

CAS GAZETTE

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AFRICAN AMERICAN (AA) CAS

The AACAS Executive Committee is a representative group of African American gifted and talented students from each of the 9 high schools. The group was established in 1992 to support and encourage AACAS students across the district to strive for excellence and create a system of support for an underrepresented population in CAS programs.

All meetings are held at the Pittsburgh Obama International Academy (former Peabody building) at 515 Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh PA, 15206

- Friday, March 1st 2013
- Friday, April 5th 2013
- Friday, May 3rd 2013
- Friday, June 7th 2013

AIU APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit's apprenticeship program consists of a half-day or daylong learning experience per month over a six or seven month period during the school year. Students meet and work with professionals who share their experience, expertise, enthusiasm and zeal for what they do for a living. The program provides for hands-on, behind-the-scenes experiences and gives students the opportunities to make connections with organizations and people who can help them as they pursue their career choices.

The Apprenticeship Program has been offered since 1978. The students apply for admittance to the program in mid-May. Students describe their interest in a particular apprenticeship, why they want to participate - including what they hope to learn from the experience, - and what careers they are considering for the future. Letters of recommendation, from teachers or administrators of their respective school district, must be submitted as well as \$50 application fee. Apprenticeship finalists must be self-motivated and disciplined. Students are expected to attend all sessions.

Each summer the Allegheny Intermediate Unit(AIU) offers Apprenticeship programs for students in Allegheny county. The application is typically available at the beginning of April and is due by the end of May. Information regarding the available apprenticeships and the application are available at the following website:

[http://apprenticeships.aiu3.net/\(S\(cnvsnwbtdqtrh5mkc2c5nk55\)\)/PUB_GATE Apprenticeship Home.aspx](http://apprenticeships.aiu3.net/(S(cnvsnwbtdqtrh5mkc2c5nk55))/PUB_GATE_Apprenticeship_Home.aspx)

LONG TERM PROJECT

One of the most powerful vehicles for the specially designed instruction mandated in the GIEP for each gifted student is the Long Term Project (LTP). The problem-solving skills, school-to-career experiences, long range planning strategies, presentation talents, and experience-based research usually integral to the LTP process directly impact the successful accomplishment of the district and state learning standards, are valued by employers and universities and often influence student career choices. The LTP affords a vehicle for showcasing academic as well as artistic, problem solving, and creative skills. Choose something you are interested in and then choose how you wish to present it.

***Students should have chosen their project for this year and should be actively working on it and meeting with their mentor.**

Make sure that you are logging your hours.*

The LTP Handbook can be found at: www.pps.k12.pa.us/1444201015133942717/lib/.../LTP_Handbook.pdf

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Health Career Scholars Academy - formerly the Governors school for Health Sciences – deadline Feb.15th

- <http://www.hcsa.pitt.edu/program.htm>

Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences – Juniors Only

- http://www.whsd.org/uploaded/documents/HS/Guidance/PGSS_2013_Flyer.pdf

38th Annual Summer Seminar on World Affairs - June 2013 - Applications will be available in Spring 2013

- <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/highschool-outreach.jsp?pagelid=2161392240601244714179489>

CAS GRADE POLICY

Students enrolled in CAS courses should maintain a "B" average in their CAS classes. If a student receives a grade below a B in any CAS course for the first semester, the CAS Facilitator responsible for the students GIEP will contact the parent/guardian to schedule a meeting to discuss. If the student does not earn a B or higher for the final grade they will not be permitted to continue in that specific CAS course path.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All CAS students should uphold the academic integrity policy included in their high schools' student handbook. If any CAS student is found in violation of the code of conduct outlined in the student handbook they may be removed from the CAS program.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INFORMATION

AP REVIEW SESSIONS

AP Review Sessions prepare current AP students to pass AP exams and potentially earn college credit. This year, sessions will be held throughout April on weekday afternoons (4-6pm) at Allderdice and Brashear high schools. Bus passes will be provided to all students on a first come, first serve basis. Enrollment forms will be mailed to students homes and made available at the school by February 15th. Official program dates will be published then, but we will likely follow the tentative schedule below:

Mondays: AP Calculus AB, Statistics, US History, Psychology @ Brashear
Tuesdays: AP English 3, English 4, Biology, Chemistry, Physics C @ Brashear
Wednesdays: AP Calculus AB, Statistics, US History, Psychology @ Allderdice
Thursdays: AP English 3, English 4, Biology, Chemistry, Physics C @ Allderdice
Saturday April 20 @ Brashear: ALL SUBJECTS
Saturday April 27 @ Allderdice: ALL SUBJECTS

AP DATES AND SIGN UP

AP Exams are administered over a 2-week period and are scheduled either in the morning (8am) or afternoon (12pm). Please check the schedule below for subject specific information.

Date	Morning Exam 8 a.m.	Afternoon Exam 12 p.m.
Monday, May 6, 2013	Chemistry, Environmental Science	Psychology
Tuesday, May 7, 2013	Computer Science, Spanish Language	Art History
Wednesday, May 8, 2013	Calculus AB, Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture
Thursday, May 9, 2013	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Language and Culture, Latin
Friday, May 10, 2013	Studio Art – last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. EDT) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly English Language and Composition	Statistics
Monday, May 13, 2013	Biology, Music Theory	Physics B. Physics C: Mechanics **Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism @ 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14, 2013	US Government and Politics	Comparative Government and Politics French Language and Culture
Wednesday, May 15, 2013	German Language and Culture US History	European History
Thursday, May 16, 2013	Macroeconomics, World History	Italian Language and Culture Microeconomics
Friday, May 17, 2013	Human Geography, Spanish Literature and Culture	

AP Coordinators will receive exam registration details in late January. The cost of each exam is \$89 and \$53 for students that receive a fee-reduction*.

*Pennsylvania has yet to release whether the state will contribute to the fee reduction, more information will be provided in the Spring.

AP SUMMER ACADEMY

The AP Summer Academy is meant to prepare students for Advanced Placement coursework by providing them with the necessary prerequisite skills needed to be successful in AP courses. The 2013 AP Summer Academy will take place from July 15-August 2 at Carnegie Mellon University. Students can sign up for either morning (9-12) or afternoon (1-4) courses in the following subject areas: AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Chemistry, AP English 3, AP English 4, AP Physics C, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, AP US History. All students enrolled in an AP course for the 2013-2014 school year are eligible to sign up. Weekly bus passes are provided upon request. Enrollment information will be made available online and at each school in April.

SCHOOL SPECIFIC INFORMATION