



# NORWICH FREE ACADEMY

School Counseling and Guidance Department  
News and Information for NFA Students and  
Their Parents/Guardians – April/May 2019

## SENIORS, WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

We are committed to helping all seniors have a post-graduation plan. If you have not yet submitted your application to a college, see your counselor as soon as possible. Final deadlines are quickly approaching. If you have questions, stop by the Career Center in the Latham Building for information about four-year and community colleges, technical and trade programs, and military options. If you are planning to enter the workforce and need assistance preparing a résumé or sharpening your interview skills, make an appointment with Mrs. Lauzier in the Career Center.

Many students take advantage of Three Rivers Community College's transfer agreement with several four-year colleges. This agreement allows students to begin study at the community college and transfer to the four-year college to complete their degree. It offers excellent cost savings for a four-year degree. Check with both the community college and the four-year school you plan to attend to be sure you meet their requirements.

Congratulations to the many students who already have been accepted to colleges all over the country. Keep your counselor informed about your college acceptances and final decisions. **You must update your college application decision information on your Naviance account.** We must have this information to send your final transcripts in July.

**THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE** will be visiting the Career Resource Center, Tues., April 23, to review applications for seniors who wish to apply to TRCC for the 2019 fall semester. For a pass to attend, submit a completed application to the Career Center by Mon., April 22. See your counselor or the CRC for details.

## FINANCIAL AID

To be considered for financial aid, seniors should have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Your Student Aid Report (SAR), which includes your expected family contribution (EFC), is available on the FAFSA website. The colleges you listed on the FAFSA will receive these figures and will send directly to you information about any financial aid they can offer you. Contact the college financial aid office if you have any questions. Check your email and respond promptly if the college asks for any additional information.

## GRADUATION AND SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Barring any further school cancellation, graduation for the Class of 2019 is 4 p.m., June 12. Information about senior activities and reminders about senior obligations, rules, and responsibilities, will be posted at MyNFA>Parents at [www.nfaschool.org](http://www.nfaschool.org) after April 21.

## CLASS OF 2019 CAPS AND GOWNS

Graduation caps and gowns cost \$29. Please pay Ms. Martin in the Bradlaw Office as soon as possible. Pay with cash, check, or money order made payable to NFA.

## AP EXAMS

Reminder: Students registered for AP tests please attend assigned pre-registration sessions, Mon., April 29, in the Ensemble Room.

## SENIOR SURVEY

All seniors **MUST** complete the SENIOR SURVEY in Naviance by April 26. The survey is **REQUIRED** to be considered for NFA scholarships and for NFA to send your final transcript to the college you will attend. To access the survey, click on the Naviance icon on your MyNFA>Student Portal Dashboard. Find the survey under *Important To-Do's and Tasks* and/or *What's New*.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**To be considered for NFA scholarships based on financial need, seniors must give a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA to their counselor by April 26.**

Outside scholarship applications received by NFA are posted on Naviance and on file in the Career Center. Scholarships vary in their requirements and application procedures, but all have rigid deadlines. Be sure to follow directions carefully. **Do not wait until June!**

We encourage underclass students to research scholarship opportunities. Scholarships are not only available to seniors.

## COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Many opportunities exist for students to earn college credit for select classes at NFA (see pp. 4-5 of the Course Catalog). Credits earned at NFA can transfer to many colleges. Each program has specific, separate registration forms.

- **UConn Early College Experience (ECE):** Registration information for students signed up for designated NFA/UConn classes next year will be distributed May 8. Registration is a two-step process. Students complete the application online by June 7. Then, students enroll in the specific class/es between August 15 and September 30. UConn will e-mail the bill to the student in the fall with a November 7 due date. Follow the link to the ECE site on your MyNFA>Students Portal Dashboard.
- **ECSU Dual Enrollment:** Registration forms will be provided in the spring. Payment is made to NFA.
- **College Career Pathways (TRCC):** Registration forms will be provided in the fall. No cost.

## GRADUATING SENIORS WHO HAVE EARNED COLLEGE CREDIT

If you enroll at the college from which you receive college credit earned at NFA, that credit will be on your college record already. If you enroll at any other college (or have credit from an additional program), **you must request that your transcript from that college be sent to the college in which you enroll.** Complete this process in July of 2019. The college website will have directions to request a transcript.

## UPPERS: SAT AND ACT TESTS

11th-grade students who took the SAT, March 27, can expect scores to be available on their College Board account by April 19. Students who missed the test will take the make-up, Tuesday, April 23, at NFA during the day.

Students can elect to take the ACT or retake the SAT on one of the national Saturday test dates. Colleges will take your highest test score for admission. See the registration and test dates below:

Test	Registration Deadline	Test Date
SAT	May 3	June 1
ACT	May 3	June 8

Go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register.

## UPPERS: COLLEGE VISITS

Spring is a great time to visit colleges for a personal sense of their programs and to determine a good match. College websites list the dates and times of tours, information sessions, and open house programs.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

NFA will continue to partner with Northeast Student Consulting, LLC, to offer an International Student Program. The Academy is responsible for educating selected students from China; and Northeast Student Consulting, LLC, oversees the "home-stay" or residence life portion of the program. The home-stay component is an important aspect of a student's total-immersion experience. If you are interested in learning more, or perhaps becoming a host family, contact **Dannel Zhu at [zhuwzus@gmail.com](mailto:zhuwzus@gmail.com) or 860-885-4680.**

The basic expectations of hosting an international student are as follows:

- Provide a clean, safe, and friendly home environment
- Provide a separate room or a bed in a room shared with a child of the same gender and approximate age
- Provide opportunities to practice English and participate in family activities
- Provide meals during non-school, weekday hours, and on weekends
- Provide transportation to and from school or to and from the school bus location as necessary

**Note:** NFA's admission process requires a Skype interview and English language proficiency. Northeast Student Consulting, LLC, pays a stipend to the host family.

## SUMMER INTERSESSION/CREDIT RECOVERY

Students who need to recover credit during the summer must enroll in the class and session that corresponds to the class and semester which they failed. Students should see their counselor for information. **Registration will be 8 a.m. to 1p.m., June 19 & 20** with Mrs. Howe at the Sachus Campus. Space is limited.

Summer Session	Class Session Dates
Semester 1	June 24-July 5
Semester 2	July 8-18

## \$125 Cost per class ½ Credit per class:

Each session offers two class periods: 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Summer graduation is July 19, 2019.

## STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN (SSP) MEETINGS

School counselors have met their grade level students throughout the year. Because a great deal of information is provided at these meetings, they can seem overwhelming. Parent(s)/guardian(s) and students are encouraged to follow up with their counselor as questions arise.

**NAVIANCE** provides students access to career, college, and scholarship information. Use your time in the summer to review the career interests you have identified and search for colleges and scholarship.

Find the Naviance icon on your MyNFA>Students Portal Dashboard

## WORKING PAPERS

The *Certificate of Age Form ED-301* verifies a minor's age for employment. Students requiring working papers may obtain them in the Career Resource Center or in the Registrar's Office in Allis House. Students must provide a written promise of employment, signed by the prospective employer.

## CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Room 1102 Latham Building

Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Friday 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Assistance with Employment, Resume, Working Papers, College Exploration and Preparation, and Job Shadow/Internship

Call or email for an appointment

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