

Post-Secondary Planning

My name is Ms. Blum and some of you may already know me as I have been a member of the LaGuardia community for over 8 years. I am thrilled to be your Post-Secondary Counselor this year. I am here to help support the LaGuardia community as students plan their next steps after high school. I have worked for over 20 years as a high school guidance counselor with extensive post-secondary advising experience.

We are also excited to announce that as the New York City Department of Education moves towards the future and increases innovative virtual learning opportunities for students, I will be providing fully **virtual** support to our LaGuardia community. In addition to in-person events that will take place at the school, we will also have the flexibility to connect more often outside of school hours in locations that may be more convenient for students and families.

What is a Post-Secondary Counselor?

A Post-Secondary Counselor is intended to be an additional layer of support for families, as they navigate their plans for after high school graduation, inclusive of, but not limited to: college, conservatory, career and vocation exploration, military, and also students who are planning to take a gap year. The Post-Secondary Counselor meets with students and families, and organizes events, presentations, and workshops for the school community.

How can I best utilize the Post-Secondary Counselor?

- Stay informed! Read the counseling newsletter! Essential information will always be posted there. Check your emails regularly.
- Join my **grade level** Google Classrooms (for students):

12th Grade Post-Secondary GC 2023-24

Code: p3hnbv5

Invite link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlyOTg3NDU2MDYx?cjc=p3hnbv5>

11th Grade Post-Secondary GC 2023-24

Code: sjygl5d

Invite link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlyOTg3Njc0ODgx?cjc=sjygl5d>

10th Grade Post-Secondary GC 2023-24

Code: 7v5wxvi

Invite link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTg5NzYzNzA1MzEw?cjc=7v5wxvi>

9th Grade Post-Secondary GC 2023-24

Code: 63b5qlh

Invite link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlyOTg3NzUyODk3?cjc=63b5qlh>

- **Email** is the best way to contact me. Eblum2@schools.nyc.gov
- **Schedule a call.**
- **Student Office Hours and appointments:** Ms. Blum will hold daily virtual office hours for students as well as set appointment times. Any student dropping in or setting up an appointment must do so during lunch or a free period. Some days there will be additional appointments available after school and in the evenings. Regular office hours are from 9:30-4:30.

- **Parent/Guardian Virtual Meetings:** Ms. Blum will hold large group parent/guardian virtual meetings around designated topics. If you have a question that you would prefer to ask privately, please email me instead. The virtual meeting will be recorded and posted in the Google Classroom and emailed for any parent/guardian unable to attend live. Students are welcome to attend if they have a free or lunch period.
- Please be patient during this first month as all logistics are being worked out. There will be more specific details to follow.

I look forward to continuing to work with this incredibly talented and dedicated community.

Thank you!

Erica Blum

Post-Secondary Counselor