2026 FALL CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

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A ST.GEORGE'S SCHOOL INITIATIVE





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The Building Bridges Career Exploration Program is a groundbreaking initiative designed to provide aspiring educators with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of independent schools. This program caters to future teachers' curiosity and professional development needs by offering them insightful and hands-on experience within diverse independent educational institutions. Through a carefully structured curriculum, participants gain valuable insights into the distinctive locations, departments, philosophies, teaching methodologies, and student-centered approaches that are the hallmark of these schools. Participants will observe and collaborate with experienced educators, fostering a deep understanding of the innovative practices that independent schools employ. The program will provide you with in-depth insight and knowledge of these dynamic and empowering environments and help guide you in the ever-evolving field of education to determine if this path is right for you.

Dwayne Pina,
Building Bridges Program Director

WELCOME!











It is my pleasure to welcome you to St. George's for the Building Bridges Fall Career Exploration Program. Building Bridges creates opportunities for learning and exploration, the strengthening of networks, and the broadening of professional avenues. St. George's is truly excited to host this pivotal program, providing opportunities for early-career educators and students from historically Black colleges and universities to learn more about New England independent schools. We are thrilled to work members of the Building Bridges Partner School Network, enabling us to broaden the reach and impact of Building Bridges. My colleagues and I are excited to meet you and collaborate with you in the days and years ahead.

With all best wishes,

Michael C. Wirtz P'30, *Head of School*

SCHOOL OVERVIEWS

TAFT SCHOOL

110 Woodbury Rd, Watertown, CT 06795

Mission/Value Statement:
Taft educates the whole person to strive for wisdom, find joy in purpose, nurture relationships, build resilience, practice humility, pursue excellence, and live with honor.



- All-gender boarding and day school
- Grades: 9 - 12
- Number of students: 600
- Boarding students: 83%
- Students of color: 45%
- Founded: 1890

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

250 Lloyd Avenue, Providence, RI 02906

Mission/Value Statement:
Moses Brown, a Friends School, exists to inspire the inner promise of each student and instill the utmost care for learning, people, and place. Moses Brown is one of the oldest and largest of a network of 80 Friends schools in the U.S. While each is independent, we all share the same essential mission: honoring what Quakers refer to as the Inner Light and helping each child experience that Light within while nurturing and celebrating their own gifts, talents, and identities.



- All-gender day school
- Grades: nursery - 12
- Number of students: 772
- Students of color: 27%
- Founded: 1784

SCHOOL OVERVIEWS

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

372 Purgatory Road, Middletown, RI 02842

Mission/Value Statement:
St. George's School challenges students to discover and develop their intellectual, spiritual, and physical gifts within a vibrant and joyful community, inspiring them to lead lives of constructive service to the world and to God.



- All-gender boarding and day school
- Grades: 9 - 12
- Number of students: 391
- Boarding students: 80%
- Students of color: 23%
- Founded: 1896

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

1400 Lowell Road, Concord, MA 01742

Mission/Value Statement:
Middlesex School helps students find their promise through rigorous intellectual, physical, creative, and ethical education. We value integrity, kindness, inclusivity, excellence, and engagement in service of our community and the wider world.



- All-gender boarding and day school
- Grades: 9 - 12
- Number of students: 425
- Boarding students: 70%
- Founded: 1901

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Dean of Community, Justice, and Belonging

Middlesex



Jason Sport
Chief Officer for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



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Major: History; Comprehensive Social Studies
Grade Level Interest: High School (9-12)

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Howard University
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Grade Level Interest: High School (9-12)

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Claflin University
Major: Early Childhood Education; Middle Level Education
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Clark Atlanta University
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Alcorn State University
Major: Elementary Education
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Southern University and A&M College
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Grade Level Interest: High School (9-12)

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Monday Nov. 2

TAFT SCHOOL

Watertown, CT

Tuesday, Nov. 3

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

Providence, RI

Wednesday, Nov. 4

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Middletown, RI

Thursday, Nov. 5

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

Concord, MA



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Monday Nov. 2

TAFT SCHOOL

Concord, MA

6:45 a.m.	**Depart Hotel**
7:30-8:15 a.m.	**Breakfast** *East Dining Hall*
8-15-9 a.m.	**Tours with Students (B Block)**
9-9:15 a.m.	**Break**
9:15-9:45 p.m.	**Welcome to Taft** Ozzie Parente, *Asst. Head of School for Student Life* Dr. Eileen Bouffard, *Asst. Head of School for Teaching and Faculty* Jill Danaher, *Co-Dean of Faculty; Shannon Guidotti, Co-Dean of Faculty* Thomas Allen, *Dean of Community, Justice and Belonging*
10:05-11:15 a.m.	**Choose your own adventure (C Block)** Class options to be discussed during the welcoming
11:25-11:45 a.m.	**Lunch (F Block)** *Mr. Taft's Private Dining Hall*
11:45 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	**Lunch with Department Heads** Erin Duffy, *World Language* Dr. Padraig "Podge" Lawlor, *History* Dr. Amanda Benedict, Sierra, Lisa ll
12:05-12:25 p.m.	**Office of Student Life** Tim Deary, *Dean of Students* Shavar Bernier, *Asst. Dean of Students* Kevin Conroy, *Director of Community Programming* Courtney Shanley, *Director of Student Activity and OSL Operations*
12:25-1 p.m.	**Break (G Block)**
1-1:45 p.m.	**Cohort with UCT/Affinity Student Leaders (G Block)**
1:50-3 p.m.	**Choose your own adventure (D Block)** Class options to be discussed during the Cohort
3-3:15 p.m.	**Break**
3:15-4:30 p.m.	**Visits to afternoon program**
4:30-5 p.m.	**Cohort prepares for departure**

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Tuesday Nov. 3

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

Providence, RI

7:15 a.m.	**Hotel Pickup**
7:45 a.m.	**Arrival and Breakfast** *Rustin Center*
8:30-8:55 a.m.	**Meet and Greet with MB's Senior Leadership Team** *Rustin Center*
9-10:15 a.m.	**Classroom Visits (All Divisions)**
10:15-10:45 a.m.	**Upper School BIPOC Affinity Group** *Rustin Center*
10:45-11:05 a.m.	**Coffee Break** *Cafeteria*
11:05-11:25 a.m.	**Campus Tour with Upper School Student Leaders**
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	**Session with MB Dean of Faculty**
12:15-12:55 p.m.	**Lunch with Student Diversity Council** *Rustin Center*
1-3 p.m.	**Classroom Visits (All Divisions)**
3:45-5:30 p.m.	**Explore Thayer St and Boys V Soccer Game** *Wasserman Field*

Who's Who:

Katie Titus, *Head of School*
Debbie Phipps, *Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs*
Luke Anderson, *Director of Rustin Center for Peace and Belonging*
Laura Twichell, *Head of Upper* School
Jared Schott, *Head of Middle* School
OJ Marti, *Head of Lower School*
AJ Kizekai, *Director of Athletics*
Jennifer McFadden, *Director of Friends Education, Humanities teacher*
Kelena Reid, *US Humanities Dept, DEI Clerk and BB coordinator*
Yulie Lee, *MS English Dept Chair and BB Coordinator*
BSU: *Black Student Union Affinity Group*
BIPOC: *Black, Indigenous, People of Color Affinity Group*

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Wednesday, Nov. 4

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Middletown, RI

6:30 a.m. **Depart Hotel** *Hampton Inn, Seekonk, MA*

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast** *King Hall*

8:10 a.m. **Formal Welcome** *Main Common Room, Old School*
Dr. Christine Marshall, *St. George's School, Assistant Head of School & Dean of Faculty*
Mervan Osborne, *St. George's School, Dean of Community, Equity, and Inclusion*

8:30 a.m. **F Block Classroom Visits**
1st half: 8:30-9:05 a.m.
2nd half: 9:10-9:45 a.m.

9:55 a.m. **IBC Student Gathering** *Great Room, Hamblet Campus Center*

10:35 a.m. **E Block Classes**
1st half: 10:35-11:15 a.m.
Return to the Brown Center at 11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m. **Networking 101**
Group A: *Head of School's Office*
Dr. Rebecca Melvoin, *Dean of Student Life*
Robert Spezzano, *Director of Studies, STEM Faculty*
Hannah O'Brien, *Humanities Faculty*

Group B: *Brown Center Common Space*
Ryan Mulhern, *Dean of Enrollment Management*
Elizabeth Bickford, *Humanities Faculty*
Morgan Willis-Hill, *STEM Faculty*

Group C: *Brown Center Conference Room*
Dr. Christine Marshall, *Assistant Head of School & Dean of Faculty*
Erin Wilson, *Humanities Department Chair*
Erik Patton-Sharpe, *Assistant Director of Community, Equity, and Inclusion, Humanities Faculty*

Group D: *Merck Center for Teaching*
Dr. Gretchen Boger, *Dean of Academics, Director of the Merck Center*
Mervan Osborne, *Dean of Community, Equity, and Inclusion*
Devon Ducharme, *Director of Connected Learning, STEM Faculty*

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Wednesday, Nov. 4

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Middletown, RI

12:45 p.m. **Lunch: Belonging in Our Community** *Davenport Room, Hill Library*
Mervan Osborne, *Dean of Community, Equity, and Inclusion*
Elizabeth Bickford, *Humanities Faculty*
Erik Patton-Sharpe, *Assistant Director of Community, Equity, and Inclusion*
Chyra Williams, *STEM Faculty*
Morgan Willis-Hill, *STEM Faculty*
Stephen Jones, *Humanities Faculty*

1:30 p.m. **Merck Teaching Program** *Davenport Room, Hill Library*
Dr. Gretchen Boger, *Dean of Academics, Director of the Merck Center*
Catherine Rodero Scholhamer, *Language and Culture Studies Chair and Faculty, Merck Teaching Program Co-Head*
Morgan Willis-Hill, *STEM Faculty*
Stephen Jones, *Humanities Faculty, Building Bridges Teaching Fellow*
Chyra Williams, *STEM Faculty*
Riley Smith, *Connected Learning Program Coordinator, Athletic Liaison*

2:15 p.m. **Campus Tour**

8:30 a.m. **F Block Classroom Visits**
1st half: 8:30-9:05 a.m.
2nd half: 9:10-9:45 a.m.

2:15 p.m. **Athletic Competitions**

5 p.m. **Depart Campus**



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CLASS SCHEDULE

F Block: *1st Half 8:30 am - 9:05 am | 2nd Half 9:10 am - 9:45 am*		
Biology	Marshall, Christine	AB 203
Precalculus	Williams, Chyra	AB 116
Humanities I: Journeys in Literature	O'Brien, Hannah	AB 120
Humanities II: World History	Wilson, Erin	SH 15
Humanities II: World Literature	Cramer, Cory	SH 14
Humanities III: American History (Advanced)	Boger, Gretchen	SH 23
Humanities III: American Literature	Bickford, Elizabeth	AB 114
Introduction to Music Technology	Grohmann, Karl	AC 204 Percussion
Introduction to Photography	Sturtevant, Ted	Art Center Mac Lab
Web Development & Design	Smith, Liam	AB 115
E Block: *1st Half 10:35 am - 11:15 am | Return to the Brown Center at 11:15 am*		
Biology	Furtado, Lilly	AB 201
Algebra II	Lewis, Douglas	AB 115
Creative Writing	Jones, Stephen	SH 15
Economics (Advanced)	Roeser, John	AC 202
Geometry	Willis, Morgan	AB 116
Humanities I: Historical Inquiry in Place	Waters, Nathaniel	SH 11
Humanities I: Journeys in Literature	Coffin, Meg	SH 21
Humanities II: World History	Patton-Sharpe, Erik	SH 10
Humanities III: American Literature	Ploskina, Chad	AC 102
Musicianship	Longo, Kate	AC 201

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Thursday, Nov. 5

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

Concord, MA

7:30 a.m.	**Pick up at Hotel**
8:15-9 a.m.	**Breakfast with students from BSU** *Barron Room*
9-05-9:50 a.m.	**Tour of Campus**
9:55-10:40 a.m.	**Class visits** **Visiting Faculty: Meeting with College Office** *Faculty Room*
10:45-11:30 a.m.	**Class visits**
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	**Lunch with MX Faculty** *Curtis Center*
12:30-1:15 p.m.	**Networking with Admin Team Rotation** *Warburg Library* Eric Kester, *Assistant Head of School* Doug Price, *Dean of Admission* Pierson Wetzel, *Dean of Hiring* Jecca Hutcheson, *Dean of Innovation & Learning* Ruth Baldwin, *Dean of Faculty* Jason Sport, *Chief Officer for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*
1:20-2:05 p.m.	**Art and Ideas** *217 Bass Performing Arts Center* Stacey McCarthy, *Head of Art Department* Hannah Minifie, *Art Faculty* Tanja Sport, *Art Faculty*
3-3:30 p.m.	**Closing Program**







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