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WALLKILL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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College & Career Fair

The Counseling Department is hosting a
College & Career Fair on April 23rd!

This event is being held during the school day for
students only from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Over 50 colleges will be represented, as well as
military branches, union apprenticeship programs,
technical schools, and other career opportunities.

This event is marketed for Juniors, but all grade levels
are welcome to attend!



**Orange County Counselor Association (OCCA) will
also be hosting a College Fair on April 23rd!**

Meet with over 100 College Admissions
Representatives!

This event will take place in the
SUNY Orange Physical Education Building
from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend!

Important Dates

- **April 7:** Local Scholarship deadline
- **April 10:** Quarter 3 ends
- **April 17:** Deadline for registration for the May SAT test
- **April 23:** WSHS College & Career Fair from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (*Students only*)
- **April 23:** Orange County Counselor Association College Fair from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at SUNY Orange (*Parents, Guardians, and Students*)
- **April 24-27:** Senior Trip to Disney!

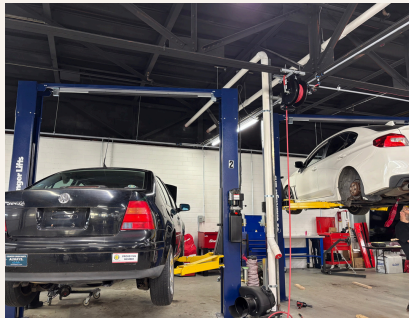
4 Year College-Bound Students

Students who are thinking of applying to four year colleges during their senior year should plan on being on track for the **Advanced Regents Diploma**.

As a reminder, Algebra I, the Geometry Regents, and Algebra II are needed for the Advanced Regents Diploma, as well as three years of a foreign language.

During the month of March, the Counseling Department...

- Began one-on-one meetings with every student in the junior class to prepare for the upcoming year. Each meeting includes a transcript review, course planning to ensure student success, discussions about post-secondary goals, and an overview of the college application process (including the Common App, Naviance, SATs, letters of recommendation, and scholarships).
- On March 12, Mr. Derisse and Mrs. Veach accompanied students to SUNY Ulster for their Presidents Challenge Scholarship event. First generation college students were selected in 8th grade and these scholarship recipients participated in activities to support college readiness. Students and their sponsors also had the chance to connect during the year at on-campus events.
- On March 13, the Counseling Department visited The Career & Technical Center at Ulster BOCES, which offered dozens of high-tech training programs for high school juniors and seniors. The wide range of programs help students gain valuable skills and can lead to in-demand jobs after graduation. Over 100 students went on the trip!
- On March 23, Mrs. Terralavoro and Mrs. Reid-Apronte accompanied students to Mount Saint Mary College for the Hudson Valley Young Enterprising Women event, a day of learning, mentorship, and growth. Students were grouped by interest (including science fields like nursing, biology, chemistry, and pre-med, as well as math and engineering) and had opportunities to connect with accomplished female leaders, gained practical financial knowledge, and explored STEM careers.



CLASS OF 2026

Be mindful of college application deadlines!

Scholarships

Naviance is your go-to resource for finding local and national scholarships. To search for scholarships, log in to your Naviance account and follow these steps:

Local Scholarships

- Click on the "Colleges" tab at the top right of the home page
- Find "Scholarships and Money"
- Next, find "Scholarship Search" and click on it
- Here you will find Local and Regional Scholarships

National Scholarships

- Click on the "Colleges" tab at the top right of the home page
- Find "Scholarships and Money"
- Next, find "National Scholarship Search" and click on it
- Fill out the questions so they can narrow down the search for you and click enter

****Deadline for local scholarships is April 7 at 3 p.m.****

Midyear reports to colleges were sent out in mid-February.

Final transcripts will be sent out the first week of July.

CLASS OF 2028

Sophomore Meetings:

Counselors began one-on-one meetings with sophomores to review transcripts, assist with course selection, and discuss Career and Technical Education opportunities at BOCES for next year.

BOCES Trip:

The BOCES trip took place on March 13, during which students visited programs of their choice. After the trip, students received a QR code to scan and rank their top three program choices for next year.

Students also met with their counselors to complete course selections and were given a **tentative** copy of their course requests.

BOCES will determine student placements and notify counselors in May.

*****Spots are limited as Wallkill competes for open seats in programs with other school districts and placements are not guaranteed*****

CLASS OF 2027

Junior Meetings:

Counselors are wrapping up meeting one-on-one with every junior to discuss scheduling for next school year, post-secondary plans, and the college process.

Juniors, please plan to attend the College and Career Fair on April 23!

This is a great opportunity to explore different colleges, learn about potential career paths, and connect with representatives who can help guide your future plans. Don't miss out on this valuable experience!

CLASS OF 2029

Freshman Meetings:

This month, counselors will begin one-on-one meetings with freshmen to discuss:

- How your first year has been going
- Scheduling for next year
- Graduation requirements
- Four-year academic planning
- NCAA

If you have any questions for your counselor, this meeting is a great opportunity to ask them and get to know your counselor better.

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' Future of Healthcare Workshop: Kamila Garcia



As always, reach out to your counselors if you need help or have any questions or concerns!

