



G.W. Hewlett High School

PPS/Counseling Newsletter

November 2025

ALUMNI DAY

Dates to Remember:

November 4

Schools Closed
Election Day

November 7

Grades posted to the Portal

November 11

Schools Closed
Veterans Day

November 15/16

PreACT @ WMS

November 26

Alumni Day

November 27-28

Schools Closed
Thanksgiving Holiday

Important Links

[Extra Help Schedule](#)

[College Scholarships](#)

[Parenting and the Power of Gratitude](#)

Save the Date:

December 10th

Taste of Tech Field Trip

January 6th

Summer Opportunity
Fair @ HHS

Class of 2025

Members from the Class of 2025 are invited to Hewlett High School for a breakfast in their honor. The breakfast will take place in the Library periods 3 and 4 (9:00 AM to 10:30 AM).

Mrs. DeMaio invites her theater alumni to visit her period 1 and/or 9 Intro to Theatre classes to share experiences.

Freshmen to Freshmen: College freshmen are needed throughout the school day to talk with HHS freshmen in ELA 9 classes. Counselors will facilitate discussion on what HHS alumni did during their time at HHS that was helpful in making connections in high school and in their later success with college admissions.

Please help us spread the news by sharing the registration link with any member of the Class of 2025.

[Click here to register.](#)

November 26th

PreACT: November 15, 2025

Paper and Pencil Exam

Deadline to register is November 7

Students interested in taking this practice exam are asked to report to **Woodmere Middle School** no later than 7:45 AM, where classroom assignments will be posted. Students must have two #2 pencils, a graphing calculator, and acceptable photo ID.

Snacks must be packed in clear zip-lock bags with name clearly labeled. Labels must be removed from all water bottles. Students must bring proper photo ID and their Admission Ticket.

Acceptable Photo ID documents include:

- Valid driver's license or driver's permit
- U.S. Passport
- Hewlett High School ID Card

For students who are religious observant or involved in the school musical, we are offering the exam on **Sunday, November 16**. Please indicate this request on the form.

Watch for an email from Hewlett High School the week prior to exam with required **Admission Ticket**.

[Click here to register](#)

PTA Curriculum Presentation: October 27

- **Hewlett High School's Timeline of the College Admissions Process**

Parent University Presentations: October 28

- **Paying for College: Financial Aid Presentation**
- **Positive Parenting: How to Reduce Anxiety**
- **The Five Components of a College Application**
- **Digital Citizenship: Tips for Safer Internet and Social Media Use**



SUNY College FREE App Week

Ends November 3

Seniors should take advantage of submitting all their SUNY applications during this time period as the application fee is waived. Don't miss out on the savings!



Types of College Scholarships:

- **Need Based Scholarships:** Money awarded based on financial need; as demonstrated on the FAFSA. Packages are mailed home in early spring of senior year after electronic submission of FAFSA form.
- **Merit Scholarships:** Money awarded based upon academic achievement during high school and standardized test scores. Generally, no additional work is required and notification comes with (or shortly after) admissions offer.
- **New York State Excelsior Scholarship:** Full tuition, based on lottery, for SUNY and CUNY colleges.
- **College-Based Scholarships:** Money awarded by a specific college. Many competitive colleges award money based on additional requirements that are fulfilled on separate scholarship application.
- **General College Scholarships:** Many organizations offer scholarship money based upon a variety of factors. Each scholarship will require a separate application with varying degrees of additional work.

Application Reminders:

PPS Procedures: When students have a firm list of colleges, they must fill out the [Transcript Request Form](#). Requests must be submitted 15 days prior to the first application deadline.

Teacher Recommendation Letters: Teachers will be submitting their recommendation letters online. Students must invite teachers through their Naviance account and should connect with them to inquire if additional information is needed. Teacher Rec. questions are located on students' Naviance account.

Counselors' Letter of Recommendation: To allow your counselor to write the most in-depth, accurate, and supportive recommendation letter possible, be sure to have completed the **Parent and Student Brag Sheets**. [Click here](#) to open forms.

AP Exam Orders:

Advanced Placement exams will be ordered in early November through College Board. At this point in time, AP students have 'joined the class' in their College Board account, which signals an exam order as well as access to AP Classroom for that particular course.

View Hewlett High School's AP Contract and the upcoming exams dates for the May 2026 administration by [clicking here](#).





On-Site College Admissions

Seniors at Hewlett High School have a wonderful opportunity to meet with local college representatives and have an instant admissions decision made at our on-site program. There are many benefits to participating.

Among them are:

- 1) Immediate admissions decision;
- 2) Less stress during the waiting game;
- 3) No application fee for most colleges.

[Click here to view individual college requirements](#)

If you qualify, please make an appointment with Mrs. Bavaro for an interview and to obtain further guidelines

While we may have your SAT or ACT scores, teacher letters, and transcript on file, you must electronically submit your application, print it, and hand a copy into PPS by material due date.

College	On-Site Date	Materials Due to PPS:
Molloy University	November 7	October 31
LIU Post	November 13	November 6
Hofstra University	November 24	November 17
New York Institute of Tech	December 2	November 25
Farmingdale State College	December 4	November 20
St. John's University	December 10	December 3
Nassau Community College	January 7	December 19





First-Year Admission Days

Dear Students,

Adelphi University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions is excited to invite you to one of our upcoming First-Year Admission Days on Tuesday, November 11, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday, November 23, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During the event, you'll have the opportunity to receive an on-the-spot admission decision! These events will be held in the Nexus Building on Adelphi's Garden City campus, and virtually for students who cannot attend in person. During the events, you'll have the opportunity to receive a same-day admission decision if eligible, take a campus tour, and mix and mingle with some of our current Adelphi students. All participating students will have their application fee waived! To make the most of your appointment, be sure to review the Admissions Requirements Chart on the next page. It includes key information about GPA eligibility and required documents you must submit at least one week before your scheduled appointment. You can register for the event by visiting: connect.adelphi.edu/portal/fy or by scanning the QR code below.



After you register, you will receive a confirmation email immediately (please check your spam if you don't see it), a reminder email 24 hours before the event, and a text reminder one hour before your appointment. We are excited to welcome you to campus and help you take the next step toward becoming an Adelphi Panther! Best,

Melissa Bellantonio

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Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Come Visit Us!

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BOCES
BARRY TECH
OPEN
HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE DATES:

November 20, 2025-5:30 PM

January 17, 2026-10:00 AM

February 11, 2026-5:30 PM

<https://barrytech.nassauboces.org/>



Scan QR code to
register for the
November 20th
Open House



Scan to access our digital course catalog

Nassau BOCES Joseph M. Barry Career & Technical Education Center
1196 Prospect Ave Westbury, NY 11590



Save the Date: December 10

Taste of Tech Field Trip to Barry Tech

School Counselors will be visiting Grade 10 classes to introduce the BOCES programs, which are available for students in Grades 11 and 12. Watch for more information regarding orientation programs at the three BOCES locations.

BOCES Programs and Majors: @GC TECH, @Barry Tech, @LIHSA

FAFSA

Free Application for Student Aid

Completing the FAFSA is a crucial step in accessing financial aid for college. It helps determine your eligibility for federal, state, and college-specific aid programs. NYS implemented a new regulation that requires all high school seniors to either complete the FAFSA or submit a waiver opting out of the process. This requirement is intended to ensure that every student is aware of the financial resources available to support their college journey.

Please complete this [HHS FAFSA Completion or Waiver](#) to ensure we meet the new state requirement.

For students who are not eligible for federal financial aid due to their immigration status, the **New York State Dream Act** allows access to state financial aid programs such as TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) and Excelsior Scholarships.

New York State offers several scholarship opportunities to help students manage the costs of higher education. These include the **Excelsior Scholarship**, which provides free tuition at SUNY and CUNY schools for eligible students, and the **Enhanced Tuition Award**, which offers financial assistance to students attending private colleges in New York. You can find more information and apply for these scholarships at the official [NYS Scholarships website](#).

CSS Profile:

Many private colleges require this financial document beyond the FAFSA form.
Click [here](#) to view the college(s) that require this form.

Federal Financial Aid

The Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that allows students to apply for federal student aid, such as scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans for college, career/trade school, or graduate school.

HHS Financial Aid Night

[Click Here](#)

2025-26 APPLICATION

FAFSA is opened for completion for all students

[Click Here](#)

FAFSA Completion Events

[Click Here](#)

CHECKLIST

Click on the link below to find the FAFSA Checklist for incoming college students. Please note that the student and parent tax forms must be from two years prior to the date of the completed FAFSA form (e.g. 2023 records for the 2025 year).

[Click Here](#)

FAFSA IS A YEARLY PROCESS

Your financial aid package supports one academic year.

A new FAFSA form must be completed each year to continue receiving financial aid.

FSA ACCOUNT NEEDED

A Federal Student Aid account is required for the FAFSA application to be completed. Students and parents must create individual accounts. Please keep your ID and password secure.

Questions?

Contact the Federal Financial
Aid Office: 1-800-433-3243

CSS PROFILE

Many colleges and universities require families to complete a CSS Profile account in addition to the FAFSA form. CSS Profile asks families to provide additional financial information so more financial aid packages can be provided. The link below will send you to their home page where you can find the list of institutions that require this additional form. There is a fee associated with the CSS Profile.

[Click Here](#)

FINANCIAL AID WAIVER FORM

If you do not wish to complete the FAFSA forms or the DREAM Act Application, seniors and their legal guardians must submit the waiver below. The waiver form acknowledges your awareness of FAFSA and DREAM Act and your choice not to complete either federal financial aid application.

[Click Here](#)

COUNSELOR ON CALL @ HHS



Assisting with :

- Common App
- Naviance
- Self-Report Transcripts
- Essays
- Organization/Guidance

Weekly Sign up at the PPS Reception Desk

Mondays & Wednesdays

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

See Mrs. Harrison
for details



NEED COLLEGE ESSAY HELP?

Share your essay draft(s) on a Google Doc with English Teaching Assistant, Ms. Delliquanti, for constructive feedback.

You can also send an email for a one-on-one conference to discuss your work,
jdelliquantimollica@hwps.net

Meetings can be scheduled
during periods 3, 4, 10, or after
school in the Library

