



## COLLEGE NEWSLETTER No. 10

**Special focus- A Winter To do List by Grade.**

**November 21, 2017**

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

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LaGuardia Google Account, Naviance, and x2VOL

All students have their Google Apps for Education Account, also referred to as their LaGuardiaHS.org Google Account. This is a safe, closed network only for our students and staff. For GAFE, go to accounts.google.com. Your Username is also your LaGuardia-specific email account. All volunteer hours are recorded through x2VOL, a secure and accurate system that tracks and documents community service learning hours and is accessed through Naviance.

Both Naviance (and x2VOL) and your LaGuardiaHS.org Google account use the same log-in information. Here is how your Username and Password are designed: [first name] [last initial] [last 4 digits of OSIS] @ laguardiahs.org. marks1234@ laguardiahs.org PW: [9-digit OSIS]

If you have not already done so please make certain to list all the colleges you will be applying to in/under the "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab in Naviance. Please make sure that all Application Type and Application Deadline Dates are listed and correct... **REMEMBER Your counselor prepares YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION BASED ON YOUR EARLIEST LISTED DEADLINE IN NAVIANCE.**

- Please make sure to complete your "All About Me Survey"
- Please make sure that your Parent Rave is in to your School Counselor
- Please make sure that at least two Teacher Raves are in to your School Counselor
- Sign-up for a Senior College Meeting utilizing the sign-in sheet on your counselor's office window.
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Here's a quick video tutorial that will take students through the 5 steps needed to complete the Naviance and Common Application matching process.

<https://www.naviance.com/resources/entry/how-to-match-your-common-app-and-naviance-accounts>

## A Winter to do list by Grade

### Freshmen

**TIP:** Give yourself plenty of time to review for each exam.

High school final exams are comprehensive — so you'll need to reach all the way back to the stuff you were learning in your first week of school. You can do it, but you'll need more than a night to review. So, plan ahead! Schedule out study sessions for each exam, and pay attention to [your study style](#). Are you productive in the morning or at night? In groups or solo? With background noise or in silence? Learning your optimal study mode early will help you in high school and beyond.

### Sophomores

**TIP:** Start looking over your notes early, and keep honing your study style.

Last year you learned what high school exams entail, so this year, you know what's up! Minimize exam-season stress by reviewing sooner rather than later. Schedule out study sessions throughout the next month, make study guides, use flashcards, and form study groups if they float your boat! Remember to keep paying attention to habits that work best for you, and check out [this article](#) on which playlists enhance concentration on math, writing, and reading.

### Juniors

**TIP:** Reflect on patterns and turn-over a new leaf if need be — GPA really matters this year.

Yep. Everything matters more this year, including GPA. If you're a pro at prepping for finals and ending the semester on a strong note, keep up the good work! If GPA hasn't been your strong suit, [use this round of finals to make a fresh start](#). College admission teams love a consistently high GPA, but they can also be impressed by a good turnaround story. Show them you've matured over time and learned to exceed expectations.

### Seniors

**TIP:** Meet with your counselor to review admissions deadlines and requirements.

At most colleges, the early application deadline is November 1st or November 15th. If yours is the December 1, you still have another week to put the final touches on your application. If your early app is signed, sealed, and delivered, it's time to turn your attention to the rest of your list. Make an appointment with your guidance counselor to review your materials and due dates before pushing the submit button. It's smart to have someone with an outside perspective look everything over and help you [tie up loose ends](#). More info: Courtesy of **Applerouth Tutoring Services** [info@applerouth.com](mailto:info@applerouth.com)

## Self-Assessment: What Have You Done Lately?

It is always a good, positive step to schedule a self-assessment into your schedule every so often. This gives you an opportunity to take some time to reflect on what you have done, what you are doing, where you are going, etc. A true self-assessment starts with you being honest with yourself.

Let's face it – you have a lot going on these days. You likely have a full load in school, extracurricular activities, and social events that you don't want to miss. But, that doesn't mean you can let your future just fall to the wayside. And, to get there, you have much prep work to do.

This is your reminder to stop what you are doing and assess where you are on your journey into college. In fact – what have you done lately? Consider these.

- Have you been working hard to maintain your GPA?
- Have you reviewed colleges and determined which would be the best overall fit for you?
- Have you started preparing for your ACT or SAT exams? These are tests that you *must* allow time to prepare for.
- Have you started working on your college applications?
- Have you considered potential scholarships?
- Have you sought tutoring or coaching to help you through this process?

Getting into a good college or university takes time and planning. Don't slack or you may find yourself unprepared and frustrated. Don't let this self-assessment go to waste.

[Courtesy of Chelsea International Education](#)

## RELATED PARENT QUESTIONS

Thank you for all the information that you have been forwarding. It's been extremely helpful. Quick question: I've seen a few times reference to the student's resume. This is not part of the common app and it doesn't appear to be a requirement for any of the schools my daughter is applying to. Am I missing something or is the resume for conservatory applicants? Please confirm. Thanks.

Students who have performed extensively in any area(s) often highlight their progress/achievements by writing a resume of such. I.e. community service, performance in Music/art/dance/theater, political activities, entrepreneurship, etc.

Students who are working toward Eagle Scout or who do habitat for humanity or charity/homeless service regularly and/or have developed leadership positions in volunteer organizations outside of school - perhaps including service in their place of worship or local community center or library are another example.

Not every student has occasion to develop or have need of a resume. It is attached to the application because the activity section does not provide for sufficient explanation of the depth of involvement. It is also taken to interviews to afford the student the opportunity to discuss and explain the depth and reason for involvement in these interests/achievements which may or may not be related to their intended major. I.e. students may be very involved in climate and environmental activities but plan to major in archeological studies.

## **COLLEGE NEWS**

### **University of Rochester Office of Admissions.**

Our new student cohort of 1,549 is the largest ever and 10% larger than intended. We had a 10% increase in applications, which can decrease yield, as the ever-better-qualified, interesting students have many more options to choose from. Instead, our yield increased. Our first-year students are not just the biggest class, but the best:

- The class has an average 3.8 GPA with more than 90% completing advanced academic programs.
- Our new students have expressed interest in 66 of Rochester's 67 majors.
- We've welcomed five new self-identified non-gender-binary students.
- It's by far our largest group of African-American, black, and Hispanic students ever.
- We've welcomed 479 new international students from 101 countries.
- Since 2006, Rochester has ensured equal access to admissions and financial aid for applicants who are US residents without a legal status or path.

**Alberta College of Art and Design-** the next **Portfolio Review Day** happening **Saturday, November 25, 2017.** This event happens on-campus at the **Alberta College of Art + Design** between the hours of 10am and 4pm - But don't worry, you will not have to be here all day - you will choose a specific 20-minute time slot/appointment time when you **register** and we only ask you to be here approx 10-15 minutes before your scheduled time. **Please register soon as these spaces fill up quickly!**

HARTSVILLE, S.C. – **Coker College** is pleased to announce the addition of **eSports** as a varsity sport beginning in 2018-19. More commonly known as competitive online gaming, eSports will provide a new and exciting sport for the college campus. More recently, eSports has gravitated towards big-budget tournaments with sponsorships and audiences. eSports (derived from electronic sports) often involves opponents facing one another through multiplayer matches, or through a time/score based competition. Coker will initially field teams that will participate in several online games, including League of Legends.

"eSports is one of the most popular sports out there," added Griffin. "For example, 27 million people watched the League of Legends World Championships in 2014, compared to 23.5 million viewers for game seven of the World Series that same year. The addition of eSports promotes Coker, not only on a national stage, but a global one as well."

eSports are currently sponsored at the varsity or club level by 45 higher education institutions, which compete in the National Association of Collegiate eSports (NACE). Additionally, several major broadcasting networks, including BBC, ESPN, and Yahoo Sports broadcast tournaments worldwide.

WOW what a Fall at **Lasell!**

- Lasell's NEW **Science and Technology Center is OPEN!** (see architectural rendering above) Offering state-of-the-art labs, classrooms, a new cafe, bookstore and much more.
- **Lasell Works launches!** The College's newest program providing valuable career experience at a significantly reduced cost - you have to check this out.

- 4 new [Undergraduate Majors](#) are attracting new students to Lasell: Health Science, Data Analytics, Media & Mobile Development, and Cybersecurity. And, Lasell faculty secure tech partnerships with SAS, IBM Watson, Tableau, and CompTIA.

## University of South Carolina

Our first round of acceptance letters were mailed **Friday, November 3**, so the celebrations have begun! And there will be cause for many more to celebrate between now and mid-December. All students who applied by October 15 and sent required credentials by the stated deadlines will receive a decision no later than the week of December 11. Additionally, [early scholarship notifications](#) have already been mailed to some of our most academically talented students. More of these are on their way in future notification rounds. While these are not actual award letters, these students are assured they will receive one of our general university scholarships. Final merit awards will be sent no later than mid-March. All freshman applicants who apply by December 1, 2017 and submit required credentials by the February 1 deadline will be considered for merit awards. As for the next steps, have your admitted students read through their ***Essential Guide to Becoming a Gamecock*** (pictured right and included in all acceptance packets) for the important things they need to know between now and next August.

## College of Pharmacy Announces Gamecock Pharmacy Assurance Program

The USC College of Pharmacy will roll out their Gamecock Pharmacy Assurance Program for Fall 2018. Admitted freshmen for fall 2018 who have an interest in pharmacy will have an opportunity to apply to pharmacy school earlier than ever AND receive an up-front assurance of admission to the [USC College of Pharmacy](#) before their freshman year begins. Eligible admitted freshmen will be invited to apply in the spring and must participate in a brief on-campus interview to be considered. Students must meet maintenance requirements to retain guaranteed Pharm.D. admissions status and other program benefits. Interested students can contact the USC College of Pharmacy at [ExploreCOP@cop.sc.edu](mailto:ExploreCOP@cop.sc.edu) or [803-777-4151](tel:803-777-4151) to learn more.

**Alfred University** is a passion powered University! Discover a small and intimate learning environment that is like no other. Alfred University is nestled in a safe, college town in the Southern Tier of New York's Finger Lakes Region.

## If Art and Design is your passion, or Engineering - you're going to love Alfred!

With over 40 [majors](#) to choose from, we know there is a degree to spark your passion! Explore our website to see what makes Alfred so special. [www.alfred.edu](http://www.alfred.edu)

**The College of New Jersey** wanted to make you aware that we have developed a brand-new major for this year's incoming first-year class: Speech Pathology! While this program has been offered as a minor at TCNJ for several years, the major will allow our students to confront a vital issue in education and public health.

**Speech Pathology**- Responding to the growing demand across the nation for speech pathologists and for audiologists, the Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology & Audiology aims to prepare students for competitive graduate schools and employment in healthcare, education, or public policy, or as support personnel for audiologists and speech pathologists. Students in this program will have the opportunity to shape their experiences by electing to explore working with specific populations and/or in various therapeutic settings. This new major is now available on our Common Application.

**Syracuse University's Falk College** has several programs your students will love if they're looking for a major that they can feel passionate about, or one that complements their interests in psychology, health and wellness, or a pre-med track. Majors that prepare them for careers in which they can make a real difference in the lives of others. Majors like: [Food Studies](#), [Human Development and Family Science](#), [Nutrition](#), [Public Health](#), [Social Work](#) **Q & A:** If you would like more information about our majors, email us at [falk@syr.edu](mailto:falk@syr.edu), call [315-443-5555](tel:315-443-5555) or check our website: [Falk.syr.edu](http://Falk.syr.edu).

# FINANCIAL AID

**NEED BLIND** The **568 Group** is a [consortium](#) of American universities and colleges practicing [need-blind admissions](#). The group was founded in 1998 in response to section 568 of the [Improving America's Schools Act of 1994](#).<sup>[1]</sup> The 568 group generally has favorable need-based aid policies, but it's not a cartel with 100% agreement on every detail, and its members are likely on a spectrum of being need-blind. More about the group here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/568\\_Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/568_Group) And this Wiki article seems to capture the complexity of "need: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Need-blind\\_admission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Need-blind_admission)

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

A short list of **pre-college pre-med summer** residential programs of varying durations with a combination of a challenging academic course of study, some clinical exposure, and an enjoyable social environment:

- Stanford Institutes of Medicine Summer Program
- Emory University Pre-College Program in Pre-Med Studies
- Johns Hopkins Discover Hopkins Programs
- UCLA Pre-College Summer Institute
- University of Pennsylvania Summer Pre-Med Program
- Summer research specific to **public health/genetics**:
  - UPMC Women's Hospital (4-week research in women's health)
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, North Carolina (stipend), 8 weeks
- TGen Helios Scholars (specific research in Flagstaff)
- The Jackson Laboratory in Maine, (10 weeks)
- Brown Pre-College Program
  - Introduction to Medicine: Do You Want to Be a Doctor?
  - [https://www.brown.edu/academics/pre-college/catalog/course.php?course\\_code=CEBI0903](https://www.brown.edu/academics/pre-college/catalog/course.php?course_code=CEBI0903)
- Georgetown's 1-Week Medical Institute and 3-Week Medical Immersion Program <https://summer.georgetown.edu/all-programs>

**Indiana University** - Here at the [Kelley School of Business](#), we know your first priority is always the best interest of your students. It's the same for us. That is why we want to share with you our unique, two-week summer program for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. [The Business is Global program](#) offers students the opportunity to be transported into a world of international business, language, and culture from around the world. No passport necessary! You can follow the journey of the 2017 participants [here](#). Or check out last year's video [here!](#)

The program is a unique blend of culture, language, and international business learning that will provide students an introduction into the myriad opportunities available in today's global marketplace. During their two weeks, your students will be introduced to:

- Cultures and business practices from three regions around the world: East Asia, the Middle East & North Africa, and Turkey
- Less commonly taught languages from three emerging economies: Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, and Turkish
- Business fundamentals from KSB's top ranked faculty: including Finance, Operations, Marketing, Strategy, Entrepreneurship, and more

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**AXA Achievement** Scholarship Deadline Approaching. AXA Achievement<sup>sm</sup> Scholarship winners demonstrate ambition and self-drive with outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities. They share these qualities:

- Ambition and drive
- Determination to set and reach goals
- Respect for self, family and community
- Ability to succeed in college

Applications will be accepted until December 15, 2017 or until 10,000 applications are received. [Apply today.](#)

**Rutgers University Office of Undergraduate Admissions** Students seeking full consideration for merit scholarships, honors programs, and the Honors College should apply no later than December 1, our [regular admission due date](#). Regular admission applicants have until December 15 to submit the Rutgers [Self-Reported Academic Record \(SRAR\)](#), test scores, and application fee or fee waiver, and can expect to receive our decisions by the end of February. **Note: The Rutgers SRAR is also required of Coalition applicants.**

### Upcoming scholarships- [collegexpress.com](#)

\$500

**Scholarship:** [Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer Award](#)

**Due Date:** December 30

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\$1,000

**Scholarship:** [Moolahspot Scholarship](#)

**Due Date:** December 1

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\$1,000

**Scholarship:** [Scholarship Detective Scholarship](#)

**Due Date:** December 31

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\$2,000

**Scholarship:** [Future of Assisted Living Scholarship](#)

**Due Date:** December 31

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\$5,000

**Scholarship:** [Easy Scholarship: Make a Bookmark Celebrating Diverse Figures in History](#)

**Due Date:** December 31

## STANDARDIZED TESTS

### Where Can You Self-Report SAT and ACT Scores?

A growing number of universities and colleges **are helping ALL students with the financial burden of sending *official test scores***. As more schools join the ranks of those who either let students self-report their scores or allow counselors to do so for them, this list is constantly updated. Self-reporting will let students use their free scores in such a way that the student will only need to send in an official score upon enrollment. We want to make sure that counselors and ALL families (especially those with access to fewer resources) have a site that will let them track these admission policies and practices. ***WE TRACK THEM IN This TABLE***. Here is the link: <https://princetonreview.blog/2017/11/03/can-you-self-report-sat-and-act-scores/> Please double check with each college!