

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

JUNIOR BULLETIN

February 2025

College Planning Night for Junior Parents: February 27 at 5:00pm in the Library during Open House

Individual College and Career Planning Meetings: College and Career Planning Meetings will begin after February Break. We extend an invitation to parents to participate in these meetings. Counselors will engage with each student one-on-one to provide support in navigating the college search or career planning journey. These sessions are expected to run between 45 minutes and 1 hour. If your parent/guardian is interested in attending, please complete the form below

Ms. Koss' Students Last Name A - GE

Mr. Fiore's Students Last Name GF - Q

Mrs. Roy's Students Last Name Q - Z

Course Selection Sheets are due in PowerSchool by January 31. Individual meetings to review your choices will be held the week of February 10

College and Career Fair at WHS

When: March 26 during extended Advisory

Last Year's Attendees

Please note: Colleges and industry partners RSVP.

OPTIONS TO START COLLEGE EARLY

CCRI Running Start Program: The Running Start Program is a dual enrollment program for high school seniors who have demonstrated academic achievement and maturity necessary to enroll in college courses during their senior year of high school. Seniors who wish to study at CCRI on a full-time basis (12 credits) during the day will earn college credit and credit toward high school graduation simultaneously. Students must have a B- (2.7) average and complete an application by April 15. Students should meet with their school counselor to discuss this opportunity. [Application Link](#)

New England Tech Early College: The Early College Program at New England Tech is a unique dual-enrollment program for motivated high school seniors who are ready to accelerate their path to a college degree. High school students who are interested in pursuing full-time studies at New England Tech during their senior year of high school can earn college credits a year early. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. Applications are due March 1. Students should meet with their school counselor before applying. [Application Link](#)

Johnson and Wales Early Enrollment Program: The Early Enrollment Program (EEP) for high school juniors allows you to get started on college a year early. You can earn both high school and college credits at the same time. Through EEP, your tuition cost for your first year will be half the regular JWU tuition cost.. You'll also be eligible to live in the residence halls (at full cost). You must have a 2.75 GPA

and complete an application. See your school counselor for more information. [Application Link](#) applications are due by March 1.

Scholarship and Award Opportunities

2025 EAA Aviation Scholarships Flight training and post-secondary scholarships are available to everyone over the age of 16. [Application Link](#). Application Deadline: February 28, 2025

Horatio Alger Scholarships: National Scholarship: Up to \$25,000 for approximately 106 recipients Nationally and up to \$10,000 awarded to multiple students in each state. Criteria to apply

- **Be a U.S. citizen** and enrolled full-time as a high school junior (with plans to graduate in the spring of senior year) minimum 2.0 GPA
- **Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree** immediately after high school.
- **Demonstrate critical financial need**, typically defined as a family income of \$65,000 or lower.
- **Exhibit integrity and perseverance** in overcoming adversity, such as personal, family, or economic challenges.
- **Show involvement in extracurricular activities** or community service.

[Application Link](#) Due March 1, 2025

NEACAC Annual Essay Contest High school juniors and seniors are invited to submit a 500-word essay on the following topic Describe a trusted mentor (counselor, teacher, coach, or peer) who has had the greatest impact on your decision to attend college. How has this individual supported your educational goals? [Application Link](#) due April 1

The American College Foundation (ACF) offers the annual Visionary Scholarship program to financially support students in every grade level of high school. The ACF awards start at \$1,000 each, with a grand prize of \$5,000. Students must write a 500-word essay on "Why College is Important to Me" **Deadline June 1** [Application Link](#)

College Board BigFuture Scholarships: Earn scholarship entries by completing college planning steps like creating a college list and practicing for the SAT. Multiple Awards given out monthly from \$500 up to \$40,000 [Link to Apply](#)

Summer Internships/Volunteer Programs and Seminars

Volunteer Opportunity Backus Hospital

The Workforce Development & Volunteer Services at Backus Hospital is looking for volunteers for the 2025 Junior Volunteer Summer Bridge Program. This program aims to provide students with the opportunity to serve their community, earn community service hours, develop mentorship opportunities with healthcare professionals, and explore various career paths.. Applications are due February 14.

Summer Bridge Program FAQs and Application

Yellow FarmHouse Education Center: Yellow Farmhouse Education Center uses culinary and farm-based education to connect people to each other and to where their food comes from so that we can cultivate a shared commitment to supporting a local, sustainable food system accessible and affordable to all. Summer interns will maintain the vegetable gardens, help with summer children's programs and support the Preserving the Bounty program by coordinating donations. This is a paid internship, 30 Hours a week \$16.35 an hour. [Application Link](#) Interviews start in May have you application submitted by April 1

Little Rhody Boys and Girls State simulates the functioning of a state government, giving participants the chance to understand how democracy works from the inside out. You'll learn about the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, and have the opportunity to run for office and participate in creating laws. Attending this program helps you stand out in the college application process. Many of our graduates have gone on to represent Rhode Island at Boys or Girls Nation in Washington DC.

The 2025 session will be held from **June 15th to June 20th, 2025** at St. Andrew's School in Barrington. We will work with you to accommodate any exams you may have during the program, and it will count as an excused absence.

[Boys State Application](#)

[Girls State Application](#)

Turn completed applications into Mrs. Roy in guidance

30 Hours of Community Service for Graduation

You need 30 hours of community service to graduate. Turn in completed community service forms to the deans. *You must have all community service hours completed to be considered for the National Honor Society.*

Upcoming SAT and ACT Test Dates

Standardized tests can be an essential part of your college application, showing schools your academic readiness. Strong scores may also qualify you for scholarships and honors programs. (next page)

SAT TEST DATES register through your College Board Account

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (extra fee)
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
April 2, 2025	School Day - students are registered by school	
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025

June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025
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ACT TEST DATES register at actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (extra fee)
April 5, 2025	February 8	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26

Fee waivers are available for free and reduced lunch students for both tests see your school counselor

ASVAB Testing:

WHS will offer the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on February 26 during the school day.

Please let your school counselor or Mr. Fiore know if you would like to take the test.

Why take the ASVAB?

1. **Career Exploration:** The ASVAB provides insights into your skills and interests across various areas, helping you explore potential career paths that align with your strengths.
2. **Understanding Aptitudes:** It measures abilities in areas like math, science, reading, and technical skills, giving you a clearer picture of what you excel at.
3. **Military Options:** For students considering military service, the ASVAB is required for enlistment. Scoring well can open up more job opportunities within the armed forces.
4. **Personal Growth:** It helps identify areas for academic improvement or skill development, useful for setting future educational and career goals.
5. **Free Resource:** Administered at no cost, the ASVAB is an accessible way to gain valuable information about your abilities and potential career fits.