

College & Career Center

Sr. Parent Coffee -- September 10, 2014

Senior Internship Program

The Senior Internship Program is designed to expose our students to areas of interest outside the constructs of their formal educational program. Students spend the last several weeks of their high school career working twenty-five to thirty-five hours per week without pay at an internship site. Students are expected to attend their internship five days per week for the duration of the internship.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ❖ A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- ❖ No grade of F during any marking period senior year *for semester and full year courses*.
- ❖ A passing grade for *all PE, computer and health courses* taken
- ❖ Loss of Credit must be reinstated by Senior Appeals Board.
- ❖ Successfully meeting graduation requirements (including CAPT).
- ❖ Completion of application and all other required paperwork *on or before the deadline*.
- ❖ Meeting the civil and social expectations of FLHS (*any suspensions, more than one Saturday detention, and/or excessive disciplinary actions during junior or senior year will make you ineligible for an internship*).

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

- ❖ **DEADLINES MATTER!** Make sure all timelines are met – failure to meet deadlines will result in withdrawal from the program at any time
- ❖ Attend the Parent/Student Internship Info Session on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

HELP WANTED: In order to make the Internship Program happen we need help from YOU!!!

- ❖ Point Person -- coordinate/oversee volunteers
- ❖ Surveys – create and summarize student interest in fall/student, faculty, parent, site in spring
- ❖ Update timelines, manuals, website, make copies, etc. on Excel, Word
- ❖ Contact existing/recruit/confirm new sites – email and phone call follow-up; update job descriptions; etc.
- ❖ Create/produce slide show in spring
- ❖ Coordinate reception in spring
- ❖ Training will be provided

Upcoming Events to Help You & Your Child:

- ❖ **Mission: Admissions**
Saturday, September 13; 2 PM – 4PM @ The Main Library, Rotary Room. Register online @ www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org or call 203-256-3160
- ❖ **Who Gets In and Why: Admissions to Highly Selective Colleges and Universities**, Presentation by Tufts University
Wednesday, September 17; 7PM – 9 PM @ FLHS
- ❖ **College Admissions 101: How to Stand Out from the Pack**
Wednesday, October 1; 7PM – 8PM @ The Pequot Library. www.pequotlibrary.org or call 203-259-0346 x 18
- ❖ **Portfolio Night at the Aldrich**
Art school reps talk about best practices for assembling your portfolio.
Thursday, October 9; 5:30 – 7:00 PM @ The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield. 203-438-4519
<http://www.aldrichart.org/education/adult.php>
- ❖ **NEACAC College Fair**
Tuesday, October 14; 6 –8PM @ Sacred Heart University, Wm. H. Pitt Center, Fairfield, CT. www.neacac.org
- ❖ **Portfolio Review Day at the Aldrich**
Monday, October 20; 3 – 7 PM @ The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield. 203-438-4519
<http://www.aldrichart.org/education/adult.php>

Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources

Websites...

BrokeScholar

<http://scholarships.brokescholar.com/>

A free online scholarship search engine. Register and complete a survey, then be matched with scholarships that fit. You can also automatically generate application letters and create an online application deadline calendar.

College Board

<http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/pay/scholarships-aid/21403.html>

From the people who administer the SAT and Advanced Placement examinations get tips on applying for financial aid and search for scholarship information.

CollegeNET

<http://www.collegenet.com/about/index.html>

CollegeNET is a well-designed and rated source of information about colleges, scholarships, and financial aid.

CT Dept. of Higher Education

<http://www.ctohe.org/SFA/default.shtml>

Information on financial aid and scholarships in CT

FAFSA On The Web

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Use this online form to apply for federal student aid.

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

<http://www.finaid.org/>

Free, comprehensive, independent, and objective guide to student financial aid. It is maintained by Mark Kantrowitz, author of *The Prentice Hall Guide to Scholarships and Fellowships for Math and Science Students*, and is sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).

Scholarship America

http://scholarshipamerica.org/student_center.php

Topics on open scholarships, scholarship info and application tips.

U.S. Department of Education

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>

Various scholarships and application tips.

U.S. Scholarship Guide

http://www.usscholarshipguide.org/misc/scholarship_tips.html

Tips on getting scholarships and info on scholarship types and scams.

Specific Scholarships...

FLHS receives a number of scholarship announcements every year. These scholarships are posted on Naviance and in the C&CC. Go to: *Naviance*; click *Colleges* and scroll to bottom of page; click *Scholarship List* to see all scholarships announced through FLHS. Scholarships are added to Naviance as we receive them, usually beginning in mid-late fall.

Scholarship Books Available in the C&CC...

The C&CC has several directories of available scholarships. Students may use the resources during any free periods:

College Board Getting Financial Aid, 2012, 2014
College Board Scholarship Handbook, 2012, 2014
Get Free Cash for College
How to Win a Sports Scholarship
How You Can Maximize Student Aid
Kaplan's Paying for College
Kaplan Scholarships, 2013
Paying for College Without Going Broke, 2013
Peterson's Get a Jump: The Financial Aid Answer Book

Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes, 2013
Peterson's Sports Scholarships & College Athletic Programs
Scholarships 101
The Best Scholarships for the Best Students
The Financial Aid Handbook
The Scholarship Book, 13th Edn.
The Ultimate Scholarship Book, 2013

