a student entering the teaching profession. Applications are in the College and Career Center. Complete the application and return to Mrs. Dalto, Student Activities Office, Room C101. **Deadline is Friday, March 9th**

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES, TOURS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni Chapter's 2012 Historically Black College & University (HBCU) Tour is scheduled for April 8th through April 13, 2012 (Spring Vacation). The tour will consist of visiting 12 historically black colleges and universities located in the southern and mid-atlantic regions of the United States. The NRWP Alumni Chapter will arrange hotel accommodations, structured leisure time activities, and a safe environment for tour participants. Tour participants will travel with 8-10 adult chaperones, all of whom have vast experience in conducting college tours. Total cost per participant is \$500. A deposit of \$100 is required by January 20, 2012. The final payment of \$400.00 will be due by March 2, 2012. **For more information contact Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at 914-714-8074 or email sknupe06@yahoo.com.**

Columbia University Science Honors Program- Applications for the 2012-2013 Columbia University Science Honors Program are now being accepted. Saturday morning program for high school students interested in Math and Science with excellent academic records. Access the online application at: www.columbia.edu/cu/shp/apply.html. Deadline is **March 1, 2012**.

Oxbridge Academic Summer 2012 Programs- Overseas summer programs in Europe for high school students. Information session will be held on **Sunday, February 5th** at 2:00 P.M. at Barnard College in Manhattan. For more information call 212-854-5262 or go to www.oxbridgeprograms.com

Global Works Summer Service Adventures- International travel and community service for high school students at sites around the world. Go to: www.globalworkstravel.com for more info.

Summer Study Programs- Summer study programs for high school students at Penn State, University of Colorado, University of Vermont and the Sorbonne. Go to: www.summerstudy.com for more information.

SAT, ACT AND PSAT PREP

White Plains High School Free Online Test Prep Through Bridges.com, we now subscribe to TestGEAR's extensive online test prep courses. To receive comprehensive online preparation for the **SAT and PSAT** go to www.access.bridges.com, enter the White Plains user ID and Password: Site ID: 0100054 Password: plains. Then proceed to create your portfolio and access your course. Follow these easy steps to get started with your free online test preparation course and many more college planning and career features! More information and detailed instructions are available in the College and Career Center.

Chyten College Tutoring Call 914-949-3005 or log onto www.chyten.com for more information.

C.C.B. School of Westchester An array of courses, tutoring and test prep programs. Hartsdale location. Go to www.westchesterccb.com for more information or call 683-0099.

Kaplan Test Prep Westchester Kaplan Center located at 220 East Post Road in White Plains. Call 1-800-KAP-TEST or go to www.kaptest.com/college for more information.

Princeton Review Call 1-800-2Review or go to www.PrincetonReview.com for more information.

Kaufman Tutoring Service 9 Pine Brook Drive, White Plains, New York. Call 948-6783 for more information.

Ivy Bound SAT Prep Classes offered in Briarcliff, Irvington, Pleasantville and Scarsdale. Go to www.ivybound.net or call 860-224-2144 for more information.

JCC Academic Center JCC of Mid-Westchester in Scarsdale (999 Wilmot Road) offers SAT Prep, Writing Skills Workshops and Regents Prep classes leading into the spring exams. To register and receive more information call 472-3300 ext. 275 or email: itzkowitzl@jcca.org or visit website at www.jccmidwestchester.org.

Practice Perfect- SAT, ACT Prep and Academic Tutoring in the Westchester area. Call 845-547-0457 or go to www.practiceperfectprep.com

Revolution Prep- SAT, ACT prep and tutoring, Westchester locations call: 800-738-7737 or go to: <http://www.revolutionprep.com/>

Study Smart Personalized one-to-one standardized test instruction. Call 914-428-4272 or go to www.eStudySmart.com for more information.

STUDYPOINT Personalized academic tutoring and SAT/ACT prep. Call 1-877-883-9764 or go to www.studypoint.com for more information.

Sylvan Learning Centers Prep classes offered at White Plains center. Call 948-4116 or go to www.sylvanprep.com for more information.

Huntington Learning Center Customized SAT preparation at White Plains and Scarsdale locations. Call 1-800 CAN LEARN for more information or 761-8173.

Westchester Jewish Community Services Comprehensive small group instruction is offered at the WJCS Weinberg Learning Center located at 845 North Broadway in White Plains. Contact Paul Goldwater at 949-7699 ext. 596 or SATPrep@wjcs.com

White Plains Public Library Free online SAT, ACT and AP Practice Tests.

COLLEGE/SCHOOL VISITATION PROGRAM

Our College/School Visitation Program will be held in the College and Career Center (C-141) at the time indicated. For schools/colleges visiting White Plains High School at times other than lunch period, you must adhere to the following procedures:

1. You will need a pass from your guidance counselor.
2. You must complete the sign-up sheet in your house guidance office.
3. If the college visit is scheduled during a class as opposed to a study hall period, you are responsible for obtaining your teacher's permission, in advance, to attend the conference.
4. You must make up all missed class work.
5. You must complete the College/School Visitation Pass, and obtain all required signatures.
6. You must sign the attendance sheet at the college/school conference.

PLEASE NOTE: You must have a pass to attend a college visit. Otherwise you will be considered truant from class.

Please review the guidance bulletins with your parents and your counselor, and use this time wisely in order to secure the information you need regarding post high school possibilities. If you have any questions and/or suggestions, please see your Guidance Counselor.

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

<u>Day/Date</u>		<u>Time/Period</u>
Wednesday, February 15th	Army National Guard	12:16pm 6th period

Continue to check the WPHS website/guidance calendar and Naviance for updates on college visits.
