

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2024

# *Stuyvesant High School Weekly Update*

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Our telephone system continues to be down. Please use the [staff email list](#) to communicate. Today is the last day of Fall Term classes. Regents and Uniform Departmental Finals take place from Tuesday through Friday. You may [refer to the schedule at this link](#). **Please note:** Students do not attend school during January 23-26 *unless* they are scheduled to take an exam. Students may not be in the building if they are not taking an exam unless they are escorted in and out of the building and supervised by a staff member (i.e by appointment or prearranged).

Today at 3:45pm in the Principal's Conference Room, there will be an **SLT (School Leadership Team) Meeting**. You may view the agenda on the [www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu) calendar for January 22. On Thursday, January 25, the College Office will kick off the college application preparation process for Junior parents and guardians with a Zoom webinar at 6:30pm especially for **College Information**. Registration link is in this update.

**The Spring 2024 term will begin on January 30.** January 29 is a student non-attendance day/remote for staff. Students will be able to view their Spring program schedules on their Talos accounts on January 25. Please read the information and timeline on Program Change Requests in this update. We will send detailed instructions via email with a course list on January 24..

Additionally, the **CR (credit) option** will once again be available for Fall Term 2023. **Important for Senior Families:** If you are considering changing a final grade in any/all courses for Fall Term 2023 to CR in time to be reflected on mid-year reports to colleges, there will be a very quick turnaround time for submission. Grades will be made available to senior families for review on January 29 with specific instructions to be provided via email. CR Requests for senior grades to be reflected on reports to colleges must be submitted by February 2. Grades 9-11 will receive information on the CR option once report cards are distributed on February 6.

**Be sure to look over the [reminders](#) in this update for attendance reporting protocols, including COVID absences, and forms we need from all families.**

Here's what's coming up. You can always see more on the Stuy calendar at [www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu).

**January 22** - SLT Meeting 3:45pm (in person)

**January 23 to 26** - Regents/Uniform Final Exams Week

**January 25** - Program Change Requests begin

Junior College Information Night 6:30pm (virtual)

**January 29** - **Student Non-Attendance Day/PD Remote for Staff**

Program Change requests END

SENIORS only - CR requests begin

**January 30** - First Day of Spring Term 2024

**February 1** - History Day Celebration 4pm

**February 2** - Deadline to submit CR Requests for SENIORS at 12:00pm

**February 3** - PA Lunar New Year Celebration 11am-3pm

**February 6** - Report Card Distribution (all grades/electronic)

CR Requests open for grades 9-11

**February 8** - Parent Workshop: Student Support Services at Stuy 6:30pm (virtual)

**February 13** - PA General Meeting 7pm (Virtual)

**February 14** - Extended Homeroom/Valentines Day Flower Deliveries

**February 15** - BIPOC Parent Meeting 8:30am (virtual)

Black History Month Dinner & Celebration 4:30pm

**February 19-23** - **SCHOOL CLOSED for Mid-Winter Recess**

**February 27** - SLT Meeting 3:45pm (in person)

**February 29** - Naviance Training Workshop for Parents 6:30pm (virtual)

**Quick Access (click to jump to...)**

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## UPCOMING STUY EVENTS & DEADLINES

**SLT Meeting - January 22, 2024 @3:45pm**

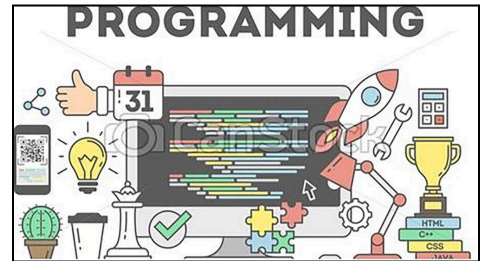
The monthly meeting of the SLT (School Leadership Team) will take place on Monday, January 22, 2023 at 3:45-5:45pm. The meeting is held in-person at Stuyvesant High School.



The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the school website calendar date at [www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu) at [this link](#). There is an opportunity to sign up for comment at the meeting. Please read Article V. D. of the SLT bylaws to understand the role of observers and commenting at SLT meetings. You may view previous meetings' approved minutes and recordings on the Talos SLT Info page of the Document Hub.

### Get ready for Spring 2024 Programs!

Spring 2024 Programs will be released on Talos on January 25, 2024. Students will have the opportunity to submit program change requests according to the time table below:



Cohort	Start Time/Date for Program Change Requests	Deadline
Seniors	3:00 PM Thursday, January 25, 2024	10:00 AM Monday, January 29, 2024
Juniors	6:00 PM Thursday, January 25, 2024	10:00 AM Monday, January 29, 2024
Sophomores & Freshmen	9:00 PM Thursday, January 25, 2024	10:00 AM Monday, January 29, 2024

Detailed instructions will be emailed to students and families on January 24, 2024 with a course list.

### Register to attend Junior College Information Night Zoom on 1/25/2024

The second term marks the start of our full college counseling program with the Class of 2025. We will hold our annual **Junior College Information Night** on **Thursday, January 25**, starting promptly at **6:30pm**. This is an important event during which our college counselors will provide valuable information regarding the college search and application process, Naviance, and more. We hope that all parents of juniors will attend.



**This event is for parents only**; we will present to students in-person during the school day in February. Those details will be shared with students soon.

This event will be conducted in Zoom webinar format. You can register through the link below if you haven't already done so through the link provided in Stuy's most recent weekly update. After registering, you will receive the link you'll need to login to the live event.

Registration Link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7OK59JO4QpOMEMA5z2PZQw#/registration](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7OK59JO4QpOMEMA5z2PZQw#/registration)

Simultaneous interpretation in Chinese will be provided. The event will be recorded and shared for a limited time afterward.

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## Important Naviance Surveys for JUNIORS and Junior Parents!

There are two important surveys in Naviance juniors will need to complete in order to be ready for the meeting with your Stuy college counselor. You'll receive an email directly from your assigned college counselor by early February regarding how to schedule that meeting...stay tuned.

**The SSR Survey:** this is a lengthy survey that will be used by your *school counselor* (*guidance counselor*) to help conduct your SSR meeting and to provide essential background information for your counselor recommendation letter for college. Also, your *college counselor* will read your SSR survey in advance of your college planning meeting so that we are prepared to provide you with more specific guidance. **This survey must be completed in advance of your SSR meeting AND your college planning meeting.**



**The College Planning Survey:** this is a shorter survey that helps your assigned college counselor get a better sense of your college preferences so far. It is okay if you are uncertain or confused, or, if your preferences change in the coming months. This survey is just a starting point. **The College Planning Survey must be completed in advance of your meeting with your assigned college counselor.**

**We suggest having BOTH surveys complete by the end of January.**

You'll find the surveys in your **student Naviance accounts** (NOT parent accounts). Click on the blue circle with your initials in the upper right corner of the opening screen once logged in to your Naviance account. Then, look for **Surveys** and click "**Surveys from your school**".

**You do not need to complete either survey in one sitting.** Just make sure to **save frequently as you go along** until you are finished.

**Parents** may find their survey on their Naviance account by clicking their initials on the upper right corner and then clicking "Surveys From Your School". You will see the "Parent SSR Survey" there to fill out. Please fill it out before your family meeting with your college counselor!

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## Musicians! Register to Participate in NYSSMA 2024 by 2/5/24

NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) festival registration is due Feb. 5, 2024 - to register, you need to fill out this Google Form and submit payment.

REGISTRATION FORM URL:

<https://forms.gle/TFWDRuDNmrgz7BiW8>

*PLEASE NOTE: Stuy students are registering for the Manhattan festival only. It takes place at Talent Unlimited High School [300*

*East 68th Street, New York 10065] on Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23. No other festival that occurs in NYC at a later time or at a different location is available.*



Students must submit a required NYSSMA fee (check made out to "Stuyvesant High School") by Feb. 5. Please submit your check to Ms. Shamazov in room 132 or 125. In the memo of the check, write your full name, OSIS #, and NYSSMA 2024. All checks will be first deposited to Stuyvesant High School and then sent over to NYSSMA.

NYSSMA FEES (as of Nov. 2023):

Level 1-4 Solo (non-piano) \$16.00

Level 1-4 Piano Solo \$22.00

Level 5-6 Solo (non-piano) \$24.00

Level 5-6 Piano Solo \$30

All-State Solo \$30

[for All-State: student can only be in grade 10 or 11; must perform a Level 6 solo; student must be part of Stuyvesant's music ensemble. See your Stuyvesant ensemble teacher for your additional All-State application] For more information, please contact Ms. Shamazov (LShamazov@stuy.edu)

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## Big Sib Chair 2024-25 Applications are Open!

If you're a current Big Sib, don't miss your chance to apply for Leadership! The Big Sib Chair applications for 2024-2025 are now OPEN! The links include the actual application form along with the four letters of recommendation the Big Sibs will need.

**Application Link:**

<https://forms.gle/ZEojhLf41q6mmFxTq>

Letters of Recommendation

- [2 Little Sibs.](#)
- [1 Current Teacher.](#)
- [1 Homeroom Leader.](#)

Requirements:

- Current Junior
- GPA >90 (new)
- No pattern of lateness, cuts or academic infractions
- No significant leadership in another large organization at Stuy



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## SENIOR FAMILIES – IMPORTANT – Purchase Senior Package for Class of 2024 Graduates

The Senior **graduation package** for the Class of 2024 is available for purchase! The package consists of a cap/gown/tassel, a Senior t-shirt, a diploma cover, and a graduation keychain. All seniors **must** have a cap & gown to walk across the stage at graduation.

**All sales are final.** Please make sure that you are selecting the correct size for your gown and t-shirt. The school does not have stock on hand. You must order from the vendor. The cost of the package is \$62.94.

**Order your package here:**

<https://stores.smoothusa.com/stuyvesanths-grad/shop/home>

Package purchases are paid directly to the Smooth, the vendor, and shipped to your home. Order early and in time for graduation -- date and venue TBA.



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## Bakers and Volunteers Needed - SU Bake Sale 1/31 & 2/1/24

PARENTS & GUARDIANS: Want to **help the Stuy Student Union raise funds for the junior prom and have fun doing it?** Here are two great ways:

### Donate Goodies for drop off on January 30:

Your student can drop off homemade or store-bought desserts outside Dr. Haber's office, room 207.

### Volunteer to Supervise sales::

Sign up below to supervise the bake sale on either **January 31** and/or **February 1**. Slots available from 9:30 am to 4 pm!

[Donate or Volunteer Here](#)

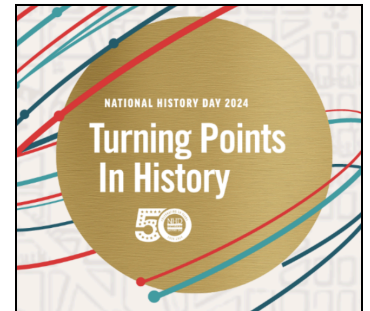


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## Celebrate Student Achievements: 2024 National History Day Showcase 2/1/2024

Join us in the 5th floor student cafeteria on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 4pm to celebrate students participating in the 2024 National History Day competition. This year's theme is "Turning Points in History." Enjoy posters, performances, and presentations showcasing students' work, along with light refreshments. Please register in advance to attend. Thanks to the PA Independent Research Committee in collaboration with the Social Studies Department, we will get a glimpse into Stuy's History Day competition!

[Register Here](#)



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## Register to Attend! Student Support Services at Stuy on 2/8/24 @6:30pm

Assistant Principal, Ms. Gina Paulson will present a workshop for families on February 8, 2024 at 6:30pm on Zoom webinar. The presentation will explain Stuyvesant's Student Support Services as well as cover information on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Accommodations. In collaboration with the PA Inclusive Education committee and Stuy's Family Engagement office, Ms. Paulson will be discussing indicators that a student may be struggling and what parents can do both at home and with Stuy administration to address concerns; how Stuy partners with students, faculty and families to determine the types of supports a student needs and a summary of the differences between these support types; and how teachers are supported so they appropriately respond to student needs.



REGISTER to attend here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WueWast3S92zYdrl-VWtXA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WueWast3S92zYdrl-VWtXA)

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## FEATURED NEWS & CELEBRATIONS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

### Congrats to Aiden Ackerman! Regional Finalist in the Coca-Cola Scholarship!

Congratulations to senior Aiden Ackerman! He is one of only 250 students across the country to be named Regional Finalists in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program! Bravo, Aiden! We're so proud of you!

This is a huge accomplishment – these students have progressed to the second stage of selection after the review of 1,514 Semifinalists who were chosen from among more than 103,800 applicants hoping to be named Coca-Cola Scholars this year.



[View a list of the Regional Finalists here on our website.](#)

### What does it mean to be a Coca-Cola Scholar Regional Finalist?

These high school seniors have made it through our extremely competitive second stage of selection. Regional Finalists have been notified of their advancement and will participate in virtual interviews with a committee of Scholar alumni and staff members in the coming weeks. After these interviews are complete, 150 of the 250 Regional Finalists will become Coca-Cola Scholars, receive a \$20,000 scholarship, and be honored at the 2024 Scholars Banquet on April 25 in Atlanta.

### How does the Coca-Cola Scholar selection process work?

[Click here to see.](#)

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## Congrats to Fall into Reading Challenge winners!

The following students and faculty members completed the Stuy Reads "Fall Into Reading" Challenge:

Ai Li, Sowpadi Barua, Diya Mallu, Emily Wong, Bintou Gassama, Anna Lyzhyn, Maisha Thakur, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. McGregor, Dr. Moore, and Ms. Suri. Student finishers Sophia Li, Ennya Liang, Axel Stahl, and Infinity Wang also each won Barnes and Noble Gift cards from the prize drawing sponsored by the Alumni Association!

Each of these readers finished 3 books to complete the following tasks during the Fall Semester:

1. Read a frequently banned or challenged book.
2. Read an award winner from 2005-2010 (around when you were born).
3. Read a book that features disability representation.



The finishers' names and their reading selections can be viewed in the display case across from the Library entrance.

The librarians will announce the Spring Stuy Reads Challenge shortly after the new term begins!

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## Stuy hosts New York State Media Literacy training day

On Wednesday last week, Stuy hosted the NYC School Librarians for a mix of virtual and hands-on learning as part of the New York State Media Literacy training day. The theme of the day was AI in school libraries with an exploration to understand the various concerns for ethical and productive uses of this emerging technology. Thanks to our fantastic librarians **Christina Kennedy, Jonathan Cheng, and Mary McGregor** we



were able to host this event for colleagues across the city.

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## Congrats Boys Swim/Dive Team! Headed to the Playoffs Undefeated!

Congratulations to the Boys Swimming & Diving Team who are ending the season 9-0 as they head to the playoffs UNDEFEATED! Lets go Stuy!



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## Congrats to StuySquad 2024! Great Performance!

Congratulations to all our hard-working and talented dance crews who performed at StuySquad 2024 on Friday! The show consisted of a dozen performing dance troupes including Girls, Boys and CoEd HipHop; CPop; KPop & Girls KPop; Bolly; Latin; Step, two Flow numbers, and a new group, Afrobeat! Thanks to all who packed the theater to watch live! [See a recap from StuyCast IG here](#) [See a full size photo collage here](#) includes video clips.



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## Congrats Freshman Girls Track - Breaking Stuy's Freshman record!

Congratulations to Stuy Girls Indoor Track! Our Freshman recently broke the Freshman school record with a time of 4:36 in the 4x400 Meter Relay team at the MLK PSAL Games this month! The previous record was 4:39, set just last year. The athletes are (from L to R), **Anchine Liu, Yuma Kono, Ashley Mui and Sasha Orr**. Congrats to all!





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## Stuy students qualify for nationals in History Bowl!

Stuy students qualified two full teams in a previous Zoom-based competition, and just recently qualified another two teams, meaning everyone in their club who wants to go to the national competitions in DC can go! Congrats to all!

Team A reached the semifinals (Isaac Parker-Guoy, Noam Pisman, Jasper Caro, Jai Shah), and Team B reached the quarterfinals (Michael Avrahami, Scott Chu, Jack Buessing). Jasper and Isaac qualified for the Political Science Bee, Scott qualified for the Geography Bee, Jasper Jai Michael and Isaac qualified for the International History Olympiad. We're so proud of you!



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## Cornell University Glee Club and Chorus visits Stuy!

On Tuesday, January 16, the Cornell University Glee Club and Chorus visited Stuyvesant choruses for a workshop-presentation event. The Cornell choirs came to NYC as part of their tour, and met with Stuy choruses before their performance in the city later in the evening.

Each chorus (Bass, Oratorio, and Treble) warmed up, rehearsed, and performed a piece with Cornell singers, after which, the Cornell guests sang a piece and held a Q and A session. The workshops were led by the Director of the Cornell University Choirs, professor Lerangis and Assistant Director Dr. Nieh. This event was planned together with a Stuy music department Alum of 2020 Priscilla N., who is a current Cornell senior, is singing with the Cornell chorus, and is the choir's tour manager. The workshops were fun, exciting, and inspirational!

[See a full size photo collage here.](#)



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## Congrats Stuy CoEd Wrestling! Off to the playoffs!

Congratulations to Emili Lok on winning gold, Jillian Ly on Silver and Hwarin Zoh on Bronze in the last tournament of the season -- Now they are off to the playoffs! Go Stuy!!



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## RESOURCES & REMINDERS

**Repeated Reminders - click for more information:**

[Changes to Address/Phone - Who to see and How to Proceed](#)

[Attendance Policy & Procedures](#)

[COVID positive? Report your Case](#)

[College Handbook for Class of 2025 with translations now available!](#)

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### Mr. Blumm's Opportunities Bulletin #19 - 1/19/2024

Mr. Harvey Blumm is Stuyvesant's Internships and Opportunities Coordinator. He publishes a weekly bulletin that you will see in this Weekly Update and archived on the [Talos Document Hub](#) in the folder "Opportunities Bulletins 2022-2023". His weekly bulletin will inform students, parents, and staff in a timely manner about internships, jobs, academic programs, leadership, community service initiatives, and other student opportunities in a variety of fields. Please carefully note deadlines, age requirements, and other prerequisites for participation. You can reach Mr. Blumm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Stuyvesant at 212-312-4800 ext. 2506, in room 239, or email him at [hblumm@stuy.edu](mailto:hblumm@stuy.edu).



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### Catch CIEE Newsletter -- last one!

Stuy@CIEE is excited to share the fourth issue of our newsletter! This month, three students share their experiences in [South Africa, Taiwan, and Ghana](#)! Of the nearly 60 students who traveled with CIEE last summer, many received substantial merit and need based financial aid. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 24th! If you need help or have questions, come to their final application support session on Monday, 12/22, or check out their [linktree](#) for information and past issues of the newsletter.



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## PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES & LINKS OUTSIDE STUY

### Chancellor's Town Hall for District 2 on 2/11/2024 @6pm

Join CEC 2 for the Annual Town Hall with Chancellor David C. Banks

Date: February 11, 2024 at 6pm

Location: [M.S. 131](#)

100 Hester Street

New York, NY 10002



YouTube Live Stream at <https://www.youtube.com/CECDistrict2>

Please visit [cecd2.net](http://cecd2.net) for more information

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## Apply for the Organization of Latino Actuaries (OLA) 2024-2025 Academic Scholarships by 3/31/24

The application deadline for the Organization of Latino Actuaries (OLA) 2024-2025 Academic Scholarships is coming up on **March 31, 2024**. As a reminder, OLA will award academic scholarships up to **\$7,500** to Latine students who are interested in pursuing the actuarial profession. For more information on the actuarial profession and what it takes to become an Actuary, check out <https://www.beanactuary.org/what-is-an-actuary/>.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY TO OLA'S ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

[DEADLINE MARCH 31ST, 2024](#)

In addition to OLA's Academic Scholarship, there are a number of other Scholarship opportunities sponsored by STEM Stars, IABA (The International Association of Black Actuaries), and more. For more information on other Actuarial scholarships, please visit <https://theactuarialfoundation.submittable.com/submit>.

Please reach out to [futurecandidates@latinoactuaries.org](mailto:futurecandidates@latinoactuaries.org) if you have any questions.

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## Super Bowl Exhibit & Tournament at Paley Museum!

Here is an exciting and FREE opportunity! As we revel in the excitement of the upcoming Super Bowl, the Paley Museum in New York City, at 25 West 52 Street in Manhattan, is hosting its first-ever blockbuster exhibit celebrating the Super Bowl, in partnership with the National Football League (NFL) and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, plus an e-sports gaming tournament.



Beyond the Big Game immerses visitors into the experience of the Super Bowl like never before, featuring the first-ever showcase of memorable Super Bowl commercials from the past 50 years, 150 photos of iconic Super Bowl moments, screenings of some of the great Super Bowl highlights, the set from The Weekend's Super Bowl LV Halftime Show, plus fun photo ops, themed arts & crafts, and exciting interactive trivia.

The Beyond the Big Game exhibit runs **from January 17, 2024, through March 3, 2024**. On Saturday, February 3, football and gaming fans can also partake in a FREE EA Madden NFL '24 e-sports gaming tournament featuring prizes in the PaleyGX gaming studio. This state-of-the-art gaming studio features many of today's hottest games!

PSAL students, coaches, and families are invited to visit the exhibit for free when using the discount code PSAL24 at checkout at <https://www.paleycenter.org/events/2024-paleyexhibit-beyond-big-game/>. Students interested in participating in the EA Madden NFL '24 e-sports gaming tournament should pre-register directly via this link:

<https://www.universe.com/events/paley-museum-admission-and-complimentary-paley-gx-madden-nfl-24-tournament-tickets-MH786W>.

All are welcome; there is no criteria or age minimum to visit the exhibit or to participate in the gaming tournament. [See a flyer here.](#)

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## Seniors: Apply for the Men's Scholarships worth \$50K!

Apply for the [Men's College Scholarships](#)  
[SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

The scholarship is designed to identify and reward outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated an ability to excel in the fields of academics, extra-curricular school activities and community involvement. It is available to any male, graduating senior who is enrolling in a four-year undergraduate college program that commences in the fall of 2024.



*Did you know?*

Men are going to college with less frequency than in the past, and not persisting to graduation at the same rates as women. Per [The Wall Street Journal](#), at the close of the 2020-21 academic year, women made up 59.5% of college students, an all-time high, and men 40.5%, according to enrollment data from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), a nonprofit research group. Additionally, NSC Research Center data shows that during the fall 2021 term, undergraduate enrollment alone fell by 3.1% or 465,300 students.

### **Men are choosing paths other than college.**

In an attempt to counter this trend and encourage young men to pursue a postsecondary education, the [Men's College Scholarship Program](#) was [launched in 2022](#) and in [2023 \\$55,000 was awarded to 78 deserving applicants](#). This year we are thrilled to once again offer more than \$50,000 in scholarships to inspire college attendance and academic success by young men. Scholarships range from \$500-\$1,000 and are delivered directly to recipients — *not their institution* — via ACH transfer to use as desired.

**The deadline for applications is April 1, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET (8:59 pm PT).**

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*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [ringram3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ringram3@schools.nyc.gov)*