
COLLEGE UPDATE

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Senior Announcements

Welcome Back! Hope you had a great summer and are prepared to begin an exciting senior year by completing your college applications. Scholars' Academy is excited to announce the opening of our brand new college office, located in room **324**. We are also excited to introduce our new Director of College and Career Counseling, Mrs. Michelle Villa. Mrs. Villa has been a guidance counselor and college advisor at The Bronx High School of Science. All seniors will be given an appointment to meet individually with Mrs. Villa over the coming weeks. It is essential that you make this appointment a priority and come prepared with your list of colleges as well as any questions or concerns you may have. The college office will have open access times as well - the hours of operation are located on the opposite side of this newsletter.

The college office will begin accepting college application paperwork on **Monday, September 19, 2011**. The deadline for submission of all Early Action/Early Decision applications is **October 14, 2011**. There will be a workshop held regarding the college application process and the common application on _____.

What is the Common Application?

The Common Application is a not-for-profit organization that serves students and member institutions by providing an admission application – online and in print – that students may submit to any of our 456 members. Most colleges now accept the Common Application, which can be easily submitted online. Seniors should visit www.commonapp.org to submit applications to most of their schools of choice. The website includes a list of the colleges that accept the common application. Keep in mind that several colleges may require a supplemental application in addition to the common application. It is best to visit the website of all of the colleges to which you plan to apply. All students should apply to at **least** one CUNY **and** one SUNY college. Applications for CUNY and SUNY can be found at www.suny.edu/student and www.cuny.edu/apply. Applications for other schools are available through the websites of the colleges. If you require assistance, please schedule an appointment with Mrs. Caraccio or Mrs. Villa.

Fee Waivers

If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you may be eligible for fee waivers. Fee waivers can save students hundreds of dollars in test and application fees. Fee waivers are available for exams such as the SAT, ACT and AP exams, as well as for many college applications. Fee waivers are offered for college applications through College Board, NACAC, SUNY as well as CUNY. If you think you may be eligible for a fee waiver, please check with the colleges you plan to attend to see which fee waivers they accept and the guidelines for submitting them. If you have questions regarding fee waivers, please see Mrs. Caraccio in the college office. The dates and times for fee waiver distribution will be posted and announced in homeroom.

SAT & ACT Test Scores

Scholars' Academy is **NOT** responsible for sending SAT & ACT scores to colleges. You **must** send your scores directly through College Board or ACT to the colleges to which you are applying. College Board gives you 4 free score reports. Each additional report is \$10.50. If you are sending your scores to a CUNY school, make sure you use **code 2950**. This code is for the processing center and all CUNY schools to which you are applying **will** receive your scores. **DO NOT** send scores to each CUNY school individually.

College Office Hours

Ms. Caraccio, Office Manager -
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 -12:15, 2:04 - 3:45
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 – 11:20, 1:15 – 3:45
Mrs. Villa, Director of College Counseling –
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am – 8:45 am
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:28 am- 12:15 pm
Mr. Wong, SAT/ PSAT/ College Essays –
Fridays, by appointment only

SCHOOLS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This section of the newsletter is designated to highlight particular colleges and programs that may be of interest to Scholars' students. If you have a suggestion for a school to be highlighted, please submit the information to Ms. Villa or Mrs. Caraccio.

PACE UNIVERSITY

New York, NY 10038

www.pace.edu

Type of School

Private 4-year University

Setting

Urban

Size

8,126 undergraduates

Acceptance

79 % of applicants admitted

Retention

77 % of students return for sophomore year

SAT Scores of Middle 50% of First Year Students

Critical Reading: 490-590

Mathematics: 500-590

Writing: - - - -

ACT: 21-25

AP Credit Policy

Offers Credit: Yes

Offers Placement: Yes

Annual Costs

Tuition: \$35,032

Room & Board: \$14,230

Books & Supplies: \$800

Most Popular Majors

Business / Marketing: 37%

Health Professions: 13%

Communications/Journalism: 10%

Computer & Information Sciences: 7%

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

September 9, 2011

Last day to register for the October 1st SAT exam

September 13, 2011

Broadridge Financial visits Scholars' Academy

September 14, 2011

Senior Parent Workshop 6:00 pm

September 16, 2011

Last day to register for the October 22nd ACT exam

September 19, 2011

College office opens for application intake

September 20, 2011

Transcript review workshop for seniors

September 21, 2011

Curriculum Overview Night for parents

September 26, 2011

Final day to submit senior transcript changes

September 27, 2011

CUNY visits Scholars' Academy

September 30, 2011

Questbridge Applications due

OCTOBER

October 1, 2011

SAT & SAT Subject Exams

October 3, 2011

Mount Saint Mary College visits Scholars' Academy

October 3, 2011

Last day to advise college office of Early Action/Early Decision plans

October 7, 2011

Last day to register for the November 5th SAT exam

October 12, 2011

PSAT exam for 10th & 11th grade

October 14, 2011

Deadline to submit Early Action/Early Decision application paperwork to the college office.

October 22, 2011

Big Apple College Fair, Jacob Javitts Center