Fairfield Warde High School

College and Career Center Newsletter NOVEMBER, 2025



Fall 2025 College Visits

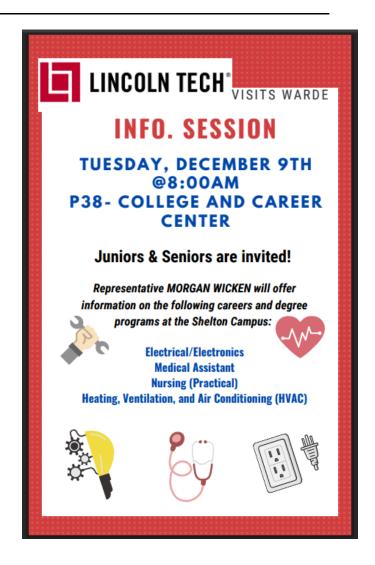
As our over **150 College/Tech/Community College Rep Visits** comes to a close, we are appreciative and impressed by our Warde Students, their conduct and their inquiries.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Warde Hosts:





FWHS & FLHS Programs & Events:

FASFA is currently open!
Did you miss our virtual presentation?

October 16th we hosted Financial Aid Night with Fairfield University's Jamie Greiff. Below are the links to the presentation and the recording.

<u>Presentation Recording</u> <u>Presentation Slides</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS (not sponsored by FWHS)





Make it in Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology! When: Wednesday, November 12th, 3-6pm Where: University of Bridgeport, Wheeler Recreation Center Come learn more about well paying jobs in manufacturing REGISTER HERE



Calling all Art Students! National Portfolio Day

It's time to show off what you've been doing for the past few years! Visit with counselors, admissions team members, and faculty from art and design schools for a review of your portfolio before applying to colleges or universities. Multiple dates for virtual events! Click here for details

Thinking about taking the SAT or ACT? See the link below for more information on test dates and local test locations:

SAT/ACT Dates 2025-26

Internship with Congressman Jim Himes

The Winter Internship Program is open to all high school and college-level students. We are now accepting applications for the winter semester. The deadline to apply is <u>December 1st, 2025 at 5:00 pm EST.</u> Interns will <u>start on January 12th</u> and <u>end on May 12th</u>.

Our office is dedicated to providing a valuable, educational experience for interns focused on strengthening their professional skill set, increasing their knowledge of working in a Congressional office, and assisting their overall career development. Interns cultivate a strong workplace skill set by undertaking a variety of administrative, constituent service and legislative responsibilities in the office. Interns in the district offices conduct research, assist with constituent casework and draft correspondence. In both D.C. and the district, interns learn from staff and play an important role in communicating with constituents, including answering phones, inputting constituent opinions and supporting the office. Small stipend available. Application available on website: https://himes.house.gov/services/internship



Open House Dates:

CT State Norwalk - Fall 2025 Open House

Thursday, November 6, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Click **Here** to register

CT State Housatonic - Fall 2025 Open House

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Click HERE to register



Free Webinars for Parents

Educational webinars

- College Planning Case Study Thursday, November 6th @ 8pm REGISTER
- PSAT, Now What?
 Wednesday, November 12th @ 7pm
 REGISTER
- Crack the AP Code: Everything you need to know for 2026 Exams
 Thursday, December 11th @ 8pm
 REGISTER



CT Automatic Admissions

CT Automatic Admission Program (CAAP) - Graduating CT high school seniors who have a 3.0 weighted GPA or a 2.75 unweighted GPA are eligible upon application to be automatically admitted to participating colleges and universities. This program waives the application fee, student essays, and recommendation letters for participating institutions.

More information HERE

Dynamy Internship Year (gap year): Remote Interview https://dynamy.org/

Dynamy Internship Year (DIY) is a domestic, long-standing gap-year program created for students ages 17-22 who want to pursue a unique, hands-on learning experience. This is a great alternative for those who are not ready to take on college or do not believe it is the right fit. At the same time, Dynamy is a great post-secondary option for students with learning differences such as ADD/ADHD. Sign up for a virtual open house to learn more about the programs. Register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpOLScOdnkWdYfYPHUZq6f OBixLrFDMiFaZVIP67CxWRkUxbUPcKQ/viewform



Pathways After High School Virtual Fair

Discover new routes beyond graduation at TeenLife LIVE: Pathways After High School Virtual Fair-a single-evening online fair featuring speakers who spotlight gap years, career-focused programs, service opportunities, and other alternatives to the traditional four-year college track. Register once to join the live sessions and receive the full event recording, even if you can't tune in on the day.

Thursday, November 13th @ 6pm

Register: **HERE**

<u>FASFA IS OPEN!</u>

Everything you need to know about FAFSA® https://www.salliemae.com/blog/fafsa-fags/

Get the most financial aid possible with these FAFSA® tips

https://www.salliemae.com/blog/tips-to-help-file-fafsa/

Paying for College Resources

- FAFSA <u>application</u>
- CSS Profile
- CT Office of Higher Ed: Student Financial Aid InformationGuide to Federal Student Aid
- CT Dollars & Sense: Financial Literacy Portal
- Big Future: Financial Aid 101
- Connecticut Opportunities Guidebook
- The College Place- Connecticut: Free college access services to low income, first generation college bound, and undocumented students. Sign up here to receive targeted resources and to speak with an advisor.
- Tuition Break: https://nebhe.org/tuitionbreak/ New England Board of Higher Education's Tuition Break program, the New England Regional Student Program (RSP), provides significant tuition savings to residents of the six New England states when they enroll at out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England and pursue approved programs.
- PACT Pledge: PACT funding covers the gap between federal and state grants you receive, and community college tuition and mandatory fees. To receive PACT funding, apply, register for classes (12+ credits), and fill out the FAFSA. Entry into the program will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Scholarship Search Tips:

How To Find Scholarships Fall 2025

<u>Fastweb</u> and <u>Quick Tips</u> <u>Student Scholarships</u>

<u>BigFuture</u>

CollegeBoard

GoingMerry

<u>Unigo</u>

CareerOneStop

Scholarship Tips & Information Guide

College & Career Center <u>Scholarship List</u> (please note that some deadlines are not updated yet)

Scholarships:

Scholarships can help pay for college and career school and don't have to be repaid. Searching and applying to scholarships takes time and effort. Use the national scholarship search links and resources to assist you in your search. Below are specific scholarships that are sent to the College and Career Center.

Elks National Foundation, Most Valuable Student

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Eligibility: Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. High school graduates are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm

Deadline: November 12, 2025

Mr. & Mrs Shamrock Scholarship

The Mr. & Miss Shamrock Scholarship Contest is held annually. All high school seniors of Irish descent in the greater Bridgeport area are encouraged to submit an application to the committee. Applicants need to complete an application and be interviewed by an independent panel of judges. Winners are chosen based upon their knowledge of their Irish heritage, traditions, history, the meaning of St. Patrick's Day, their involvement in their community, their interests and activities. For more information and to access the application, visit:

Fairfield Warde High School Senior Keevan Leech was one of the recipients of the 2025 award!

http://stpatricksdaybridgeport.com/mr-and-miss-shamrock-scholars hip/#download-links

Deadline: December 2025

Part-Time Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities:

Primo Pizza Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Jersey Mike's

Need help or have questions? Let's research together! Stop by the College & Career Center and see Mrs. Montero, Room P38.

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