Guidance Update: Upcoming Events and Opportunities
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(The opportunities and events that are listed here have been sent to us from various sources. They are not endorsed by us. We are simply sharing information.)

RISD Portfolio Day

RISD Portfolio Day in Providence is being held right on campus. It's a really great chance for students to get real feedback on their work and to start to picture themselves here.

Saturday, **October 3**, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

Register here

Students can reserve their spot for a one-on-one portfolio review, and then stick around for a RISD 101 info session, join a campus tour, or meet with our Pre-College team.

Henry David Thoreau Scholars

Each year, The Henry David Thoreau Foundation selects several Massachusetts high school seniors interested in environmental studies to receive up to $26,000 for tuition to the college of their choice.

Henry David Thoreau Scholars major in many different subjects such as oceanography, green architecture, conservation biology, and alternative energy as well as engineering and computer science majors related to the environment.

Thoreau Scholars also participate in study abroad programs and gain work experience through internships, which reinforce an environmental undergraduate experience.

The application opens October 15th and closes February 1st.

CLICK HERE for more information.

Oxford Centre for Advanced Research

The Oxford Centre for Advanced Research is a selective, fully online research programme for high school students. You are matched with a single PhD researcher in your field — from Oxford, Cambridge, a top UK university, or an Ivy League institution — who supervises you from research question to finished paper.

Every student finishes with an original academic paper and an OCAR certificate; students on the Publication Fellowship also receive dedicated support preparing their work for a peer-reviewed journal.

Any discipline — humanities, social sciences, STEM, law, economics, philosophy.
Fall II Cohort Deadline: **10 October**. Learn more and apply here.

SAT Bootcamp

For students who would like help preparing for the SAT, our students have been invited to a discounted **SAT Bootcamp** at **UMass Boston** over the weekend of **October 16 - 18, 2026**. Students of all grade levels are welcome to attend.

On average, students improve their SAT scores by 100 - 200 points, which can make a significant difference in college admissions and scholarship opportunities.

Schedule for the 3-Day (20-hour) SAT Weekend Bootcamp

Friday, October 16th	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday, October 17th	9:00 am - 6:00 pm (lunch 1 - 2)
Sunday, October 18th	9:00 am - 6:00 pm (lunch 1 - 2)

Location of Bootcamp: UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA

Regular Cost of Camp: $499
Discounted Cost: **$249** - Use coupon code **BEACONS** at checkout.

How To Enroll in the SAT Camp

1. Go to: http://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/SATcourse
2. Scroll down to find the camp you want.
3. Enroll as directed.
4. Use coupon code **BEACONS** at checkout to get the 50% discount.

Eastern MA Future Leaders Summit

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Eastern New England is hosting the **Eastern MA Future Leaders Summit** for high school students interested in entrepreneurship, business, leadership, or social impact.

This non-competitive showcase gives high school students a platform to showcase their ideas, learn from experts, and build real connections.

Students can participate in the **Student Showcase** to share their work, or simply attend to network and hear student pitches.

- 📅 **Date:** Tuesday, **November 3, 2026**
- 🕓 **Time:** 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- 📍 **Location:** Marlborough Public Library (Community Room) — 35 W Main St. Marlborough, MA
- 🎟️ **Registration & Details:** MA Future Leaders Summit Eventbrite Page and FLS Student Registration