



Dear ACE Students & Families,

Having completed the 2012-13 school year and my first year with ACE, I am very pleased with the changes in the program and the support of the ACE community, schools, and colleges.

Some highlights of the past year include welcoming both McGraw and Marathon school districts into the ACE program, utilizing more community and college programs, and providing more career speakers.

The main goal for the coming year is to have career speakers at many of the ACE programs. We are also adding another 9th grade Field Trip. This will focus on why grades matter while you are in high school and why your transcript is important.

We are also looking for speakers for our institutes. Students would like to hear from and ask questions of those working in various careers. If you are willing or know someone who is willing to speak to the ACE students, please complete the form included in this newsletter and send it to the ACE office.

Once again this year, the College Fair is being held at TC 3 on Tuesday, October 15th. ACE students who attend with their school will be given credit. Additionally if the school is not participating during the day, students may attend in the evening for ACE credit.

The four supporting colleges have offered ACE students the opportunity to attend their Open Houses. These are listed in the newsletter and also on our website. Any time a student visits a college campus they need to complete a visitation form in order to receive ACE credit. Additionally, SUNY Cortland is offering alumni career panels. Dates & times listed in the newsletter (pg. 5).

The basic ACE calendar is included. More events may be added and we will inform you through our website, e-mail distribution list, and the school liaison.

Best wishes for a great year!

Carol Clarke,
ACE Coordinator

LANSING H.S. REGIONAL INSTITUTE:

Sat. Morning OCT. 26

**Details & Registration
Material will be mailed
later.**



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You may register by phone, email, mail, or on-line at the website.
When leaving a message on the ACE answering machine;
please state your name and your child's name, school district,
telephone number and reason for calling CLEARLY.

NOTE: If registering for an event please give all of the info that would be asked for on a registration form (*workshop names, number attending, etc.*)

We strive to be as accessible and helpful as possible but need this information, especially when registering you for *specific* programs.

FALL 2013 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **9th Grade Fieldtrip:** (*new prog.*)
~ SUNY Cortland 10/3
- **College Night:**
~ TC3 10/15
- **Regional Institutes:**
~ LANSING H.S. -10/26
~ CINCINNATUS H.S. - 11/14
- **College Theatre:**
~ Cortland "A Christmas Carol" 11/22
~ Ithaca: "Into the Woods" 11/4
~ Cornell: "A Lie of the Mind" 11/14
- **Campus Visit Fieldtrips:**
~12th Grd. to Cornell: 10/23
~11th Grd to SUNY Cortland: 12/3
- **Campus Events:**
~ 9th Grd:
"SPIRIT DAY" -Tentative: 10/19
~10th &11th Grd:
"ACHIEVE & SUCCEED" -12/7

UPCOMING EVENTS

"COLLEGE NIGHT" at TC3 OCT. 16, 2012



If you want to learn a *little* about a *lot* of colleges in one evening, attend the College Fair this fall at Tompkins Cortland Community College. "College Night" is open to the community. **Over 100 Colleges will be represented.** Admission counselors from *both* two-year and four year colleges will be available to answer questions and distribute information about their college. Parents and students can ask about campus life, degree programs, course offerings, costs, financial aid, entrance requirements, etc. **It's a chance to talk to actual college representatives, not just see brochures or websites.** Representatives from banks, financial aid offices, and the military will also be available.

An ACE Representative will be there from 6-7:30 p.m.
You MUST stop by our table for "ACE credit"

FALL REGIONAL INSTITUTES:

OCT. 26 at LANSING H.S.

NOV. 14 at CINCINNATUS H.S.

The Fall Regional Inst.
Fliers will have all the details.
Watch Your Mail!



What is a Regional Institute?

... Your choice of a *selection* of short workshops for parents and students.

You may attend as many Reg. Insts. as you like in order to try a variety of workshops.

COLLEGE THEATRE: No Charge!

These College theatrical productions are open to ACE students and their parents compliments of SUNY Cortland, Ithaca College, and Cornell University.

NOTE: These are bonus events, there is NO requirement to attend.

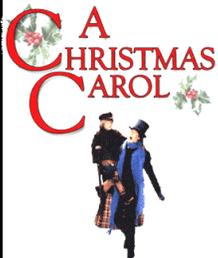
Families are limited to 3 tickets (ACE student & parent/s).

Extras MAY be available for siblings -CALL to find out. Please-No one under 10!

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER with ACE by calling *the ACE Office* at: (607) 753-5662 OR emailing: ace.cortland.edu

Parking information and campus maps will be mailed to all registrants.

SUNY Cortland:



Fri. Nov. 22,
2013

You **MUST CALL**
ACE by Nov. 20th
To **RESERVE** Tickets!!

...An exciting interpretation of the classic Dickens novel. This celebrated Christmas tale is presented

in musical format, but retains and enhances its legendary emotional *power* and joyful *elation*. Through its music and lyrics which at times is exuberantly-rousing and at others tender and poignant, it presents a *timeless* lesson.

We *all* know the story, 'Scrooge' rejects the *Christmas spirit* and as a result, is visited by three ghosts showing his own personal past, present and 'inevitable' future Christmas. This spectacular musical extravaganza by Menken and Ahrens ran for several years at Madison Square Garden. This version is a delightful family presentation and the perfect selection to start the holiday season.

RESERVED SEATING ONLY
Check in begins at 6:30 p.m.
Showtime 7:00 p.m.

Ithaca College:



Mon. Nov. 4,
2013

This witty and enlightening performance intertwines the plots of several 'Brothers Grimm' fairy tales with an original

story of a baker, his wife and their simple quest to start a family. Unfortunately, *of course*, there's a witch next door who has cursed them. Woven into their story are familiar characters from: "Little Red Riding Hood", "Jack and the Beanstalk", "Rapunzel", and "Cinderella". Through Lupine's enchantingly clever story and Sondheim's humorously sly score this musical delves into life's challenges, joys, and lessons. It explores the wisdom that comes from chasing one's desires and the inevitable consequences of choices made.

Check in begins at 7:30 p.m.
Showtime 8:00 p.m.

Cornell University:

A LIE OF THE MIND



Thur. Nov. 14
2013

What drives us to hurt the people we love...and what stories do we tell ourselves to make it okay? Sam Shepard's hauntingly dark masterpiece, alternates between two estranged families linked by a marriage both want to forget until a violent dispute forces them back together. The drama, set in the gritty American west, is an increasingly frenetic examination of generations torn apart by a marriage then brought together by a horrifying act of spousal abuse. All of their lives are altered, culminating in a final clash at an isolated cabin.

NOTE: 7:00 pm Optional Discussion w/Theatre students. Learn about college productions from the students involved.

MATURE THEME
Check in begins at 7:00 p.m.
Showtime 7:30 p.m.



ACE PROGRAM CALENDAR FALL 2013



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AUDIENCE</u>
<u>Oct. 3</u>	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	<u>9th Grade Field trip</u> <i>"Grades Matter"</i> (School fieldtrip)	SUNY Cortland	9 th Graders (See Liaison)
<u>Oct. 15</u>	6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	<i>"College Night"</i>	TC3	All & Parents
Tentative <u>TBA</u> <u>Oct. 19</u>	9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	TENTATIVE * <u>9th Grade Campus Event</u> <i>"SPIRIT DAY"</i>	SUNY Cortland	9 th Graders & Parents
<u>Oct. 22</u>	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	<u>12th Grade Campus Visit</u> <i>"College Application"</i> (School fieldtrip)	Cornell University	12 th Graders (See Liaison)
<u>Oct. 26</u>	8:45 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.	* <u>Fall Regional Institute</u>	Lansing High School	All & Parents
<u>Nov. 4</u> This date Only	7:30 Attendance 8:00 Showtime	College Theatre <i>"Into the Woods"</i>	Ithaca College Dillingham Center	All & Parents
<u>Nov. 14</u>	7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	* <u>Fall Regional Institute</u>	Cincinnatus High School	All & Parents
<u>Nov. 14</u>	7:00 Attendance 7:30 Showtime	College Theatre <i>"A Lie of the Mind"</i> <small>NOTE: 7:00 pm Optional Discussion w/Theatre students. Learn about college productions from the students involved.</small>	Cornell <i>Kiplinger Theatre</i>	All & Parents (No siblings under 13) Mature Audience Only Adult Themes/Violence
<u>Nov. 22</u> This date Only	7:00 Showtime Opening Night Must Pre-Register	College Theatre <i>"A Christmas Carol"</i>	SUNY Cortland Old Main Bldg. Brown Auditorium	All & Parents No Walk-ins
<u>Dec. 3</u>	9:15 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	<u>11th Grade Campus Visit</u> <i>"Dollars & Sense"</i> (School fieldtrip)	SUNY Cortland	11 th Graders (See Liaison)
<u>Dec. 7</u>	Tentative: 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	* <u>10th-11th Grade Campus Event</u> "ACHIEVE & SUCCEED"	Ithaca College	10 th -11 th Grd & Parents

Separate Flyers w/Details & Registration material will **only** be mailed for events with an *asterisk beside them.
For other listed events, contact the **ACE Office** to register, or contact your **LIAISON** as stated.

NOTE: Underlined Events are credited as from the **"Required"** Group. (See "The ACE Recommendation and Outstanding ACE Sr. Award" on the "Miscellaneous Page" in Newsletters, or check the ACE Website for more information)

REMEMBER: You may also register for events on-line at the ACE Website: <http://www.cortland.edu/ace>

MISCELLANEOUS ACE INFORMATION

~ THE ACE RECOMMENDATION

documents and rewards student's participation throughout their years in the ACE Program. It is placed in their permanent school folder and sent out with college applications in the Fall of Sr. year.



To receive the Recommendation, a student must maintain a B average & participate in at least 12 ACE events. (Starting at the end of 8th Grd. with the "Welcome" at TC3)

In An Effort To Enhance The Quality Of Student Participation, Requirements Are As Follows:

Students **must** participate in a **variety** of 12 Events.

~ 8 of the 12 are REQUIRED to come from the following groups:

- ◆ **"The Path of Success"**
Free all-day Leadership seminar each fall at Ithaca H.S.
- ◆ **"Regional Institutes"**
There are 4 per year; featuring a variety of workshops for both parents & students to attend (You May Repeat Workshops)
- ◆ **"Campus Events"** (Separate Grade Specific programs)
There is 1 per year; grades 9-11 (Spirit Day, Ach. & Succeed)
Fun, Educational Conferences for students & parents to attend.
- ◆ **"Campus Visits" & other "ACE fieldtrips"**
School field trips w/Edu. Progs. hosted by ACE colleges.
- ◆ **"Summer Programs"**
Students Only: A separate flyer will be sent in early summer.
Various fun & Educational ½-day to 2-day long Workshops.

~ 4 of the 12 may be SELECTED from ANY ACE Events

~This means **4 more: from the ABOVE events, AND/OR 'Elective' events such as:** "College Theatre", "Gallery Talk & Tour", Individual College Visits, College Night at TC3, etc.

☺ **To Stay On Track, students MUST do at least 4 events per year.** (College appls. go out in the beginning of Sr. year.)

☺ **All ACE events are Free.** You may contact us about any events. Flyers are only sent out for the **major** events (not plays). **See your ACE Calendar or website!**

"OUTSTANDING ACE SR." AWARD

Don't just meet the criteria for for the Recommendation
!! Be Outstanding! ~ Go Above & beyond !!

- ~ Qualify for the ACE Recommendation
- ~ Maintain Participation into their Sr. year
- ~ Provide a "Service" to ACE, school or community
- ~ Write an Essay (1 to 2 pgs.typed) on their ACE experience
- ~ Complete 18 events -with at least 14 from the "required" group
- ~ Complete Outstanding Senior Award form.

Two recipients (selected by the ACE Operating Committee) will each receive an award certificate and a check for \$500.



**SEE YOUR LIAISON
FOR MORE DETAILS**

~ ACE Event CANCELLATIONS & "NO SHOWS" on your Participation Record:

Often programs have limited space available, and may therefore have **WAITING LISTS.**

By NOT attending events you've registered for and not cancelling, you may be preventing others on the wait list from going to those events.



To ensure correct seating and refreshments required, ACE needs to inform the colleges and high schools of expected numbers ahead of time. In addition, if enough people aren't registered by certain deadlines, we may have to **cancel** programs.

Therefore: Please Register EARLY For Events, & Call To CANCEL As Soon As You Find That You Can't Attend.

Sometimes things do happen at the last minute. If you cannot contact the ACE office prior to the event, at least try the following day. Email or leave a message on our voice mail. **This is important. Non-attendance at an event for which you registered but did not attend, results in a "NO SHOW" on your participation record.**

Those, who register for events, then often don't attend w/ o cancelling, may not be allowed to register for other events.

~ CAR POOLING

Our special thanks goes to families who offer to share a ride to ACE events with others.



Occasionally transportation is difficult to arrange for some ACE families. On the event registration forms, we often include a place for families to indicate if they need a ride or are willing to give or share a ride. **Please** consider offering a ride to an event. And, if you need a ride, let us know and we will do our very best to help you make a connection with another student going to that event from your area.

~ EVENT FLIERS

Fliers are **ONLY** sent out for **MAJOR** events:

Regional Insts. or Campus Events. **Information** on: Fieldtrips, Plays, Gallery, & College Night, will **only be announced** in the ACE Newsletter Calendars. (Schools may send info. for fieldtrips).

YOU must mark the date and remember to call to register or see your liaison to sign up for any ACE school fieldtrips.

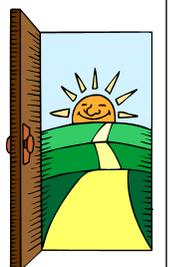
(Clip and post your ACE Calendar on your refrigerator.)



REMEMBER:

The ACE Commitment is made up of 3 Promises: the Colleges', your High School's ...and YOURS!

In part WE promise to provide programs to help prepare you to enter college while **YOU & Your Parents/Guardians** promise to **ATTEND** these programs to the best of your ability.



Career Information Opportunities for ACE students

The Career Services Office at SUNY Cortland has invited interested ACE student and parents to the following **Alumni Speaker Series**. These events are panel discussions of SUNY Cortland Alumni who are involved in these specific careers. Come hear about Communication Studies/Marketing; Education; and Sport Management.

These are NOT ACE programs. However ACE credit will be given.

Parents, please call the ACE office if your child will be attending one or more of these programs.

Since this is not an ACE developed program please please contact Career Services at 753-4715 or check the following website for any updates on these programs:

<http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/career-services/calendar/events/alumni-speakers.dot>

<u>CAREER FIELD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Communication Studies/Marketing	Mon. Sept. 30	7:00 pm	Corey Union Exhibition Lounge
Education	Tues. Oct. 15	8:00 pm	Corey Union Exhibition Lounge
Sport Management	Mon. Nov. 4	7:00 pm	Corey Union Exhibition Lounge

COLLEGE VISITS to the four local ACE Colleges:

SUNY Cortland; Cornell; Ithaca College; TC3

ACE presents *various* fieldtrip programs and other workshop events at our participating campuses. However, you may also visit them on your own.

As always, Jrs. & Srs. can get an ACE credit for visiting ANY college, but are also invited and encouraged to attend the open houses offered by our four coalition colleges. **Just remember, as with any other 'College Visit', to receive an ACE credit you must still complete the 'COLLEGE VISIT FORM'.**

ACE Coalition Colleges Visiting Links:

<http://www2.cortland.edu/community/outreach/ace/links.dot> (Scroll down to College Visits...)

SUNY Cortland; Cornell; Ithaca College; TC3

OPEN HOUSE INFO:

~ Cornell University:

N/A at this time see their website: <http://www.cornell.edu/visiting/#visit>

~ Ithaca College:

Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 14 & 26, and Nov. 11

~ SUNY Cortland:

Mon. Oct. 14 and Mon. Nov. 11

~ TC3:

Friday, Nov. 15

Also:TC3 Visit Days for *Concurrent Enrollment* Students:

Mon. Oct. 14, Wed. Dec. 11, Wed. Feb. 12, Mon. Mar. 24

~ **FYI:** LeMoyne College will host a STEM Fair: Wed. April 9th, 2014 2:00-6:00 pm



Freshman

TENTATIVE



"SPIRIT DAY"
at SUNY Cortland
Saturday Oct. 19, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This **ACE Campus Event** for 9th graders and their parents/guardians, is an opportunity to learn more about yourself, meet and interact with students and parents from other high schools, and begin to think about college preparation.



ACE College representatives will welcome you to the **Park Center at SUNY Cortland at 9:00 a.m.**

You will participate in several *hands-on* and *team-building* activities, all of which are both *fun* and *educational!*

Please join us and **dress comfortably** - sneakers will be required for some activities.

If you'd like, show your *School Spirit* by wearing something with a College or High School name on it!

An optional *Campus Tour* may be offered after the program, if there is enough interest.

Watch for our "SPIRIT DAY"
Flier in Your Mailbox LATER THIS FALL!



9th Grade
Fieldtrip
SUNY Cortland
OCT. 3, 2013
9:00 am-1:30 pm

"GRADES MATTER"
This is a SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
For more information and to see if your district is attending... see your liaison!

This two hour school field trip will provide Freshmen with the opportunity to hear from College Admission Advisors as to what colleges look for in student applications. The main focus will be on the high school grades, transcripts and the importance of high school course sequences.

Sophomores & Juniors



**"ACHIEVE
& SUCCEED"**
Ithaca College
Saturday Dec. 7, 2013
9:00 -11:45 am

**All Sophomores, Juniors
& their Parents/guardians**

SAVE THE DATE

THE AGENDA IS NOT YET FINALIZED.

**As soon as the specific topics/workshops/
speakers are finalized we will post it on our
Website and mail flyers.**

ACE Offers **SAT Practice Tests**

**A practice test is one of the
best ways to get ready for
the real thing.**



You will:

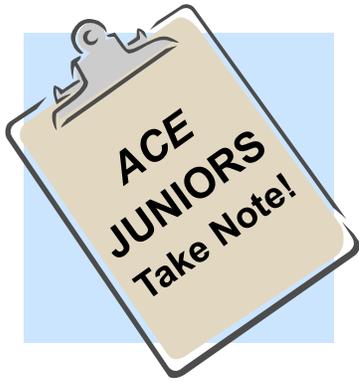
- ~ Know exactly what to expect on Test Day
- ~ Get a complete analysis of your results
- ~ Learn exclusive strategies to improve your score

Pick a Date:

Monday, January 22 -OR- Tuesday, February 18
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

More information will be forthcoming.

THE COLLEGE VISIT



ACE JUNIORS can receive ACE “credit” for participating towards the ACE recommendation by visiting a college of university & sending in an

“**ACE College Visit Feedback Form**” to the ACE Office.

Will you be ready for the COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS this fall?

How will you decide among the many colleges and Universities available to you?

Get ready! Get more information! Go on a COLLEGE VISIT!

~Applying to an ACE college?

You still need to go on a college visit.

As ACE students you have visited all four ACE campuses on field trips and through attending ACE events. These trips do not substitute for an official college visit. Specific information on college majors, residence halls, student services and the like are not provided during most ACE sponsored programs. Selective institutions encourage on campus group/individual interviews with college admissions officers.

~Applying to non-ACE colleges? Make a college visit and get ACE “credit”.

An ACE recommendation letter can be sent to any colleges you are applying to, provided you meet the ACE participation and grade requirement.

What to do:

- 1). Call the admissions office of the campus you wish to visit
- 2). Find out when the best time to visit is and if you need an appointment.
- 3). Request one or more of the following”
 - ◆ Campus tour
 - ◆ Information session
 - ◆ Attending classes
 - ◆ Staying in a residence hall
 - ◆ Individual meetings with:
 - ◆ Professors, coaches, admissions officers



While You Are There...

- ~ View the college critically in terms of your priorities.
- ~ Consider both the academic and social life on campus.

To Receive ACE CREDIT for a COLLEGE VISIT:

- ~ Bring the form WITH you for the admissions Rep. to sign.
- ~ **FILL OUT the FORM and RETURN it to the ACE OFFICE.**

ACE COLLEGE VISIT FEEDBACK FORM

A visit is a great way to see how you fit in at a particular college, plus get insights into its program and environment. It makes sense to find out in person what the college you're interested in actually looks and feels like.

If you have questions about admissions criteria, academic programs, students' services, residence life, and financial aid then a college visit is for you!

A college visit should be arranged by calling the admissions Office of the college you are would like to visit. Your School Counselor/ACE Liaison can provide you with the telephone numbers of the colleges you may be interested in.

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

School District: _____

~ COLLEGE VISITED (full name): _____

-Address/Location: _____

~ DATE OF VISIT: _____

 **PLEASE Have An ADMISSIONS STAFF MEMBER SIGN BELOW:**

~ I verify that the above named student attended a college visit at our campus.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

 **SUMMARY OF THE VISIT**
STUDENTS MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

 ~ **What did you perceive as the strengths of this college for you?**

 ~ **What did you perceive as the weaknesses of this college for you?**

Please Return this Form to the ACE Office:

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Email: ace@cortland.edu
Website: <http://cortland.edu/ace/>

Juniors

Dollars and \$ense

**The 11th Grade CAMPUS VISIT
to SUNY Cortland
Dec. 3, 2013**

**!! ACE FIELDTRIP SEE YOUR LIAISON TO ATTEND !!
ACE; 11th Graders - register by 11/19/12**

What do YOU want to be? Check it out!!

- ◆ Have you given any thought to what life will be like when living on your own?
- ◆ What might your salary be in your chosen profession?
- ◆ Will you have extra money to save?

These and more questions will be answered in "Dollars & Sense".



PSAT DATES AND FEES

Wed. Oct. 16 & Sat. Oct. 19, 2013

are BIG DAYS for JUNIORS

The PSAT/NMSQT includes the same types of critical reading, math, and writing skills multiple-choice questions as the SAT® Reasoning Test. The fee for the test is 14.00.



Note: Schools administer the test, not test centers. Some charge additional fees to cover administrative costs. Check with your district, most schools choose only **ONE** date.

See your school counselor for more information on dates and fees for your school.

What's on the Test ??

The PSAT/NMSQT includes five sections:

- Two 25-minute **critical reading** sections
- Two 25-minute **math** sections
- One 30-minute **writing skills** section

The whole test requires two hours and 10 minutes.

Why not Take the practice test like it's the real thing!

You can go online to review complete answer explanations for all questions on the practice test to help you prepare for test day.

See PSAT info., practice questions and tests at Collegeboard.com's link:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about/ontest.html>



SENIORS

COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS

The College application essay is probably the *most* important essay that you have ever written.

There will be a lot of materials accompanying your application to show the admissions committee what kind of student you are -- your *high school transcript*, SAT or ACT scores and *recommendations* from teachers and counselors.

The essay is your chance to introduce who you are as a person to the committee.

See: Admission Essays at collegeboard.com

COLLEGE APPLICATION TIPS:

~ If you haven't already, request admissions and financial aid applications from the colleges to which you want to apply.

~ Make a list of what you'll have to submit and when it must reach each college (*i.e.*, test scores, essays, recommendation, financial aid applications, etc.). Arrange to have your transcript sent to the colleges to which you are applying.

~ Plan to attend an ACE Fall Regional Institute. There will be workshops on college applications; financial aid; and/or admission essay tips.

~ If you are applying early decision, start filling out the application now -- deadlines for this are usually in Nov.

Don't wait until the last minute to begin!

Check out collegeboard.com for these and other valuable college information and tips.

ACE RECOMMENDATIONS!

**Time For ACE To Make Good
On Its Commitment To You!**

As you prepare your college applications remember the **ACE Promise**. The ACE Consortium promised to give *special consideration* in their admission decisions, *provided you meet that institution's admissions standards* and have satisfied your commitment to ACE.

Srs. who have met the ACE Commitment Criteria will receive the ACE Recommendation.

(You must have maintained a B average in college prep course work and participated in at least 12 ACE activities with at least 8 from the required group)

~ You must **apply** to the ACE colleges you are interested in, utilizing the appropriate application forms. The ACE Office will send you *and* your liaison your ACE recommendation letter to send along with any applications.

~ **Remember:** Your ACE experience will *also* benefit your application to colleges **outside** the four ACE consortium colleges.

ACE SPEAKER INFORMATION

ACE would like to offer students more opportunities to learn about career options. If you are willing to share your expertise with our students, *please consider being an ACE speaker*. Complete this form and return it to the ACE office. Thank you!

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

FIELD(S) OF EXPERTISE: _____

WILLING TO SPEAK ON THESE TOPICS: _____

AVAILABILITY: _____

(Saturdays, evenings, etc. or specific days)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Small Group _____

All Students 9- 12 _____

Large Group _____

Specific Grade Levels _____

Parents Only _____

Parents & Students _____

TYPE OF PRESENTATION:

Keynote Address _____

Interactive Workshop _____

Presentation _____

Return to Carol Clarke, ACE Coordinator 1312 Cornish Hall SUNY Cortland

CAREER Colleges & Schools ~ OPTIONS for Life After High School

Do you dream of making movies for a living? Being a pastry chef? Building cars?

If you have SPECIFIC CAREER GOALS, you may want to consider a college that will train and prepare you in that specific area.



For some professions you may need to attend a **specialized college** -- like *film* or *culinary* school. For others, especially more *technical* jobs, it may be a **vocational-technical college**. Schools that provide **focused training** in skill-based careers, are known as **Career Schools or Colleges**. Career schools' programs generally range from two to four years, depending on the extent of training required.



A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS

Some of the occupational fields in which career schools provide programs include:

- * Computer Technology
- * Radio And Television Broadcasting
- * Business Administration
- * Nursing
- * Hotel/Hospitality Industry
- * Construction
- * Culinary Arts
- * Paralegal
- * Mechanical Engineering
- * Commercial Art
- * Interior Design
- * Automotive Technician

From producing movies to producing gourmet meals, you can find a college specializing in just about any career. You can also find Career Colleges in just about every city and region in this country, with programs in exactly what interests you. For example;

~At the North Bennet Street School in Boston, you can study such unique professions as *bookbinding*, *preservation carpentry*, and *violin making and restoration*.

~At the Swedish Institute College of Massage Therapy in New York City, aspiring *massage therapists* participate in two internships during the program, including one that offers treatment to the community in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, clinics, senior centers, hospices, and sporting events.

~Highly competitive career schools attract students worldwide. For example, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology specializes in training students in *engineering*. *Artists* vie for spots at the Rhode Island School of Design. And, aspiring *chefs* can get top-notch training at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. These three highly competitive schools are just a few of many options.

~ **Finding the Right One** (Try this site: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started>)

To find a career school that fits your specific needs and interests, meet with your counselor, and use College Search's Advanced Search. Once you find schools that fit your needs and interests, be sure to consider the following:

* **Cost:** How much does the school cost (including tuition, commutation, books)? What types of scholarships and other financial assistance does the school offer?

* **Requirements:** What kinds of classes, in addition to the hands-on training, will I need to earn a degree? Can any of the classes I took in high school be applied towards these requirements?

* **Credentials/Quality:** Is the school licensed by the state? Is it accredited? If yes, by whom?

* **Faculty and Student Body:** What are the classes like? What teaching approaches do the teachers use?



~ What are their qualifications? How big are the classes? How much hands-on training is there? What are the internship opportunities?

~College catalogs and your counselor will be able to answer some of these questions, but to get the full flavor of a school you should make time for a Campus Visit to the schools you're interested in. While you're there, speak to students and faculty, and schedule time to sit in on a class.



CONSIDER ALL OF YOUR OPTIONS

While career colleges clearly have their benefits, **keep in mind that training in a specific field may limit your career options if you decide to change your career down the road**. You're also giving up the more general, well-rounded education that a **liberal arts** program has to offer. So, **before you commit to a career college**, be sure you're choosing a career that will keep you *happy and fulfilled in the years to come*.

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