



ORRHS Guidance Newsletter

Current Guidance Happenings

Brown University - Dana M. Dourdeville Lecture on Engineering in Service to Society



Distinguished Professor of Environmental Engineering, Jenna Jambeck, will be presenting at Brown University as a part of the Dana M. Dourdeville Lecture series on **November 12, 2024** at 5:30 pm.

The topic: Turning the Tide on Plastic Pollution. Plastic debris and its impacts on the environment have been widely documented. By linking worldwide data on solid waste, population density, and economic status, Dr. Jambeck made an initial estimate of plastic entering the ocean annually. Shifting to where the burden of

plastics is carried, Jambeck and her team created the Circularity Assessment Protocol (CAP). CAP has been collaboratively used in 56 cities in 16 countries assessing circularity at the community level.

Register to join by visiting this [link](#).

Architecture Pathway - Field Trip Opportunity

Interested in a career in architecture? ORRHS has partnered with Boston Architecture College for Pre-College Opportunities. About Boston Architectural College: *We believe design, and design thinking are forces for good in the world. Our Pre-College Programs provide students with the skills they need to pursue careers in design, and empowers them to use design as a tool for social change. As an internationally recognized institution of architecture and design, the BAC's Pre-College Programs offer high school aged students a range of diverse opportunities to engage in hands-on experiences in design, critical thinking, and problem-solving, as well as opportunities to collaborate with their peers and leading design professionals around the world. Our inclusive and accessible Pre-College Programs are designed for high school students interested in learning more about architecture, interior architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, and much more! On-campus and online programs offer students flexible options that create pathways towards earning a degree in the design fields. Benefiting from our expertise and global network, the BAC's Pre-College Programs help propel students from preK-12 systems across national and international post secondary organizations into design education.*

Excited to learn more? Please complete this interest form to join a field trip on November 14th to the Boston Architectural College: [BAC Interest Form](#)

Curry College Open House - October 19th or 20th



Curry is a supportive community where resilient learners and original thinkers can thrive. As students continue their college search, consider attending the [Fall Open House](#) dates at Curry College. On Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th, come experience why Curry is made for YOU by connecting with the students, faculty, staff, alumni and coaches who will support you throughout - and beyond - your next

four years! Students may register for an Open House event at [curry.edu/openhouse](#).

Northeast Maritime Institute Fall Open House - October 19th

Please join NMI for their annual Fall Open House on **Saturday, October 19th from 12-3**. Applications are now available for their Spring 2025 and Fall 2025 Cohorts! Don't let this amazing opportunity pass you by and apply today! <https://cms.nmi.edu/how-to-apply/> Have questions? The NMI admissions team is available by calling 508-992-4025 or emailing admissions@nmi.edu

THIS WEEK - The College Boot Camp for Seniors and Families



The College Boot Camp is a series of **one hour evening sessions** for seniors and families offered by ORRH Guidance team members and will run on **9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 @6pm** in the HS Library.

9/25 - Making the List

10/9- The Common App

10/2 - The Essay

10/16 - Miscellaneous Support

SAT Information

Are you planning on taking the SAT? Here are some important deadlines to remember:

- **Oct 18th** is the deadline to register for the Nov 2nd test
- Nov 22nd is the deadline to register for the Dec 7th test

Students register using their College Board accounts at [SAT College Board Registration](#)

Reminder: Fee waivers are available in guidance for eligible students - please see your counselor to learn more!

College Now/Start Program

The College Now/START program is excited to begin accepting student applications for the Fall 2025 cohort through alternative admissions at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Due to the program's limited space for incoming students; applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early and complete an in-person meeting with the admissions team prior to April 1st, 2025. Students interested in the College Now/START Program can apply by using the UMassD online application or the Common Application. Please note when completing the application, students must select either College Now (COLNW) or START (START) as their 1st choice of major and second choice should be their major of interest. Students interested in applying to the College Now Program must be either a U. S. citizen or a permanent U. S. resident for at least one year and cannot exceed 24 transferable college credits. Although not limited to students who only meet the criteria below, applicants who satisfy one of the following criteria below are encouraged to enroll and receive support services through this program: (1) Be of low-income status, as defined by federal guidelines and/or (2) Be first generation college bound.

Students interested in applying through the START Program must be pursuing calculus-based majors, such as Engineering, Math, Computer Science or Physics.

- Applicants applying to the College Now/START Program are not admissible through the Office of Admissions.
- Applicants must demonstrate the ability to complete developmental and credited courses in order to matriculate into the university.
- College Now/START is a Fall admissions program only.

Paid Internship Opportunity - Upper Deck, Ltd/Moby Dick Marine Specialties, Inc.


Paid Office & Warehouse Internship & Paid Office Manager Internship: Students, faculty, family, friends & retirees welcome to apply! Upper Deck, Ltd/Moby Dick Marine Specialties, Inc., are small local family-owned businesses located at 10 Pequod Road, Fairhaven, MA which sells gifts, home décor, nautical items, etc. Although hours of operation are 8am – 4pm, they are certainly happy to work around any school, work & retiree schedules!! As little as 2, 4, 6, etc hour shifts available!! (starting \$15 per hour plus 20% employee discount, for more experienced, wages are negotiable!!) If you are interested, please email stella@upperdeckltd.com with your contact information!

College Info Sessions in October

- October 15 - [American University](#) (ZOOM - Asst. Principals conference room)
- October 17 - [University of Maine](#)
- October 17 - [Mass Art](#) (Art room 1923)
- October 18 - [Roger Williams University](#)
- October 18 - [Salve Regina University](#) (Ms. Millette's office)
- October 22 - [Rhode Island College](#)
- October 23 - [UMass Boston](#)
- October 24 - [Endicott College](#)
- October 24 - [Bridgewater State University](#)
- October 29 - [Fitchburg State](#)
- October 29 - [Curry College](#) (Ms. Millette's office)
- October 30 - [Savannah College of Art \(SCAD\)](#) Savannah College of Art (SCAD) (Art room 1923)
- October 30 - [Framingham State](#)

Juniors and Seniors, sign up with your Bulldog Block mentor for College Info sessions this month!

Career of the Week

CAREER OF THE WEEK		
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLERS		https://www.bls.gov/ooi/
WHAT DO THEY DO?	HOW TO BECOME ONE	JOB OUTLOOK & SALARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PV INSTALLERS TYPICALLY DO THE FOLLOWING:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLAN PV SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS BASED ON CUSTOMER NEEDS AND SITE CONDITIONS• MEASURE, CUT, AND ASSEMBLE THE SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR SOLAR PV PANELS• INSTALL SOLAR MODULES, PANELS, AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES ACCORDING TO BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS• CONNECT PV PANELS TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM• APPLY WEATHER SEALANT TO EQUIPMENT BEING INSTALLED• ACTIVATE AND TEST PV SYSTEMS• PERFORM ROUTINE PV SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	<p>PV INSTALLERS TYPICALLY NEED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. SOME PV INSTALLERS TAKE COURSES AT LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES OR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS TO LEARN ABOUT SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION. COURSES RANGE FROM BASIC SAFETY AND PV KNOWLEDGE TO SYSTEM DESIGN. ALTHOUGH COURSE LENGTH VARIES, MOST USUALLY LAST A FEW DAYS TO SEVERAL MONTHS.</p>	<p>Projected job growth 48% between 2023-2033</p> <p>Median salary \$52,000</p>

SEL Tip of the Week

Schoolwork and a Social Life: Balancing schoolwork with your social life can be challenging, but it's all about finding the right rhythm. Start by prioritizing your time - create a schedule that helps you manage both your responsibilities and your downtime. Plan ahead so that you can stay on top of assignments while still allowing time for fun. Set boundaries when needed - it's okay to say no to social plans if you need to focus on a big or (even) small project. Let your friends know and plan something fun after your work is done. Remember to continue to practice your self-care which includes getting enough sleep, eating well, and taking breaks to keep you energized for both school and socializing. Stay present - When you're studying, focus on your work and when you're with friends, enjoy the moment. Striking this balance will help you have a more successful and happy school year!

Information for AP Students

Attention all AP students, create your CollegeBoard account and join your AP Google Classrooms if you haven't already! If you need help with your log on, please contact Mrs. Millette.

Guidance is now collecting the \$40 per exam non-refundable down payment for your Advanced Placement Exam(s). The deadline to make your deposit is **Friday, November 1st**. Payments of cash or check (made payable to ORRHS) will be accepted in the guidance office. If you miss this deadline, an additional \$40 per exam late fee will be added to your exam cost. The full cost per exam is \$99 with the exception of Seminar and Research, which is \$147 per exam. If you qualify for Free or Reduced lunch and would like to apply for a waiver, you must contact Guidance prior to Friday, November 1st, for approval. Students that are approved to receive a waiver will be responsible for a payment of \$50 per exam, with \$15 due by November 1st to avoid the \$40 per exam late fee. Please contact laurenmillette@oldrochester.org with questions related to APs.

Save The Date: MEFA College Financing Seminar - November 13th

Attention Junior and Senior Parents/Guardians: Join us as our ORRHS Guidance Department hosts a College Financing Seminar on **Wednesday, November 13th with Kevin Fudge from MEFA at 6 pm in the high school cafeteria**. This seminar will provide information and clarity on the entire financial aid application process. You will learn about financial aid applications and types of financial aid, the factors that determine your aid eligibility, how colleges determine the amount of aid to offer, and the details of the financial aid award letters. *Seniors are able to start applying for financial aid as early as December 1st.* (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority; www.mefa.org)