



# WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL for ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

## SENIOR BULLETIN #4 JANUARY 2024



*Happy New Year Seniors! It's 2024!!!! Yippee! I know we are full of emotions but let us stay on course, finish what we started. You got this! ☺~Ms. T*

### END OF THE SEMESTER

The term is ending soon. Please make sure you have completed and turned in all your assignments and taken all your interim assessments. Seniors must be on-track to graduate by June or you may not be able to participate in senior activities. Note, all the colleges you have applied to will get a copy of your final grades.

### COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**ACCEPTANCE LETTERS** have started coming in!!! Check your email (and SPAM folder!) every day. Email the letters (good and bad) to Ms. T. (terraferma@whsad.org)

#### **Not sure if your applications are complete?**

- **CUNY:** Create Your CUNY First Account to check the status of your applications and next steps.
- **For CCNY – School of Architecture:** The *Creative Challenge* is due **February 1<sup>st</sup>**! See post on Google Classroom for application and upload instructions.
- **For Guttman Community College:** You must attend a *Group Information Session* to be considered for admission. Register: <https://guttman.cuny.edu/admissions/information-session/>
  - Upcoming Sessions (Online: January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm or In-Person: January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm) or you can do the session at your own pace with your Grizzly Path login information.
- **SUNY:** Log into your SUNY Portal and make sure you submitted your *EOP Application* if applicable.
- **Common App/School-based Applications:** Confirm with each institution that they have received all your materials.
- Copies of all **acceptance letters** (or emails) need to be given to Ms. Terraferma.

#### *Haven't applied to college yet?*

There is still time to apply. See Ms. Terraferma or a Creative Connection coach ASAP.

### FINANCIAL AID

The 2024-2025 FAFSA application launched on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The application is now available for you to complete at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for assistance, you can make an appointment with Ms. Terraferma or a Creative Connections Coach.

#### **STEP 1: OBTAIN YOUR FSA ID** <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Both the student and one parent (contributor) should obtain an FSA ID

#### **STEP 2: GATHER YOUR INFORMATION (HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED)**

- Your and your parents' Full name, DOB, social security numbers (SSN) and email address (same as the only you used to make the FSA ID) (Resident Card info if applicable)
- Date of legal residence (DOB or when you moved to NY)
- Parent's marital status and educational status (did they complete attend/complete college)
- Your and your parents' **2022 W-2 forms** and other records of money earned
- Your and your parents' **2022 federal income tax returns** (including all applicable schedules)
- Your and your parents' current bank statements and other information regarding their income.
- List of colleges you applied to for fall 2024 admission.

#### **STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FAFSA APPLICATION**

- After the student submits their section, the parent/contributor will receive an email to complete their section. After the application has been processed, you will receive an email.

**STEP 4: REVIEW YOUR FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY. EMAIL THE SUMMARY TO MS. TERRAFERMA OR UPLOAD IT TO THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM.**

*After you submit your FAFSA, your NEXT STEP is to Complete TAP. TAP is the NY STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (i.e. NYS Financial Aid)*

- TAP (HESC) ACCOUNT <https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/>

**FAFSA INFO SESSION**

WHSAD will host a FAFSA Info Session on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7pm on Zoom. This will be an overview of the FAFSA application.

The Zoom Meeting link will be in the Google Classroom and sent to your families via email.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are so many scholarships available with varying rewards, requirements, and due dates. Some I will post on the google classroom and/or post on the bulletin board. I have created a **Scholarship binder** in my office that you can look through as well. I also created a google doc that will feature scholarships. You should also be searching on your own. These are some of my favorite sites:

- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.studentscholarshipsearch.com](http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com)
- [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org)
- [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)
- [www.jlvcollegecounseling.com/](http://www.jlvcollegecounseling.com/)

❖ **2024 Hispanic Scholar Fund Program**

- ❖ Scholars are selected based on merit. Award amounts range from \$500 - \$5,000, based on relative need.
- ❖ <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>
- ❖ Deadline to apply is February 15, 2024

❖ **\$5000 Albert Shanker UFT Scholarship:** <https://www.uft.org/your-union/uft-programs/uft-scholarship-fund>

- ❖ Deadline to apply is February 28, 2024

❖ **\$20,000 Walter A. Hunt Architecture Scholarship:**

- <https://www.centerforarchitecture.org/scholarships-grants/walter-a-hunt-jr-scholarship/>
- ❖ Deadline to apply is May 13, 2024

**SENIOR DUES**

- ❖ Senior dues are \$225. The dues include SWAG Bag, Yearbook, Senior Breakfast, Graduation Cap, Gown, and Diploma Case. **The FINAL Deadline for payment is JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pay cash or money order to Ms. Nelson in Room 232A.**

**COLLEGE NOW**

- ❖ Interested in getting three FREE college credits? Undecided about your major? Take a course at City Tech next semester. The spring 2024 application is now available. Courses are remote, in person and hybrid. See the Class of 2024 for information on the courses and online application.

**KEY DATES**

- ❖ The Semester Ends: Monday January 22, 2024. All seniors MUST be on track to graduate. Mid-Year Transcripts will be sent to all colleges you applied to.
- ❖ Regents Week: January 23 – January 29<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Senior Trip: Kalahari January 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Semester 2 Starts: January 30<sup>th</sup>
  
- ❖ College & Career Events:
  - Onondaga Community College On site application day: January 16<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> period.

As always, email Ms. Terraferma at [tterraferma@whsad.org](mailto:tterraferma@whsad.org) if you have any questions.