



G.W. Hewlett High School

PPS/Counseling Newsletter

February 2025

Dates to Remember:

February 11th

College Night for Juniors

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Special Presentations

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 17th—Feb. 21st

Schools Closed

March 17th

Portal Opens for
Final Verification of
2025-2026 courses

Attention Seniors:

[Name Verification for HS
Diploma](#)

[Mid-Year Grades
to Colleges
Request Form](#)

[College Scholarships](#)

Important Links:

[Course Guide
2025-2026](#)

[College Guide
Class 2026](#)

[Hewlett-Woodmere
Zen Den](#)

Course Scheduling for 2025~2026

School Counselors are currently meeting 1:1 with students to verify teacher course recommendations, select electives, and make any necessary adjustments. Override forms are due to the PPS Office no later than March 14th. Final verification of all courses will take place when the portal reopens on March 17th. At that time, parents and students will view the list of courses that will be scheduled for the following school year. Any concerns should be directed to your assigned school counselor immediately. Late course requests will only be accommodated until April 11th and are contingent upon seats available.



AP Exam Payment is Due!

At this time, all AP students should have received a packet in the mail detailing the upcoming AP test administration and the payment process.

[Click here](#) to view the online site to pay via credit card. Credit card, checks, and money orders are all acceptable forms of payment. Checks and money orders should be made out to HWUFSD-PPS and submitted to Mrs. Bavaro in the PPS Office.

View the exam schedule on the following page. Please contact Mrs. Harrison or Mrs. Bavaro if you have any questions regarding the AP Administration.



PreACT Scores:

The long-awaited PreACT scores have arrived. Students who took the PreACT exam in November can pickup their score report and test booklet in the PPS Office. Scores have also been downloaded to students' Naviance accounts.

AP Exam Schedule

May 2025

Week One	Morning 7:25 a.m.	Afternoon 12:00 noon
Monday, May 5	Biology	European History
Tuesday, May 6	Chemistry	U.S. Government
Wednesday, May 7	English Literature (Gr. 12)	Comparative Gov't and Politics
Thursday, May 8	Statistics	World History
Friday, May 9	United States History	Macroeconomics Chinese Studio Art* - <i>Submission Deadline</i>
Week Two	Morning 7:25 a.m.	Afternoon 12:00 noon
Monday, May 12	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Seminar
Tuesday, May 13	French Language	Environmental Science
Wednesday, May 14	English Language & Composition	Physics C Mechanics
Thursday, May 15	Spanish Language	Computer Science Principles Physics C Electricity
Friday, May 16	Physics 1	



AP Prep Online Resources

[Khan Academy](#): Partnered with College Board to provide tutorial support for most of the AP exams.

[Shmoop](#): Offers academic review in all AP courses!

[Bozeman Science](#): Ideal for AP Science courses; no login required.



Junior College Night

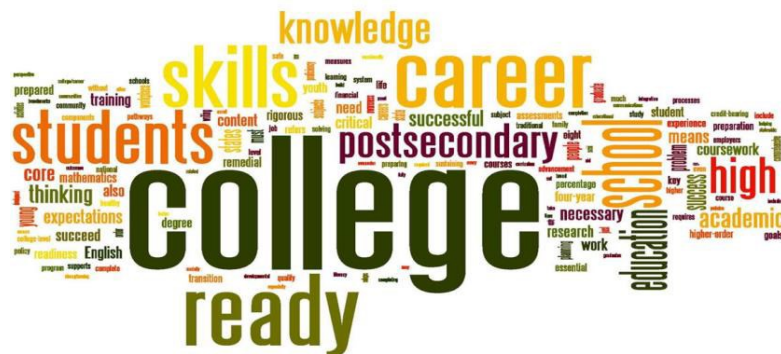
February 11th

7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

This program marks the college/career planning 'kick off' for

Hewlett High School Juniors

Parents and students will meet in small groups with their School Counselor
and a College Admissions Expert



Counselor	Meeting Location
Ms. Conrad	Choral Room
Mrs. Leder	Library
Mrs. Murphy	Band Room
Mrs. Rotella	Yoga Room
Ms. Rubenstein	Cafeteria

Earlier Presentations:

College Planning for Students with Special Needs

@ **6:30 p.m.** in Room Choral Room

College Planning for Spanish Speaking Families

@ **6:30 p.m.** in Little Theatre

Post High School Military Options: All Branches

@ **7:00 p.m.** in the Main Lobby

Attention Seniors

As your college results roll in...

- ◆ Share all your results with your School Counselor and Recommending Teachers!
- ◆ Continue to update your Naviance account to reflect all admissions decisions.
- ◆ Students with Early Decision acceptances must withdraw open applications.
- ◆ Students with Deferrals should focus on mid-year grades, as they can be a determining factor in gaining admission. Meet with your counselor to devise a game plan on moving ahead. [Click here](#) for great tips !



◆ Avoid Senioritis at all costs!!

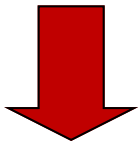
sen·ior·i·tis: a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation performance.

All admission acceptances are contingent on your final senior-year GPA. College acceptances are NOT final decisions until final transcript is reviewed! [Read 5 Tips for battling senioritis!](#)

Junior Jump~Start the College Research:

For those parents and students who are excited to get the college process started, the links below are great introductory resources. **Be sure to attend Hewlett HS College Planning Night on February 11th.**

CLICK on the links below for detailed information on college admissions



[How to Choose a College:](#) Learn what's really important in the college search.

[15 Ways to Find Your Calling:](#) A 'must read' Forbes article for students starting the college admissions process.

[Fair Test:](#) Colleges and Universities that are test optional; SAT or ACT are not needed for admission.

[Common Application:](#) Junior students should start applying to colleges via the Common App in late spring.

[Self Reported Transcripts:](#) View which colleges require this extra step of retyping your transcript.

[Method Test Prep:](#) Each student has access to an online SAT and ACT prep in their Castle Learning account.

JUMPSTART



A Heartwarming Note to Survive the College Admissions Madness

As a parent navigating the college acceptance season, you may find yourself feeling the same emotions as your college-bound child: ecstatic about their acceptance to the school of their dreams or disheartened over a rejection. One thing is for sure: each year there are record numbers of applicants yearning for acceptance at an elite school around the country, and most will be turned down. The realization is that graduating students rejected from their dream school will find themselves attending an engaging school that will fulfill their academic and personal college experiences.

We recently came across a wonderful article written by Frank Bruni, New York Times columnist and author of, “Where You Go Is Not Who You’ll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania.” The article dissects the madness and pressure of the college admissions game, while encouraging parents and students to accept the hand dealt as the college you attend is not the single factor in determining your professional achievements. Within the article, Bruni references a letter delivered to an accomplished student by his parents on the eve of the college acceptance letter season. The letter is as follows:

Dear Matt,

On the night before you receive your first college response, we wanted to let you know that we could not be any prouder of you than we are today. Whether or not you get accepted does not determine how proud we are of everything you have accomplished and the wonderful person you have become. That will not change based on what admissions officers decide about your future. We will celebrate with joy wherever you get accepted — and the happier you are with those responses, the happier we will be. But your worth as a person, a student, and our son is not diminished or influenced in the least by what these colleges have decided.

If it does not go your way, you’ll take a different route to get where you want. There is not a single college in this country that would not be lucky to have you, and you are capable of succeeding at any of them.

We love you as deep as the ocean, as high as the sky, all the way around the world and back again — and to wherever you are headed.

The wisdom, pride, and sincerity of this letter is a message worth spreading to our children and grandchildren as they face the college acceptance season. It’s important to remember that rejection will pass, but these kind and supportive words will live with our children well beyond their college years and into their professional and personal lives.



Organizations promoting many opportunities:

- ♦ [Summer Engagement Opportunities: By Major](#)
- ♦ [Pre-College Summer Program](#)
- ♦ [Volunteer Programs](#)

Individual Organizations:

Abbey Road Programs

Where: Across the World

Who: Teenagers

Website: <https://www.goabbeyroad.com/>

Action Quest

Where: British Virgin Islands, Caribbean, Galapagos and Ecuador, Australia, and Thailand

Who: Students 14 and up

Website: <http://www.actionquest.com/>

AIFS Summer Advantage

Where: San Jose, London, Paris, Rome, and Granada

Who: Students ages 16-18

Website: www.summeradvantage.com

American Trails West

Where: Across America

Who: Teenagers

Website: <http://www.atwteentours.com/>

American Collegiate Adventures

Where: Wisconsin, Washington, DC., Seville, Florence, London, DC/Philly/Boston, Costa Rica, Panama, and Barcelona

Website: www.acasummer.com

Broadreach

Where: Across the Globe

Who: Middle School, High School, and College students

Website: <http://www.gobroadreach.com/>

CIEE

Where: China, France, Japan, and Spain/South Korea Foundation Scholarship program

Eligibility varies by program

Website: www.ciee.org

Experiment in International Living

Where: Across the World

Who: High School students

Website: <http://www.experiment.org/>

Global Works

What: Cultural Exchange and Service, Language Immersion and Community Service

Website: www.globalworkstravel.com



Global Leadership Adventures

Where: Ghana, Tanzania, Bali, Thailand, India, China, Fiji, Galapagos, Peru, Costa Rica

Website: www.experiencegla.com

Putney Student Travel

Where: TBA

Website: <https://goputney.com/>

REIN Tours

Where: Community Service Programs available in California, Hawaii, and Indiana

Website: <https://www.reinteentours.com>

Rustic Pathways

What: Community Service, Adventure, and Language Immersion programs all over the world

Website: www.rusticpathways.com

Sail Caribbean

Who: High School students

Website: <https://www.sailcaribbean.com/>

SCAD Summer Seminars

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Locations in Atlanta, Hong Kong, and Savannah

Website: www.scad.edu/academics/pre-college-summer

Summer Discovery (Musiker)

Where: Programs throughout the United States

Who: Students ages 15 and 16 year old

Website: www.summerdiscovery.com

Teen Life

What: A comprehensive list of summer programs around the world.

Website: www.teenlife.com

Travel for Teens

Where: Across the world

Website: <http://www.travelforteens.com/>

Visions Service Adventures

What: Combines Community Service and Cultural Immersion into exciting adventure programs

Website: www.visionsserviceadventures.com

Westcoast Connections

Website: <http://westcoastconnection.com/>

Where There Be Dragons

Website: <http://wheretherebedragons.com/>

World Strides

What: Academic and adventure program around the world

Website: <https://worldstrides.com/>

Summer 2025 Academic-Based Programs



ALABAMA

- **University of Alabama Early College Program**
High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors
Website: www.uaearlycollege.ua.edu

CONNECTICUT

- **Summer Scholars Program at Fairfield University**
High school students entering their junior and senior years that have a GPA of a 3.2
Website: [Summer Pre-College Programs \(SHS\) < Fairfield University](http://www.fairfield.edu/summer-pre-college-programs)
Yale University: Ivy Scholars Program
Rising Seniors with exceptional grades
Website: <http://ivyscholars.yale.edu/>

DELAWARE

- **University of Delaware: Summer College Honors Program**
Sophomores and Juniors
Website: www.summercollege.honors.udel.edu

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Washington, D.C.)

- **Georgetown University: College Prep, College Courses**
Website: <http://scs.georgetown.edu/departments/21/summer-programs-for-high-school-students>

FLORIDA

- **Summer for Success at Beacon College**
High School Juniors and Seniors
Website: www.beaconcollege.edu/admissions/beacon-college-high-school-program
- **Summer Scholars Program at University of Miami**
High School Students
Website: <http://miami.edu/dcie/index.php/ssp>

ILLINOIS

- **Northwestern University: College Prep**
High School Sophomore and Juniors
Website: <http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/summer/high-school-programs/>
- **University of Chicago**
Accomplished high school students
Website: summer.uchicago.edu/pre-college/pre-college/

INDIANA

- **Indiana University: Summer College Program**
Website: <http://precollege.indiana.edu/>

MARYLAND

- **Johns Hopkins University**
Must be at least 16 years old with a 3.0 GPA or higher
Website: [2025 Pre-College Summer Programs | Summer at Hopkins](http://2025-pre-college-summer-programs-johns-hopkins)
- **University of Maryland: Young Scholars Program**
Rising Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors
Website: <https://oes.umd.edu/pre-college-programs>

MASSACHUSETTS

- **Boston College**
Must have completed junior year and compiled an outstanding academic record
Website: <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/sites/bc-experience.html>
- **Boston University**
Website: <http://www.bu.edu/summer/high-school-programs/>
PROMYS: Program for Young Scientists
Website: [PROMYS – PROMYS | Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists](http://promys-bu-program-in-mathematics-for-young-scientists)



- **Brandeis University:** Jewish studies, academics, and the arts)
Students entering Grades 10 - 12
Visit website to learn about necessary documentation in order to apply.
Website: www.brandeis.edu/genesis
- **Harvard University:** College Prep, College credited courses
Website: <http://www.summer.harvard.edu/high-school>
- **Smith College Summer Program for High School Girls**
Open to girls entering grades 9 through 12
Website: www.smith.edu/academics/precollege-programs
- **Tufts University**
Summit Program
Takes place at the Tufts University European Center in Talloires, France
Website: <https://universitycollege.tufts.edu/high-school>
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute: WPI Frontiers and Launch programs**
WPI Frontiers - juniors and seniors in high school
WPI Launch - Students entering their freshman or sophomore years in high school
Website: www.wpi.edu/academics/pre-collegiate/summer

MICHIGAN

- **University of Michigan**
Programs in Art, Architecture and Urban Planning, Music, Theatre, and Dance
Website: <https://stamps.umich.edu/pre-college/summer>

MISSOURI

- **Washington University of St. Louis:** Summer Scholars Program
Must be a current Sophomore or Junior. Program is competitive and selective.
Website: <https://precollege.wustl.edu/>

NEW YORK

- **Adelphi University**
Current high school students
Website: www.precollege.adelphi.edu
- **Alfred University**
Students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior years of high school
Website: <https://www.alfred.edu/about/community/summer-camps/>
- **Barnard College:** Summer in New York City/Young Women's Leadership Institute
Website: <https://barnard.edu/admission-aid/high-school-pre-college-programs/summer-programs>
- **Columbia University:** Study in New York
Website:
<https://www.teenlife.com/1/summer/columbia-univ-summer-programs-for-high-school-students/>
- **Cornell University**
Grades 10, 11 and 12 - depending on selected program
Website: www.sce.cornell.edu/sc/programs
- **Fordham University**
High school students entering their senior year with a 3.0 GPA or better.
Website: www.Fordham.edu/summer
- **Hobart and William Smith Colleges**
Environmental Studies Summer Youth Institute
Website: <http://essyi.hws.edu/>
- **Hofstra University**
Website: https://www.hofstra.edu/academics/summer/summer_hsclasses.html
- **Ithaca College**
Website: www.ithaca.edu/summercollege
- **Marist College**
Website: <http://www.marist.edu/summerinstitutes/>



- **Molloy College**
High school students entering their junior or senior year, and students entering college as freshmen
Website: <https://www.molloy.edu/admissions-aid/first-year-admissions/info-for-families/pre-college/summer-academies/>
- **New York University**
Rising Juniors and Seniors
Website: <http://www.nyu.edu/admissions/precollege.html>
- **Pratt Institute**
Website: <https://www.pratt.edu/academics/continuing-education-and-professional/precollege/summer-programs/>
- **Skidmore College**
Website: https://www.skidmore.edu/precollege/?utm_source=teenlifeindex.php
- **Stony Brook University**
High School Students interested in Journalism who will be juniors or seniors in September 2017
Website: [Pre-College Summer Program | Stony Brook University](#)
- **Syracuse University**
Website: <http://summercollege.syr.edu/>

NORTH CAROLINA

- **Duke University:** Talent Identification Program (TIP)
Open to high school students in grades 9-12
Website: <https://learnmore.duke.edu/precollege/all-programs>

PENNSYLVANIA

- **University of Pennsylvania**
Wharton School Pre College Program
Website: <http://www.wharton.upenn.edu/pre-college-programs>
Summer at Penn Program for High School Students
Website: <https://hs.sas.upenn.edu/summer-programs>

RHODE ISLAND

- **Brown University**
Website: <http://www.precollege.brown.edu>
- **Rhode Island School of Design**
Website: <https://www.risd.edu/academics/summer-programs>

ENGLAND

- **Oxford University**
Website: <http://www.oxfordscholastica.com>

Summer 2025 Art & Music Programs



⇒ [Summer Guide to Music Camps, Institutions and Programs](#)

⇒ [Summer Guide to Art Camps](#)

- **ACTEEN** - Film and Acting Program in Manhattan
Website: www.ritalitton.com
- **Berridge Programs in Normandy, France**
Website: <https://www.berridgeprograms.com/>
- **Boston Conservatory** – Dance/vocal
Website: <http://www.bostonconservatory.edu/high-school-and-collegiate-intensive-programs>
- **The Catholic University of America:** Drama/Acting/Musical Theatre/Opera (new)
Website: <https://drama.catholic.edu/academics/summer-programs>
- **Camp Encore**, Maine
Website: <http://www.encore-coda.com/>
- **Eastern Summer Music Camp at Colgate University**
Website: <http://www.easternusmusiccamp.com/> Contact person: Mr. Tom Brown
- **French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts**
Website: www.frenchwoods.com
- **Hofstra Summer Musical Theater Intensive**
Website: https://www.hofstra.edu/academics/ce/summer-camp/specialty_musical_theater.html
- **Indiana University** –Piano, Recorder, or String Academies
Website: <http://music.indiana.edu/precollege/summer/music-clinic/>
- **Ithaca College**
Website: <http://www.ithaca.edu/summer-college-high-school-students>
- **Marist College**
Theater: <https://www.marist.edu/liberal-arts/english-theatre>
Film /TV Production: <https://www.marist.edu/admission/pre-college/film-tv-production>
- **MPulse Summer Performing Arts Institute-** Anne Arbor Michigan-musical theater
Website:
<https://smt.d.umich.edu/programs-degrees/youth-adult-programs/youth-programs/mpulse/>
- **National High School Institute**-Northwestern University's Evanston campus-theater/film
Website: <https://nhsi.northwestern.edu/theatre-arts-division/>
Website: <http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nyssa/>
- **New York Film Academy**
Website: <https://www.nyfa.edu/summer-camps/>
- **New York State Summer School of the Arts** - theater, dance, music, voice
Website: <http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nyssa>
- **Media Arts at SUNY Oswego**
Website: <http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nyssa/>
- **Parsons School of Design**—Summer Intensive Studies
Website: www.newschool.edu/parsons/summer-programs
- **Pratt Institute**
Website: [Summer PreCollege - Continuing and Professional Studies](#)
- **Rhode Island School of Design**—RISD
Website: www.risd.edu/precollege
- **Rutgers Summer Acting Conservatory**
Website: <https://em.rutgers.edu/ncp/search/ProgramDetails.aspx?id=391&src=browse>



- **Savannah College of Art and Design**—Rising Star
Website: <http://www.scad.edu/admission/pre-college/index.cfm>
- **School of Visual Arts**
Website: [Pre-College Program | School of Visual Arts | SVA NYC](#)
- **SUNY @ Purchase**—Summer Visual Arts Institute
<https://www.purchase.edu/Departments/AcademicPrograms/CE/Youth/>
- **UCLA Acting and Performance Summer Institute**
Website: <https://www.summer.ucla.edu/institutes/ActingandPerformance>

