



CAPROCK ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWSLETTER

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“College is a singular opportunity to rummage through and luxuriate in ideas, to give your brain a vigorous workout and your soul a thorough investigation, to realize how very large the world is and to contemplate your desired place in it.” – Frank Bruni, author

Announcements:

Senior Appointments – If you still need to sign up for your Senior Meeting with Mrs. Van Schaick, please do so before the end of the quarter. I’m looking forward to chatting with you! Come by the College and Career Office to sign up.

Common App – Please make sure you are working on your applications. Stop by during my office hours if you need help. Here is a great resource to guide you through the Common App process: ***Ultimate Guide to the Common App***

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1585764182/bronxexcellenceorg/leor5wwyjgwqyfj19jen/Story2_GuideToTheCommonApp-eBook_2019.pdf

Now is a great time to plan your college visits! Schedule them online through college websites. If you are visiting a college on a school day, it is an excused absence.

Need help writing your essay? Ethan Sawyer, the “College Essay Guy” has a variety of resources and videos online, from deciding on a topic to the final draft. (Of course, your English and Writing teachers are also happy to help!)

<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/>

Parents – *Please feel free to email me with any college/career related questions. I am also available if you would like to schedule a meeting to talk in person.*

Upcoming Events

Caprock College Planning Night: Monday, September 15th, 6:30-7:30 PM. We will discuss college applications and scholarships, followed by Q&A. If there is a specific topic you would like me to cover, please let me know! All students and parents are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP via email: h.vanschaick@caprockacademy.org

Colorado Western Slope College Fair: Sunday, October 5th, 10am-2pm, at the Aspen School District Campus. This is a free event and open to all high school students and their families.

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.cwscollegeoutreach.org/>

Paying for College

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): The FAFSA application opens on October 1st. *Every student should fill this out*, even if you don't expect to receive federal aid. Some colleges and universities require it and most use the information to determine other scholarships. Watch for more information about completing the FAFSA or visit <https://studentaid.gov/>

Net Price Calculators

Net Price calculators are to be used as the first step in determining affordability. Calculators will estimate the financial aid and scholarships you are likely to receive from that school and give you a general idea of what you will pay, personally, to attend that school. Every college website is required to have one (you may need to use the search bar to find it) or go to <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price> .

The Go-to Guide for College Financial Aid: <https://finaid.org/>

Scholarship Websites:

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>

<https://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/60-of-the-weirdest-college-scholarships/1000/>

<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarships/>

<https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/>

<https://myscholly.com/>

Individual school websites often have a list of scholarships offered by that institution.