

WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2024

Stuyvesant High School Weekly Update

2023-2024 -- Issue #30



These first few days of April, NYC is experiencing historic times! Friday, Stuy briefly *shook* with an earthquake, the first of which in the last century of that magnitude! The building response team was activated and all floors were inspected for our students' and faculty safety. Information and protocols were shared with principals from NY Public Schools. You can be prepared and stay safe with this [Ready NY Earthquake Safety Guide](#). History-making continues today, as a partial **solar eclipse** will occur in New York City beginning at 2pm with 90% coverage at about 3:25pm! **Through a generous donation, students and faculty will receive free eclipse safety glasses as they enter Stuyvesant this morning at the bridge entrance!** Last Friday, NY Public Schools provided additional information about the solar eclipse. If you did not get the chance to review, please read the letter at the links in [English](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Bengali](#), and [Spanish](#). More translations are available [here](#). You can also view this informative article on [resources and information for families and educators](#).

Don't forget that **schools will be closed Wednesday, April 10 in observance of Eid-al-fitr**. Eid Mubarak to all those in our community celebrating!

We hope everyone enjoyed their Parent Teacher Conferences last week. Our teachers and counselors made more than **5030 calls** to families! Remember, if you still have questions or did not have the opportunity to

receive calls during the conference dates, you may always reach out to teachers and counselors using the [staff email list](#). Parent engagement is ongoing throughout the year. Our Parent's Association hosted an amazingly delicious faculty luncheon for all our teachers, counselors, administrators, staff, custodians, safety agents and kitchen staff! We're so thrilled and full of gratitude for our active and generous parent community.

There is an exciting week ahead at Stuy! The College Office will present a panel of admissions representatives speaking at their annual *Spring into College Admissions* presentation on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm. Families of students in grades 9-11 are invited to attend the webinar. This presentation will not be recorded, so if you're interested, please join the virtual presentation live!

We are thrilled to announce the start of our Spring Concert series with the **Choral Concert** on Friday, April 12 at 6pm. Tickets are on sale now. Please join us in the theater as our Oratorio Choir, Treble/Women's and Men's Choir perform!

Information on the **PSAT-10 for** sophomores was sent out to students and families last week. Stuyvesant will administer the optional exam on Saturday, April 13. This week, students will receive their room assignments and specific instructions for the exam.

Lastly, our parents, guardians, alumni and staff members are all invited to join the **Parent's Association Spring Gala** on Saturday, April 13 at 6:30pm. This community building event is their largest fundraiser of each year and provides opportunity for families to gather socially while supporting our students. You can still purchase tickets to attend! The link is in this Update.

The 2024 NYC School Survey deadline has been extended to April 19! Please participate if you have not done so already at nycschoolssurvey.org. We would like to reach the NYC Schools target of at least 60% participation in this important survey that drives school goals and that is included in our School's Quality Summary online... and we aren't quite there yet!

Be sure to look over the [reminders](#) and information on [attendance](#) reporting protocols, and [changing your address](#)/phone information.

Here's what's coming up. You can always see more on the Stuy calendar at www.stuy.edu.

April 10 - SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Eid al fitr

April 11 - Spring Into College Admissions Panel (virtual) 6:30pm

April 12 - Spring Choral Concert 6pm

April 13 - PSAT10 9am and 12:30pm

PA Spring Gala 6:30pm

April 15 - SLT Meeting (in person) 3:45pm

April 16 - PA General Meeting (virtual) 7pm

April 18 - Spring Orchestral Concert 6pm

April 19 - Faculty Talent Show (for staff & student attendance only) at 4pm

April 22 to 30 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Spring Break

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UPCOMING STUY EVENTS & DEADLINES

NEW! Self Defense class for seniors this April! Fill out the form!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Parents' Association, Stuyvesant is offering a free two-hour self-defense class to seniors this April. In the class, students will learn both situational awareness and defense tactics. This special class will include recommendations for how students can confidently and safely handle themselves in college.



- With sessions capped at 30 students each, your child can expect to receive individual attention.
- The first hour addresses common safety scenarios, how to avoid being a target, and street smarts.
- The second hour is physical, covering the most helpful defensive moves (no prior knowledge necessary).
- The class will be taught by martial-arts and self-defense expert Gabrielle Rubin and will be supervised by Stuyvesant staff.
- **The Deadline to fill out the form for the first session is 4/7; for the second session 4/12.**
- Your child will be assigned a specific session: Mon 4/8; Tues 4/16; or Wed 4/17 (all from 3:45-5:45)

[Here is the link to the date preference form](#)

[Here is the link to the parental consent form](#) (students should return to Ms. Dwyer's mailbox in room 211)

Spring into College Admissions 4/11/2024

Register NOW for Stuyvesant's Spring into College Admissions panel! The College Office will present this event virtually on Zoom on April 11, 2024. It will start at 6:30pm and end before 8:00 pm. Live interpretation in Mandarin and ASL will be provided. This event will NOT be recorded, so if you are interested, you must attend the live webinar.

The panel will include admissions representatives from Bates College, Case Western Reserve University, Lehigh University, Macalester College, and Yale University. This is a wonderful

opportunity for students and parents in all grades to learn more about the state of the current admissions cycle, selective college admissions, the variety of post-secondary opportunities available to students, and what to think about in order to plan for a successful college experience.

This event is open to all students/parents in grades 9-11.

Register at this link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-c-owoPPSe6TDrD6IQp-SQ



Spring Choral Concert - April 12, 2024

The Music Department is presenting its choral spring concert on **April 12th at 6pm** at Stuyvesant High School. Tickets are on sale now on EventBrite. Please purchase your tickets in advance as there will not be tickets available at the door.



Our Oratorio Choir, Treble/Women's Chorus and Men's Choir will be performing. All funds raised benefit our Music Department!

[Link for Tickets](#)

Purchase Early Bird PA Spring Gala Tickets for 4/13/24!

Purchase your tickets for the Parent's Association's biggest community and fundraising event of the year!

Join us at the annual Spring Gala! Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 6-10pm.

Tickets are \$125 each. onecau.se/stuy-springgala

All proceeds from the Gala go towards providing students with basic school supplies, books, physical education equipment, and science materials, as well as enrichment programs such as art, athletics, music, drama and clubs. Our families' generously donated items and experiences, sponsorships and advertisements, donations and participation in the auction. This is all essential to the success of this fundraiser and will help all students realize their full potential!

The Spring Gala will take place at Congregation Rodolph Sholom at 7 West 83rd Street, New York, NY

School Day PSAT 10 on April 13, 2024

Stuyvesant will administer the in-school digital PSAT 10 to all Sophomores on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**, during two separate windows (morning and afternoon sessions). Please note, the PSAT 10 exam is optional, not required; and no notice is required if you do not plan to attend. The PSAT 10 is *not* considered for submission for National Merit Scholarships. Only juniors taking the PSAT/NMSQT may use scores for National Merit consideration. The PSAT 10 is a useful practice test for sophomores.

We will send a reminder Monday, April 8, 2024, which will include testing room assignments. If you have approved testing accommodations through the College Board, you will be assigned to the applicable room accordingly.

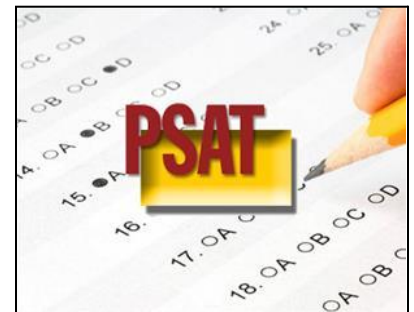
The College Board has transitioned to a digital version for the PSAT 10. In preparation for the digital version of the PSAT 10, we recommend that you familiarize yourself with what to expect and to practice this new version of the exam. We recommend you read the [PSAT 10 Student Guide](#) and visit the College Board site for more information about the PSAT 10. Devices will be provided to students for testing. No personal devices should be brought to the exam.

Students who have any questions, please contact Ms. Fanelli at gfanelli@schools.nyc.gov or Room 209.

Parents may reach out to Ms. Ingram at ringram3@schools.nyc.gov.

Join Caliper's Open Mic at Poet's House 4/17@4:30pm

Caliper Literary Magazine is hosting an Open Mic at the Poet's House (a few blocks from Stuy) on Wednesday, April 17 from 4:30-6:45 P.M. Students are



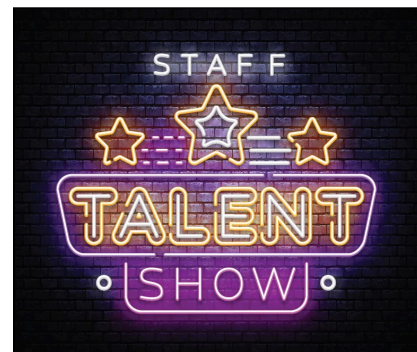
welcome to perform poems, songs, monologues, comedy routines, and much more in a supportive and encouraging environment. Guests are welcome to come just to enjoy the performances as well. There will be snacks provided. To register, please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/QjAuhk1mLBtoQ4Zio>) by Tuesday, April 2nd @11:59 P.M. Register as soon as possible as there's a limited number of seats! Email caliperlitmag@gmail.com with any questions.

FACULTY: Sign up for Stuy's Faculty Talent Show on 4/19/24!

The Student Union is planning to host a faculty talent show in the **auditorium** on **April 19th, 2024** from **3:30-5:30 pm**. The show will feature both solo and group acts performed by the teachers and faculty at Stuyvesant! If you would like to participate in this event please fill out the google form attached below regarding information about your act. The form is due by **April 4th, 2024 at 11:59 pm**.

[Google Form Link](#)

This show will be for student and staff attendance only.



Notice of 2024 Parent Leader PA & SLT Election & Call for Nominations!

Spring Elections will be held online during the May 14, 2024 PA General Meeting to determine all PA Officers and non-Freshman School Leadership Team Delegates for next year.

All parents of current students graduating in 2025-2027 are encouraged to run for office! See the [Notice of Elections](#) for details and position descriptions, fill out the [nomination form](#) by May 7, 2024 11:59pm EDT to get on the ballot, and/or email nominations@stuy-pa.org with questions or to join the Nominations Committee.

Thank you to our current Executive Board for all of your work over the year(s)! Best wishes to those of you who are graduating - you will be missed!



Class of 2024 Parents: Place an Ad in the Yearbook!

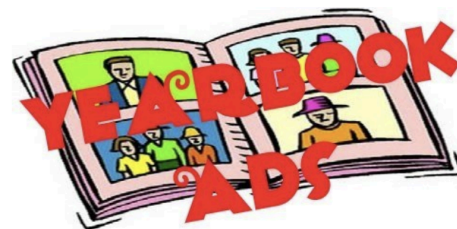
LAST CHANCE! The Indicator is excited to announce that we are releasing parent ads! Parents and students may design their ads according to their preference (see the link below); most ads in the Stuyvesant HS yearbook can include photos alongside a personal message to your senior. The deadline to create an ad in the yearbook for your Class of 2024 graduate is **Friday, April 19**. Prices vary by page space option.

[Click the link to create an ad.](#) Click the "Start Your Ad" button to start formatting your ad and to find on page size.

[Review past ads and examples here.](#)

For technical support, call 866-287-3096.

Revenue from parent ads will go into alleviating the overall cost of ordering the yearbooks.



2024 NYC School Survey - **EXTENDED DEADLINE 4/19**

Parents and guardians received detailed instructions via email. Students filled their survey in homerooms on March 5. Staff members were provided time to participate during faculty conferences in March.

We need MORE to participate!

The deadline to submit the 2024 NYC School Survey is April 5, 2024

Families can access the 2023 NYC School Survey [online](https://nycschoolssurvey.org) in 10 languages at nycschoolssurvey.org or by logging into their [NYC Schools Account \(NYCS\)](#). Parents **must** enter a "f" in front of the student ID number to access parent/guardian questions. One survey for every child attending Stuyvesant will be filled out.

Students enter their OSIS only at www.nycschoolssurvey.org to participate.

Staff members were provided a unique access code on March 6. Please reach out to Ms. Ingram for any difficulties.

Your participation is deeply appreciated. Thank you for sharing your feedback!



Spring 2024 Orchestra Concert 4/28/24 @6pm

Join Stuyvesant in our annual Spring Orchestra Concert on April 18, 2024 at 6pm in the theater. Tickets will go on sale on Thursday, April 11 on EventBrite and emailed out to the community.

The concert will feature the orchestra classes in period 6 and 7 and the symphonic orchestra. Come out and support our student performers with a full audience and support the music department with this annual fundraiser.



FEATURED NEWS & CELEBRATIONS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Congratulations Yuri Wang! Honorable Mention in Ezra J. Keats Bookmaking Competition

Congratulations to **Yuri Wang!** Honorable Mention in the **Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition**. The winning book is titled, **Chroma One** and received an **Honorable Mention** for "Appealing / Strong Layout" in the High School Level. Congratulations as well to **Leslie Bernstein**, who supervised Yuri in creating the book.

Yuri and Ms. Bernstein as well as Principal Yu are invited to join the 38th Annual Awards

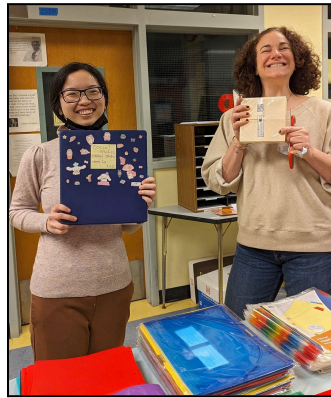
Ceremony on Friday, May 17 in the Dweck Auditorium of the Central Branch of Brooklyn Public Library.

ALL books will be on display at the Central Branch, BPL, from May 7 to May 31, 2024. We hope that students and their families have the opportunity to visit the Central Branch to see the exhibition.



Spring 2024 Organization Day Success!

Our Spring semester organization day went very well today! We have 112 students who scanned the QR code to register their attendance (and likely many more who slipped by). Every period in the counseling suite, be it period 1, after school, or in the middle of the day, everyone was in great spirits and happily spring cleaning their school bags, leaving lighter—both physically and mentally!



Thank you PA! Faculty Luncheon April 2024

Our hardworking teachers and counselors made more than 5030 calls to families during Spring 2024 parent teacher conferences! To celebrate, and in appreciation for all they do, our Parent's Association hosted an amazingly delicious faculty luncheon for all our teachers, counselors, administrators, staff, custodians, safety agents and kitchen staff! The beautiful tables with delicious food were lined with dozens and dozens of notes of thanks from our students!

We're so thrilled and full of gratitude for our active and generous parent community.

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



Congrats to Mr. Hing Li! Chosen to participate in the NEH Summer Institute

Congratulations to Social Studies teacher, Mr. Hing Li who has been selected to participate in *Pacific Crossings: Asian American and Pacific Islander Histories, 1870 to the Present*, an NEH Summer Institute for Grade 6–12 Educators, taking place July 7–20 at Occidental College (Occidental



in Los Angeles, CA. Selection for this institute was very competitive. Bravo, Mr. Li!

Stuy Reality Check Vaping Debate!

Last week, Stuyvesant Reality Check, a tobacco awareness youth leadership club, hosted a successful Debate Night. The harms and dangers of tobacco were conveyed through debating controversial topics related to its use and sale.



Ms. Dunkel's students share Dodecahedron projects on Religion

Students in Ms. Dunkel's Grade 9 Global Studies class presented their Dodecahedron projects on Religion. Students worked with a partner or alone to research and present Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Shinto religions.



Environmental Club hosts plant Ecologist!

On Wednesday April 2nd, the Environmental Club hosted a speaker event with a plant ecologist Dr. Amber Churchill, a professor at Binghamton University, about her research focused on the role of plants in maintaining ecosystem resilience.



Japanese classes have special visit!

Ms. Chie Helinski shares that on March 27, eight students who are winners of the speech and essay contests sponsored by the United Nations Association of Japan visited the Year 3 and AP Japanese students. The students ranged from 7th grade to 12th grade and are from all over Japan.

Our students had a chance to talk to them in small groups. Some groups talked about anime while others talked about sports and daily life, etc.. The conversation was lively, and there were many smiling faces. The Stuy students were surprised at how much Japanese they could speak and understand. It was such a fun way to boost their confidence. When the period was over, many exchanged their social media accounts.

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



Congrats to StuyMUN at Eagle MUN Boston!

This past weekend, 8 of the 26 Stuy participants won top awards including a Best and several Outstanding delegate awards. Stuy also won the Outstanding Large Delegate Award for having such a disproportionate amount of awards. Maxanne can connect us to those who can name all the winners. Maxanne was one of the outstanding delegate award winners. Congrats to all!



Stuy hosts Association of Educational Therapist's East Coast Workshop

On Saturday, April 6th, Sarah Kornhauser, school counselor, and Casey J. Pedrick, AP, Pupil Personnel Services, hosted the Association of Educational Therapists (AET) East Coast Workshop at Stuyvesant. This collaboration came about when Ms. Kornhauser attended the AET workshop in 2023 and felt it was very beneficial. She approached the AET president, Lori Dver, with an idea for the 2024 workshop: the twice exceptional child. Ms. Dver thought it was a great idea! Fast forward a year and the 2024 workshop theme would be *The Neurodivergent Playbook: Identifying, Teaching and Serving Gifted/2e Learners* with presenter Dr. Matt Zakreski,



Congrats Mr. Hanna on his book published!

Social Studies teacher, Mr. David Hanna published another book!-- *History Nation A Citizen's Guide to the History of the United States*. Read more about it [here](#).

Mr. Hanna was recently featured on the Student Union Instagram platform [@HumansofStuyvesant](#) - read his story there! He was raised on the coast of Maine. Along with teaching history at Stuyvesant, he is an accomplished author and a recipient of the New York Times Teachers Make a Difference Award and the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award.



Congrats Reem Khalifa! Interviews on Fox & PIX on Gun Violence

We're so proud of junior, Reem Khalifa, who was interviewed with Mayor Adams on gun violence in NYC.

FOX 5:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYHgf_FREzE&t=86s

PIX11: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RaHseDzRSE>

Reem was also able to talk with the Mayor for 30 minutes about many other topics like budget cuts in schools. Brava Reem!



RESOURCES & REMINDERS

Reminders for SENIORS:

Order the 2024 Indicator Yearbook!

Class of 2024 Yearbook sales have begun! Please note that only seniors are photographed and highlighted in this book. **We encourage the class of 2024 to purchase a yearbook using the link from Herff Jones at [THIS LINK](#).** The cost of the book is \$75.

Purchase LATE Senior Packages for Class of 2024 Graduates

The deadline to order the Senior **graduation package** for the Class of 2024 ended on April 2. There is an opportunity to still purchase *late* packages that will be delivered to the school before graduation instead of to your home direct from the company. Students will have to pick up from the Student Union in June.

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. The cost of the package is \$62.94.

Order your package here: <https://stuy.enschool.org/apps/forms2/?f=43979>

Class of 2024 Senior Graduation Tickets/Dues



The class of 2024's graduation will take place at the United Palace in Washington Heights in upper Manhattan, on the morning of Thursday, June 20th at 11am. Graduation dues will be \$75, and for this amount each family will receive THREE tickets. There will be NO extra tickets to purchase due to the size of the venue; however, there will be a livestream as well as a recording for additional guests and family members to enjoy the ceremony. The link for senior families purchase tickets can be accessed at the following URL:

<https://tinyurl.com/stuy2024>

Mr. Blumm's Opportunities Bulletin #29 - 4/12/2024

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".

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.



Learning Accommodations in College

Students who qualified for learning accommodations in high school may not be aware that they may be able to obtain accommodations in college as well. Students with any special needs should not allow this to limit their college search; they should evaluate colleges based upon all of the factors that are important to them. But, assessing the availability, quality, and potential additional costs of such services should be a factor to include as they decide upon where they will eventually apply or enroll.

Having an IEP or 504 in high school does NOT automatically entitle a student to accommodations in college. Students

will need to follow the colleges' accessibility procedures and provide the required documentation to the appropriate office at their college to see what, if any, accommodations they will be entitled to, and how those can be implemented from class to class.

Below are links to the appropriate offices at a few colleges & universities, to give you an idea of what to look for and what to expect:

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Hunter College, CUNY: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/access>

New York University: <https://www.nyu.edu/students/communities-and-groups/student-accessibility.html>

Binghamton University, SUNY: <https://www.binghamton.edu/ssd/index.html>



Should a student disclose their learning needs when applying to college? This is an important question that has no one answer. Whether or not it might be helpful to disclose when applying (versus after gaining acceptance) really depends upon the specifics of the student, and colleges, in question. Students should make sure to have this discussion with their assigned college counselor before deciding.

There are some wonderful resources available to students and families to help you learn about your rights, what kinds of accommodations are available in college, how to request services, and much more:

[Understood.org: https://www.understood.org/articles/en/types-of-college-accommodations-and-services](https://www.understood.org/articles/en/types-of-college-accommodations-and-services)
[The K & W Guide to Colleges for Students With Learning Disabilities](#)

And stay tuned for information regarding Stuy's College Office webinar about learning accommodations in college to be held later this spring.

As always, remember that your assigned college counselor is here to assist you through this process, so if you have questions or need help, remember, that's what we're here for.

International Trip details - South Korea Summer 2025

Please see the attached slides from the informational sessions for the planned South Korea trip scheduled for the Summer of 2025. This trip is open (if seats are available) to any student who is enrolled in Stuyvesant High School during the 2024-2025 school year. If you have any additional questions, please email Ms Prabhu or Ms Maggio. If you would like to sign up for this trip, please register here:



<https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2772679XF>

Many details are not shared until a few months leading up to the trip (exact flights, hotels, rooming arrangements- students do share rooms and at times a full or Queen sized bed) so you would be committing without these details.

Please note:

- There are 30 spots available for this trip
- If we can identify an additional full cohort and enough chaperones, we can possibly open another cohort
- **Discount Deadline:** Anyone that registers on the waitlist by March 30th (extended from the 24th), will receive a **discount of \$200**, as shown in slides, if moved to enrollment..
- **Risk Free Enrollment Period:** When enrolled from the waitlist on the automatic payment plan, folks can cancel for any reason up to **14 days after enrollment for a full refund** of 100% of the money paid to EF.

Students, please do NOT sign up for this trip on your own. A parent or guardian MUST be involved in this process

NEW COVID GUIDELINES IN EFFECT!

Effective immediately:

The NYC Public Schools (NYCPS) have updated its COVID-19 policy based on the updated CDC health guidance. Instead of a minimum isolation period of 5 days, the CDC recommends people with COVID-19 should stay



home and away from others based on their symptoms, similar to how they would for any other respiratory infections, like flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Consequently, there will no longer be a COVID intake form for reporting positive test results to the school. Students should follow and use the regular [absence protocol](#) upon a student's return to school.

If someone has [COVID-19 symptoms](#), they should still get tested and separate from others immediately. It is recommended that they stay home until they have had no fever without taking fever-reducing medicine and other COVID-19 symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours. If they test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms, there is no need to stay home, but precautions should be taken upon return to school such as wearing a mask. The NYCPS will continue to provide COVID-19 test kits upon request. You may pick up a test kit in room 103 if needed.

Apply for SHSAA Scholarships by 4/15/24!

The Stuyvesant Alumni Scholarships application is now live! The Stuyvesant Alumni Association is awarding over 40 scholarships worth more than \$100,000. The due date is Monday, April 15, 2024. You can find out more details on the scholarships here:

<https://www.stuyalumni.org/scholarships-spring-2024/>. If you have any questions, please email scholarships@shsaa.org.

There is one junior scholarship, The Carol and Theodore Lerner Award for Creativity. The rest are for seniors.

Some answers to common questions on the FAFSA/providing financial information:

- If the students have already provided their colleges with the CSS Profile, they can submit that form in lieu of the FAFSA, but only if they did not submit a FAFSA.
- If the student never filed either the CSS or FAFSA because they are not a citizen or legal permanent resident, they should be sure to state it's because they are not a citizen or legal permanent resident in the "Financial aid information" question on the application. All information submitted by the students in their application is kept to the strictest confidentiality. All of the staff and any scholarship committee members, as well as any other additional parties who read the scholarship applications, must sign and adhere to a confidentiality agreement.
- Students must provide the financial information listed in the checklist in some form, even if they submit a one-page doc with all of it listed out.



Eco-Fact of the Week!

The coral reefs, a place of high biodiversity, provided a home for about 25% of all the marine species, ranging from the chocolate chip sea stars to the long-spined porcupine fish. However, their beauty and wonders might not last, as high ocean temperatures and marine heatwaves were increasing the rates of coral bleaching. Corals began to bleach when they were under stress (ex: temperature changes, pH, etc.), causing them to release the colorful algae that supplies their nutrients. When they were under stress for more than 8 weeks, they would not be able to recover and they would die. Unfortunately, due to rising global



temperatures, many more corals are going to bleach, and there would be less places to support all the marine species! [Help to preserve our resources and properly sort your trash!](#)

Appealing Financial Aid for College -- Advice!

Choosing where to attend college can have major financial implications, and most of our families need to consider costs when making their final decision. Here are general steps to appeal for more financial aid if your aid packages from these colleges do not leave you with affordable options:

- If the college has an appeal process or form on the financial aid page of their website, follow those instructions. Otherwise, contact the financial aid office and find out who your specific counselor is
- Contact that person directly via email. If no specific party is assigned, then just email the undergraduate financial aid office. You may also want to include the admissions office on the email to keep them in the loop.
- Express why COLLEGE is a great choice for you, then let them know you can't afford that college at the current cost, and why.
- Include any relevant details they won't have already seen from your FAFSA or CSS profile; loss of income for 2023 or 2024, parent recent loss of job, new expenses, etc. Be prepared to include any supporting documentation (such as the family's 2023 1040, if requested).
- If you got a better offer from another institution, you can cite that...but be aware that some colleges, particularly those highly selective private colleges that only offer need-based aid, may not entertain appeal requests of that nature. That will often be stated on the college's website.
- Remember, they don't owe you anything. You are asking them to devote extra time and attention to your case. So, in all of your communications, make sure to be kind and respectful at all times.

Whether or not an appeal request will actually result in more aid will vary a great deal based upon the college in question, the individual applicant and their financial circumstances, etc. But, you do not have to fear any negative consequences of appealing an aid package; if you are in a difficult situation and need to appeal, you can certainly do so. It won't hurt to have made that request.

Do keep in mind that the CUNY system is often the most affordable option for many families. While the initial deadline of February 1 has passed, you may still apply to CUNY institutions if you need:

<https://www.cuny.edu/admissions/apply-to-cuny/>

Remember to contact your assigned college counselor if you have any questions or need help.



PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES & LINKS OUTSIDE STUY

CEC D2 Chancellor Town Hall with David. C. Banks on 5/2/24

Please join Community Education Council District 2 for the Annual Town Hall with Chancellor David C. Banks

Register at these links to attend in person or online [EnglishSpanish/ Español Mandarin / 中文](#)

Community Education Council District 2 will host the Town Hall with Chancellor Banks on May 2nd, at 6:30 pm at M.S. 131. MS 131 100 Hester Street New York, NY, 10002. Public can attend in person or online.



CPAC Meeting - April 11, 2024 @9:30am

Topic: CPAC General Membership Meeting

Time: April 11, 2024, 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please join us as an observer. All are welcomed!

The meeting will be livestreamed on [CPAC's YouTube channel](#)

[CPAC NYC - YouTube](#)

Reminder:

For the purposes of voting on any CPAC business, only the voting members/designee of your district who is eligible to vote shall be seated at the table and/or virtually on Zoom.

April's Theme: Spring is in the Air! ... PTA, SLT, PAC Elections!

Tentative Agenda*

09:30 - Roll Call

09:35 - CPAC Business & Updates

09:50 - FACE Updates - ED Dr. Cristina Melendez

DIIT; OPT App; FY 2025 Fair Student Funding; CPAC's Settles Not So Secret Gems



Hunter College Summer Program 2024; Applications Open!

Hunter's College Now summer program for Summer 2024 now has applications and their program site is live! Here's the link

[-https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/opportunities/college-now/how-to-apply/](https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/opportunities/college-now/how-to-apply/)



FREE drop-in dance classes at Battery Dance 4/15-4/18

The professional dance company, Battery Dance, is offering FREE after school drop-in dance classes at Stuyvesant! The week of 4/15-4/18, they will be hosting 1-hour introductory classes for various dance styles. You may choose any of the dance styles in the attached form & attend as many classes as you would like.

Following the return from spring break, they will begin a second phase of their program consisting of regularly scheduled classes taught by professional instructors.

You may indicate interest in these free sessions as well.

Dance is a great way to relieve stress, meet new people, and have fun with your friends. If you're interested in participating, fill out the form below! Any questions may be sent to hblumm@stuy.edu.

Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/uEiBTy8onSA1Muaro> <https://forms.gle/QdbC3FsLxtXd3MZqo>.



College Scholarships for HS Seniors; Application deadline 4/15/24

Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF). APCF is a nonprofit organization that administers scholarships to eligible high school seniors. We have multiple scholarship awards to distribute in 2024. **The deadline for all scholarships is on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 11:59 PDT.** Please feel free to post these flyers on your website, share the attached scholarship flyers with your colleagues who work with high school seniors or distribute them to the students themselves who are interested in pursuing higher education in the fall of 2024. Below are some of the available scholarships for which your students may qualify. We have many more on our website.

<https://www.apcf.org/currently-open-student-scholarships>

Students in New York are eligible for The Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship and the Preferred Bank Scholarship.



Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship Eligibility:

- High school senior living in California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Texas or Washington
- Plan to attend a US accredited 4-year college/university or a community college and will be enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 2024
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.0
- Have a household income at or below the County Low Income Level (must be able to show 2022 or 2023 income tax return if selected for award)
- Open to ALL MAJORS with no ethnicity requirement

Preferred Bank Scholarship Eligibility

- High School senior living in NY (counties of Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester)
- Plan to attend a US accredited 4-year college/university or a community college and will be enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 2024
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.0
- Have a household income at or below the Low Income Level (must be able to show 2022 or 2023 income tax return if selected for an award)
- Open to ALL MAJORS with no ethnicity requirements

Royal Business Bank Scholarship Eligibility:

- High School Seniors who reside on the West Coast (Nevada and Southern California), the East Coast, the Midwest or Hawaii

Plan to attend a US accredited 4-year college/university or a community college and will be enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 2024

- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.0
 - Have a household income at or below the County Low Income Level (must be able to show 2022 or 2023 income tax return if selected for award)
 - Open to ALL MAJORS with no ethnicity requirements
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Apply for West Point's Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) by 4/15/24

West Point's Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) is looking for high-achieving young people who are in great standing with their school and community, and who want to challenge themselves.

What is SLE?

- SLE is a one-week program for current Juniors (High School Class of 2025) to visit West Point in June.
- Students in this program get to spend the week with our cadets, live in the barracks, and eat in the mess hall.
- Learn about West Point's world class academics by trying 5 of our 17 academic workshops.
- Learn about military training and becoming a Leader of Character at West Point by completing two military days to include rappelling, Zodiac boats, combatives (like Jiu-Jitsu) training and more!
- Challenge themselves physically by attempting the Candidate Fitness Assessment, conducting physical training, and sports.
- Complete their admissions interview with a cadet.
- Spend the week making friends with other students from all over the US who are applying to West Point.



Students may sign up for this program now at [westpoint.edu](https://www.westpoint.edu). The priority application deadline for SLE is Friday on March 15th. Applications will be accepted until April 15th. SLE is competitive and not all who apply are offered to attend.

Learn more about SLE- <https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program>

Apply now- <https://apply.westpoint.edu/portal/candidate>

Baruch STEP Academy 2024 Summer Program; deadline 5/15/24

The Baruch STEP Academy, a free STEM enrichment and college readiness program, is currently recruiting for its **Summer 2024 Programs**. We are asking for your assistance to recruit eligible and interested students from your school or organization. The program is offering in-person programming for 4 weeks this summer for eligible students who are currently in grades 6-11.

Program Dates: **July 8th - August 1st** from Mondays through Thursdays ONLY.

Schedule: 9:30am-2pm

May 1st: Priority deadline

May 15: Rolling admissions deadline, if seats are available

IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Students will participate in one course for the duration of the program. For detailed information on course descriptions and applications, please click on the respective links below.

High School | <https://tinyurl.com/Su24App-HighSchool>

Behavioral Neuroscience

- Coding in Snap
- Environmental Sustainability



- Forensic Psychology
- General Anatomy
- The summer recruitment flyer is below. More information can be found at step.baruch.cuny.edu.

Please direct questions to **BaruchSTEP@gmail.com**.

[Baruch STEP website](#) and [Baruch STEP Linktree](#)

Summer 2024 CCNY Applications Open till 5/6/24

The summer 2024 City College of New York's College Now application process is **open now through May 6, 2024**. The summer classes will be offered July 1st – August 1st on the CCNY campus. Attached you will find information for the CCNY College Now summer 2024 application process. The application and Dropobx links can be found below.



All **new** applicants are to submit an online application on the CUNY CN

Portal: https://cssa.cunyfirst.cuny.edu/psc/cnycsprd/GUEST/SA/c/OAA_ONLINE_APPLICATION.OAA_SIGNON_COMP.GBL?Page=OAA_APPLICATION01&Action=U&TEMPLATE_ID=U_CTY_CNW, if they are a **new** applicant to CCNY CN.

Returning CCNY College Now applicants are to submit their application on the CCNY CN

link: <https://portal.ccnv.cuny.edu/depts/nsec/collegenow/index.php>.

All applicants (**new** and **returning**) are to upload their supporting documents onto the respective Dropbox no later than May 8, 2024. **ONLY** pdf versions of applicants documents will be accepted on the Dropbox.

New Applicant Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/7MqEs6EXyjSvVzCunbWC>

- Official Transcript
- PSAT/SAT or ACT score report
- Parent/Guardian consent form

Returning student Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/moPaBfggKLuSZeU1PgPW>

- Parent/Guardian consent form **or**
- Media Consent form (18 years or older are to complete and submit)

Additional information can be found on the CCNY College Now webpage at

<https://www.ccnv.cuny.edu/collegenow>.

Join the 9/11 Memorial & Museum 5K Run/Walk on 4/28/24

The 9/11 Memorial and Museum is offering free registration for students between the ages of 13-18 who want to participate, in addition to some other post-race educational activities. This would be a great opportunity for students in our district to partake in the run, as well as engage with the Museum to continue their mission of 9/11 education. The race will take place on April 28, 2024 and space is limited. Register early!

[Register at this link](#).



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ringram3@schools.nyc.gov