Guidance Update: Upcoming Events and Opportunities
10/15/26 edition

(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.)

Young Founders Lab

Applications are open for Young Founders Lab's **November 2026 cohort**.

Students can build a startup, nonprofit, or passion project with 1:1 mentorship from experienced founders and operators. Our mentors include Y Combinator alumni, former consultants, startup founders, and professionals with experience at Google and Microsoft.

Students interested in competitions can join the Pitch Competition Prep Program. They'll develop a project while preparing for competitions such as Blue Ocean, Diamond Challenge, DECA, and FBLA. Students can participate individually or as a team.

Applications close **October 21**.
Learn more about YFL | Apply here

TYE Entrepreneurship Academy

Our **TiE Young Entrepreneurs (TYE) Academy** has been helping Greater Boston high school students develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills for more than 23 years. Through hands-on workshops and mentorship from experienced business professionals, students work in teams to develop startup ideas, build business plans, and pitch their ventures to entrepreneurs and investors.

We are currently finalizing enrollment for our **2026–27 Academy**.

Program Details:

- **Cohort A starts Saturday, October 24; Cohort B starts Saturday, October 31**
- 12 alternating Saturdays, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
- Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC), One Broadway, Kendall Square
- Final Pitch Competition: May 15, 2027
- Open to students in grades 9–12
- Full need-based scholarships available

Beyond entrepreneurship, TYE helps students develop communication, teamwork, creative problem-solving, leadership, and public speaking skills.

FREE VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION **- Wednesday, October 21, 6:30–7:00 PM**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87548277689?pwd=a4sDWMuGe49to6vtuuW1ETazFF1Sqc.1

Learn more and apply**: www.tye-boston.org**

Assabet Technical Institute Fall Senior Open House

Assabet Technical Institute will be hosting a Senior Open House on **November 4, 2026**.

This event is a great opportunity for high school seniors and juniors to explore hands-on technical training programs and learn more about career pathways that can lead directly to in-demand careers.

Date: November 4, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Assabet Regional Technical/Vocational High School
215 Fitchburg Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

During the Open House, students and families will have the opportunity to:

- Explore our vocational and technical training programs
- Meet instructors and ask questions about programs
- Tour our facilities and classrooms
- Learn about industry certifications and credentials
- Discover career pathways and employment opportunities
- Learn career support

Veritas AI International High School Hackathon

The Veritas AI International High School Hackathon is a free, virtual AI hackathon open to high school students (grades 9 to 12) worldwide. Over one weekend, **November 14-15**, students build a real AI project solo or in teams of up to 3. No AI experience needed.

The top team wins an AI internship, and the full prize pool, including scholarships to Veritas AI programs, is worth $70,000. Finalists present live to judges from Microsoft Research, Stanford, Harvard, and Princeton.

Register by **November 13** here: https://tally.so/r/NpG7yN

More info here: https://highschoolhackathon.org

For questions, please reach out to Daniel Marion at daniel.marion@veritasai.com.

Horizon Academic Research Program

The Horizon Academic Research Program pairs high school students 1-on-1 with researchers from Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard. In 12 weeks, you'll complete a 20-page, college-level research paper you can submit to competitions or journals and include in your college application.

39% of our alumni attend an Ivy League, Stanford, or MIT. More info in our **brochure.**

Our Winter Deadline is **November 15**. Submit your application here.

Still have questions? Reach out to our Head of Academics at: osiane@horizoninspires.com

Oxford Essay Prize

The Oxford Essay Prize is a free, international essay competition for students aged 14 to 18, run by the Oxford Centre for Advanced Research (OCAR). Entries are judged by researchers at Oxford, Cambridge, and MIT.

6 winners (1 Gold, 2 Silvers, 3 Bronzes) share more than £10,000 in cash prizes and scholarships. Strong runners-up earn Honors scholarships.

Submit early by **November 15** to get £100 on top of your final scholarships. **Register here.**

For questions, please contact us at director@oxford-research.uk.

Tech Project for High School Students

Build a college-level tech project. Work with Harvard & MIT mentors.

Veritas helps high school students build a college-level tech project under the guidance of a PhD or Master's mentor from Harvard, Stanford, or MIT. Students learn the technical foundations of tech and data science, and apply what they learn to their projects. Past students have used AI to detect cancerous cells, predict tennis shot success, and assess ocean health using satellite imagery.

Last year, 12 of our alums got into the Ivies and Stanford. More info in our brochure.

The deadline is **November 29.** Here is the **application form.**