



## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Parent Program

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## Program Outline



- Course Selection Process
- High School Opportunities
- College Selection Process
- Application Process
- Financial Aid
- SAT / ACT Information
- Scholarships
- Important Dates
- Contact Information

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## Course Selection Process

Individual student and parent/guardian meetings begin tomorrow; letters were mailed home with meeting date/time.

Review transcript/graduation requirements, select courses for senior year, discuss potential post high school plans, review application process, financial aid, scholarships.

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## Senior Internship Program

### Program Overview

- Full year = 108 hrs. for 1 credit; Half year = 54 hrs. for .5 credit
- Students spend 8-10 wks. in 2-3 careers, 2-3 days a wk. for 1.5-3+ hrs.
- Students must have their license and own transportation
- Students meet mentors prior to starting an internship
- Weekly time sheets, journals and other career related activities
- Students can still take honors/AP courses, participate in sports/clubs



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## Senior Internship Program Continued ...

### Application Process:

Students apply late winter/early spring:

1. Application (includes resume, essay, teacher recommendations)
2. Review of:
  - grades
  - attendance
  - transportation
  - career interests
  - disciplinary issues
3. Interview with Ms. Bean

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## New Visions Programs

Very selective pre-college program; includes application and interview

Two programs offered during the senior year:

- Health Careers Exploration
- Engineering



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## Empire Boys & Girls State

- Junior students are invited to participate in the American Legion Empire Boys and Empire Girls State.
- State citizens will build the government of a mythical 51st state, from the local level up to the state level.

Boys State  
June 28th - July 3rd  
SUNY Morrisville

Girls State  
June 30th - July 6th  
SUNY Brockport



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## Selecting the "right" college



- Consider your priorities and academic needs
- Use all available resources to identify those that match your priorities/needs
- Visit the campus/community
- Interview and ask questions



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## Sources of College Information



- Your school counselor
- District webpage - [www.schuylervilleschools.org](http://www.schuylervilleschools.org)
- College webpages/catalogs/viewbooks
- College visits (virtual and/or in-person)
- College Representative visits to Student Services
- College fair programs
- Parents/relatives/teachers/friends
- Professionals in your intended career field



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## What Are Colleges Looking For?

- **Transcript**
  - Strength of program
  - Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - Class rank
- **Involvement**
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Athletics
  - Community service
  - Employment
- **Standardized Test Scores**
  - SAT
  - ACT
- **Special Talents**
  - Art
  - Music
  - Athletics
- **Other**
  - Personal essay
  - Demonstrated interest
  - Interview
  - Recommendations
  - Diversity

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## The College Application Process

- **Application**
  - Online Common Application/SUNY Common Application
- **Official SAT and/or ACT Scores**
  - Student sends scores directly to the college/university from their College Board or ACT account
- **High School Transcript**
- **Essay**
- **Portfolio** (Art Majors)
- **Letters of Recommendation**
  - Counselor, Teacher(s), Coach, Mentor
- **Application Fee**




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## Financial Aid - Forms to Complete

- **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
  - FAFSA due date changed this year due to a new version of the application being released
  - Contributors to the FAFSA must apply for FSA ID <https://studentaid.gov/isa-4/create-account/#unch>
  - Visit FAFSA website to complete the form: [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- **NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**
  - Attend a college/university within New York State
  - Link to complete application provided after completion of FAFSA application
- **CSS Profile**
  - Required by more selective colleges and universities
  - Visit the College Board website to complete the CSS Profile: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- **Institutional Forms**

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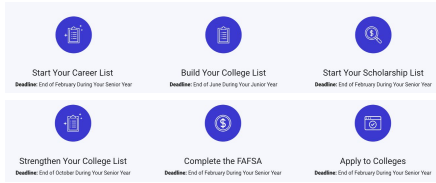
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## College Board Opportunity Scholarships

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>



Earn entries in monthly drawing for \$500 - \$40,000 scholarships by completing steps to plan for life after high school.



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## Excelsior Scholarship

The Excelsior Scholarship allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free. *\*this does not cover room/board/misc fees*

The program covers tuition for eligible SUNY and CUNY students.

For the 2024-25 academic year, NYS families who earn \$125,000 or less in the tax year 2022 (adjusted gross income) are eligible to apply.

The 2024-2025 Excelsior scholarship application will open late Spring.



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## Important Dates to Remember

- **Student & Parent/Guardian Meetings**
  - Letters with meeting dates/times were mailed in December
  - Please contact Student Services to change meeting date/time if necessary
  - Review course selections/begin post graduation planning
- **New Visions Information Session**
  - January 18th - 11:30 am @ Schuylerville - Engineering & Health Careers Exploration; *see school counselor if interested*
  - March 5th - 6:00 pm @ SAEC - ENGINEERING
  - March 6th - 6:00 pm @ Ballard - HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION
- **SAT School Based Testing**
  - March 8th - 9:00 am @ Schuylerville High School



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