

Fairfield Warde High School
College and Career Center Newsletter
FEBRUARY, 2024



FWHS Programs & Events:

WEDNESDAY, February 28th @ 8am

LINCOLN TECH
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
@ 8:00AM- LECTURE ROOM

Juniors & Seniors are invited!
Representative Morgan Wicken will offer information on the following careers and degree programs:

New Britain Campus:
Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Electrical, HVAC

Shelton Campus:
Culinary Arts, International Baking, Electrical, Medical Assisting

East Windsor:
Medical Assisting, HVAC, Electrical, Welding, Automotive, Diesel, Collision and Repair

RSVP using the QR code

[Lincoln Tech Website](#)

[Career Pathway Videos](#)

ASVAB - Career Exploration Program



Fairfield Warde High School will be offering the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude

Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Program (CEP) to students in grades 10, 11, & 12

The program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning, in both the civilian and military worlds of work.

<https://www.asvabprogram.com/>

[Warde Letter Information](#)

Date: Thursday, March 7th at 8am Lecture Room

Please complete the google form below to register for ASVAB

[Sign up Here](#)



Events in the Community:



Empowering youth with disabilities to realize their leadership potential.

What is YLP? <https://youtu.be/AIDvtpaxuaM>

The Connecticut Youth Leadership Program (CTYLP) provides youth and young adults with disabilities with opportunities for self-discovery, the development of self-advocacy, decision making, and problem-solving skills to maximize their leadership potential.

[Application](#)

Deadline, February 23rd

Pathways to STEM

Careers in Manufacturing

Connecticut Science Center
Thursday, February 29 | 5-8PM

Not your average college fair...

Join us on Thursday, February 29, from 5PM – 8PM (Snow Date on March 14) to get connected with certification programs, bachelor's and associate's degree programs, financial aid, summer camps, high school internships, and more!



Pathways to STEM
CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING

PRESENTED BY
CAT Connecting Center for Advanced Technology, Inc. Connecticut Science Center

CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER
FEBRUARY 29, 2024*
5PM - 8PM
*Snow date on March 14, 2024

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

Are you fascinated by science and technology? Do you enjoy building and creating with your own hands? A career in manufacturing might be for you, and Pathways to STEM Night, hosted by the Connecticut Science Center and the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT), is the perfect place to start. Learn everything you need to know about pursuing this exciting career and start building your plan for the future!

This event is NOT your average college fair. Explore the galleries and network with manufacturing employers; meet with schools and training programs; attend a panel of rising professionals moderated by Colleen Bielitz, Ph.D., State Leader of Million Women Mentors Connecticut; participate in a workshop by Junior Achievement of Southwest New England; and try your hand at STEM challenges, all for FREE! Parking or bus passes are included.

To register for free, please visit:
CTScienceCenter.org/Pathways/

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WORKSHOP BY
Junior Achievement of Southwest New England

www.CTScienceCenter.org | KRogers@CTScienceCenter.org | 250 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT 06103



SAVE THE DATE: Southern Connecticut College & Gap Year Fair, Free Event:
Tuesday April 30th,
4:30-7:30pm
Amphitheater - Bridgeport

Designed for High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, The Southern Connecticut College & Gap Year Fair is the largest college, university and gap year program fair in the area. It is a free event and open to all high school students. Students will need to register by visiting the website:

<https://www.ctcollegefair.com/>



Free Educational Webinars for Parents

- **AI and your student:**
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
Wednesday, 2/28 @ 9pm
[Register Here](#)
- **Learning Differences:**
Practical strategies to maximize your child's academic success
Thursday, 2/29 @ 6pm
[Register Here](#)

Calling All Engineering Students!

Johns Hopkins Engineering Innovation Pre-College Programs

Designed by Johns Hopkins engineers, thought-provoking courses give students the opportunity to take a sneak peek into multiple engineering disciplines. Courses are offered online and on-campus and modeled to fit different learning styles and interests. Give your high school student's college application a boost by enrolling them in our challenging and engaging summer engineering program.

What is Engineering Innovation You Tube

Click [Here](#) to sign up for an information session

Smith College Pre-College Programs

Smith Precollege is offering one-, two- and four-week in-person programs beginning July 6th. All programs are for young women, female-identified or gender-nonconforming students who will be entering grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in fall 2024.

[Smith Pre-College Information](#)

Carnegie Mellon's Pre-College Programs

Offers world-class instruction on a beautiful university campus! We invite you to learn more about our programs and how they can help your students prepare for the college experience while exploring their educational and career options. Our programs vary in length and all offer scholarships. Programs begin in July 2024. Applications are now open!

<https://www.cmu.edu/pre-college/>



UConn Summer LEAD PROGRAM

The UConn Summer LEAD (Leadership, Enrichment, Access, and Diversity) Program provides an opportunity for outstanding, rising Connecticut high school seniors, especially from diverse and underserved populations in postsecondary education, to experience college life on the UConn Storrs campus. The all-expenses covered program will take place July 21 - 24, 2024

[Information/Application - Summer LEAD](#)

Pre-College & Enrichment Programs

Rhode Island School of Design: Pre-Collegiate Programs

RISD Pre-College offers rising high school juniors and seniors the chance to experience life as a RISD undergrad. For six weeks you'll follow a college-level curriculum with day-long studio classes, critiques and final projects. You'll work alongside hundreds of other creative, highly motivated students from around the world who will challenge, inspire and encourage you to push your limits and produce your best work. You'll live like a RISD student, access renowned resources and instructors, strengthen your portfolio and forever change the way you approach art and design.

https://precollege.risd.edu/?utm_source=slate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pc22&utm_content=email2

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/1FAIpQLScOdnkWdYfYPHUZq6fOBixLrFDMjFqZVIP67CxWRkUxbUPcKQ/viewform>

FASFA UPDATES

FAFSA has just announced delays in releasing information to your students' college/university. Click [HERE](#) for the official statement from FAFSA

Federal Student Aid is offering 6 webinars next week for students, parents, and college access professionals. The registration link is:

[Register Here](#)

Understanding the new FAFSA Submission Summary

February 20, 2024 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm ET

This session will provide guidance on the new FAFSA submission summary (formerly known as the Student Aid Report (SAR)).

Why should I complete the 2024-25 FAFSA form?

February 20, 2024 | 8:00pm - 9:00pm ET

This session will provide an overview to help students and contributors understand the federal and additional financial aid programs with the completion of the FAFSA that can help pay for an education at a college, university, or career school.

How to complete the 2024-25 FAFSA form as a dependent student

February 21, 2024 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm ET

Participants will be guided through a walkthrough of the 2024-2025 FAFSA form as a dependent student.

A parent's guide to federal financial aid

February 21, 2024 | 8:00pm - 9:00pm ET

This session will provide guidance and resources for parents to help understand the financial aid process and the Direct Parent PLUS Loan program.

Best strategies for understanding and comparing schools and financial aid offers

February 22, 2024 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET

This session will help participants understand how to evaluate a school's financial aid offer and compare the cost and value of higher education institutions in the United States.

How to complete the 2024-25 FAFSA form as an independent student

February 22, 2024 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm ET

Participants will be guided through a walkthrough of the 2024-2025 FAFSA form as an independent student.

Helpful links:

- FAFSA [application](#)
- [2024-2025 FAFSA Checklist](#)
- [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



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DEBT-FREE WITH PACT**

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 2024](#)

[Fastweb](#) and [Quick Tips](#)

[Student Scholarships](#)

[BigFuture](#)

[CollegeBoard](#)

[GoingMerry](#)

[Unigo](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)

[Scholarship Tips & Information Guide](#)

College & Career Center [Scholarship List](#) (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.

SEPTA Scholarship Fund (LOCAL)

All FPS students with an IEP or 504 plan, inclusive of in district or out of district (placed by the PPT), are eligible and encouraged to apply. Application includes an essay as well as a brief interview to be scheduled in May. You must login to your membership toolkit and then complete all sections of the online application below.

[Website Link](#)

Deadline: February 26, 2024

High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield (local scholarship opportunity):

The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial aid in the form of one-time scholarships to graduating seniors of Fairfield high schools going on to accredited institutions based upon financial need, academic achievement, school and community service and other relevant factors without regard to race or religion.

The applications will open in March, visit their [website](#) for more info.

Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Quintin Johnstone Statewide High School Essay Contest

Open to students in grades 9-12. Now in its 22nd year, the Essay Contest was started by the Foundation's James W. Cooper Fellows in 2000. The purpose of the essay contest is to get young people in Connecticut thinking about and exploring legal issues relevant to them. For more information, visit:

<https://www.ctbarfdn.org/essaycontest/>

Deadline: February 22, 2024

Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Program

U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman, serving 1989-2013, has established the Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Fund to assist outstanding high school seniors from Connecticut who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Generous donations to the fund support the renewable scholarships which are awarded for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice. <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/lieberman/>

Deadline: April 1, 2024

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, four-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, in the community or at home), a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities. High school graduates or current seniors and current college students who meet the criteria are encouraged to apply.

<https://phillips-scholarship.org/new-applicants/steps-to-apply/>

Deadline: Differs (earliest is April 3, 2024)

Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors

The membership of the Greater Fairfield Board of REALTORS, Inc. provides a program of scholarship awards to deserving students. Students must be a resident of Fairfield and currently enrolled as a senior. Please stop in to P38 for an application and more information

Deadline: May 1, 2024



Fairfield County's Community Foundation manages a large and impactful scholarship program for both graduating high school seniors and full-time students already enrolled in college. We steward over 150 scholarship funds established by generous individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that help students pursue their college education and strengthen the future of our communities. These funds cover many different areas of study and may have their own eligibility criteria.

[Fairfield County's Community Foundation](#)

Part-Time Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities:

[Code Ninjas](#)

[Physical Synergy](#)

[Primo Pizza](#)

[Wakeman Boys & Girls Club](#)

[Jersey Mike's](#)

Fairfield County Tennis is hiring high school tennis players to instruct beginner and advanced beginner children ages 5 to 12. Instructors are required to attend at least 2 instructional training meetings. Summer hours are 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (with a rain makeup designated each Friday). Camp dates are June 17 to August 16. Applicants should call/text: Greg Sansonetti at 203-414-9453



Is hiring...

Part-time student job opportunity as a

Hiring: Front Desk (\$15.25/hr)

contact: Jeremiah Andre

jandre@thejfitness.com

(203)365-6421

Swim Instructors/Lifeguard (\$16/hr)

contact: Mike Markle

mmarkle@thejfitness.com

(203)365-6448

**Payrates are based on experience. Job Perk: Free gym membership with job. Paid training and swim instructor certification done on site*

www.TheJFitness.com

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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