



CHS SENIOR GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

October 2018

SUNY Financial Aid Days October 13, 2018 & November 17, 2018

Financial Aid Days are designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, the types of aid available, and the award process. A number of participating campuses will also provide hands-on assistance from SUNY financial aid professionals in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Computer access to complete the FAFSA will be offered at many campuses. Parents and students may register online at [Link to SUNY financial events](#) or by calling the SUNY Recruitment Response Center at 1.800.342.3811. Host campuses will confirm by mail or email with registrants and provide program details including specific workshops to be offered, time, location, and parking instructions. Financial Aid Days are available for students applying to all colleges not just SUNY.

CAMPUS VISIT TO DO LIST

No college search is complete without visiting the colleges/universities you are interested in. A visit helps you find the one that best suits your interests and your academic and career goals. Visiting campuses should be fun but it is important to get information and a “feel” for each school you visit. The following list can aid in your search:

- **Take a campus tour**— you will learn the history of the school and meet other prospective students.
- **Sit in on a class**—get a feel for class size, coursework and teaching styles.
- **Read the student newspaper**—it will highlight the issues that students on campus care about and social and academic events occurring.
- **Talk to students**—ask current students about the student culture, social life, clubs and activities.
- **Stay overnight in a dorm** - act like a student for a day, walk through classrooms, eat in the cafeteria, see if you like it.
- **Talk with the financial advisor**—who can help you find out about possible scholarships & grants you may be eligible for.

SAT & ACT TESTS AT CHS

The ACT Test will be administered at Chatham High School on Saturday, **October 27, 2018**.

The SAT Test will be administered at Chatham High School on Saturday, **December 1, 2018**.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS *To attend a college visit, please stop in guidance for a pass.*

OCTOBER

- 1 WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY
- 2 NIAGARA UNIVERSITY
SUNY POTSDAM
SUNY GENESEO
- 16 HARTWICK COLLEGE
SUNY PLATTSBURGH

OCTOBER *continued:*

- 23 SUNY ESF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & FORESTRY
UNITED STATES NAVY
- 24 SUNY ONEONTA
SUNY NEW PALTZ
- 25 MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
- 26 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
COLUMBIA-GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTANT ADMISSIONS
- 31 UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA, FL

NOVEMBER

- 2 HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTANT ADMISSIONS**

SCHOLARSHIPS 2018-2019 Information is available in the Guidance Office Scholarship file or online at [Link to CHS Guidance Scholarships](#)

[Presidential Spirit of Community Awards](#)

[The Horatio Alger Association Scholarship](#)

[Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Kinderhook Lodge 2530](#)

[Wendy's High School Heisman Award](#)

[The Sean Patrick French Love of Running Scholarship](#)

[The Sean Patrick French Memorial Scholarship](#)

[The Sean Patrick French Section II XC Good Sportsmanship Scholarship](#)

[The Class of 1965](#)

[Tradition of Caring Mortuary Science Scholarship Program](#)

[Ronald B. Czajkowski, Jr. Memorial Scholarship](#)

[The Martin Tuczinski Community Leadership Award](#)

[The Heidi Severance Award](#)

[Dr. Richard B. Dodge Memorial Scholarship](#)

[Marion Heath Payn Scholarship](#)

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- Visit college campuses of interest.
- The following online sites can help you search for colleges that may be a good “fit” for you:
 - [Link to Career Cruising](#)
 - [Link to the College Board](#)
 - [Link to SUNY Student info](#)
 - [Link to Peterson's college search](#)
 - [Link to Princeton Review](#)
- Begin requesting letters of recommendation and have them on file with your counselor
- Meet with college representatives visiting CHS throughout the Fall
- Begin preparing your college essays and applications
- Complete NCAA forms if required

NOTE THE QUOTE: *“I would counsel people to go to college, because it’s one of the best times in your life in terms of who you meet and develop a broad set of intellectual skills.” – Bill Gates*