WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL for ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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Our last semester has begun. I'm so excited for you all. Let's stay focused and keep up the good work. There are many fun things activities and celebrations coming up. Please stay on top of your work ☺

MID YEAR TRANSCRIPTS
I will be uploading your mid-year grades and updated transcripts to the SUNY Portal and Common App by February 5th. CUNY will access the grades electronically.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
ACCEPTANCE LETTERS have started coming in!!! Check your email (and SPAM folder!) every day. Please **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 1st**! 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/
- **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 such as portfolios, SAT Scores, Recommendation, etc.

Haven't applied to college yet?
There is still time to apply. See Ms. Terraferma or a Creative Connection coach ASAP.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID - www.fafsa.ed.gov
The **2024-2025 FAF$A** application is now open. Priority Deadline is February 15th. Optimal deadline is February 29th.
For assistance, you can make an appointment with me or with a Coach. Q's speak to Mr. Auffrey in 230:
- *Ms. Terraferma* https://calendly.com/terraferma-1/60min
- *Creative Connections* https://calendly.com/cc_support/creative-connections-fafsa-support

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 **2022 federal income tax returns** other records of money earned
- 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.

STEP 5: COMPLETE THE TAP (HESC) APPLICATION FOR NYS AID
https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/

SCHOLARSHIPS

These are some of my favorite sites:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
- www.gocollege.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.scholarshiphelp.org
- www.unigo.com
- 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

- ❖ **Common App Scholarship -** https://scholarshipguidance.com/common-app-scholarship-application
  - ❖ Have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year.
  - ❖ Answer ONE of the common app essay prompts.
  - ❖ Deadline to apply is February 29, 2024

- ❖ **The 2024 Whitney M. Young Jr. Scholarship** https://classroom.google.com/c/MTY0ODU4NzA1NTk0/m/NjYxMTY5NDM0ODU2/details
  - ❖ Graduating high school seniors or recent graduates who have not enrolled in college
  - ❖ New York City residents
  - ❖ Involved in community service, display leadership ability and have academic achievements
  - ❖ Deadline to apply is February 29, 2004

- ❖ **Banyan College Scholarship for South Asian Americans** - https://www.banyanscholarship.org/
  - ❖ Be of South Asian origin or descent (countries include India, Pakistan, Bangaldesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal)
  - ❖ Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
  - ❖ Deadline March 1, 2024

- ❖ **Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship**
  - ❖ Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs (such as finance, business administration, or marketing).
  - ❖ Demonstrate a passion for technology.
  - ❖ See link for other requirements and application. https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/bam-scholarship.aspx
  - ❖ Deadline March 13, 2024

- ❖ **1000 Dreams Scholarship** https://1000dreamsfund.org/programs/1000-dreams-scholarship-fund/
  - ❖ The 1,000 Dreams Scholarship provides one-time educational assistance for currently enrolled high school, college-aged or graduate school women throughout the United States.
  - ❖ Deadline to Apply is March 31, 2024

- ❖ **Men's College Scholarship** 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. The scholarship is available to any male, graduating senior from an accredited high school who is enrolling in a four-year undergraduate college program that commences in the fall.
  - ❖ https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/79371-Foundation-For-Fraternal-Excellence-
  - ❖ Deadline: April 1, 2022

- ❖ **ABENY (Association of Black Educators of New York) Scholarship**
  - ❖ https://abenyinc.wildapricot.org/scholarship
  - ❖ Deadline is April 30, 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

As always, email Ms. Terraferma at terraferma@whsad.org if you have any questions.