

## ACE CONTACTS

Spring Semester 2011-12

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**Please:** When leaving a message on the ACE answering machine; please state **your name and your child's name, school district, telephone number and reason for calling CLEARLY.**

**NOTE:** If registering by phone for an event please give **all of the info.** that would be asked for on a registration form (*workshops, # attending, etc.*) We strive to be as accessible and helpful as possible but need this information, especially when registering you for *specific* programs.

YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER FOR EVENTS AT OUR [ONLINE REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- **College Theatre:**
  - ~ SUNY Cortland: 3/23/12  
"Violet"
  - ~ Ithaca College: 3/26/12  
"Working"
  - ~ Cornell University: 4/25/12  
"Long Ago in May"
- **Regional Institutes:**
  - ~ Cincinnatus H.S. –3/29/12
  - ~ Homer H.S. 4/4/12
- **Campus Events:**
  - ~ 11th Grd: 'Making Choices' 3/24/12- Ithaca College
- **Campus Visits (field trips):**
  - ~ 12th Grd. to Cornell Univ: 3/22/12
  - ~ 10th Grd. to SUNY Cortland: 4/24 or 4/26 (Liaison selects date)
- **Gallery Talk & Tour 5/2/12**
  - ~ 10-12th Grds.
- **Welcome Conference 5/5/12**
  - ~ New 8-9th Grds.
- **Pizza & Bowling 5/17/12**
  - ~ 9th grdrs. & parents Only

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# UPCOMING EVENTS *for students and parents*

## SPRING REGIONAL INSTITUTES:

**Mar. 29** at **CINCINNATUS H.S.**

**April 4** at **HOMER H.S.**

The Regional Inst. Flier will have all of the details.



### Watch For It In Your Mail!

#### WHAT IS A REGIONAL INSTITUTE?

...Choose one from a *selection* of short workshops for both parents and students. You may attend as many Reg. Insts. as you like in order to try a variety of workshops. Each has 4-6 workshops to choose from such as: Life on Campus; Financial Aid; College Admission tips, etc.

## "GALLERY TALK & TOUR"

For 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and parents/guardians

**SUNY Cortland Dowd Fine Arts Gallery**

**MAY 2, 2012 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

### Select 2012: Student Art Exhibition

An exhibit of art works by *SUNY Cortland students* will be on display. This year's juried exhibition of student work features photography, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, paintings and other media. **The Gallery Director**, and **Art Students** will conduct a guided tour, and answer your questions about these works. They will also field any other art-related queries you may have.

*This ACE Event is an excellent opportunity for students who are interested in art and related fields to explore the variety of creative professions that exist in the art world. The gallery talk will focus on the individual pieces as well as on art careers and how a liberal arts education prepares students for such careers.*

**Please contact the ACE Office To Register**



## ORIENTATION/"WELCOME"

**May 5, 2012 8:30-11:15 a.m. at TC3**



This is the **FIRST ACE Event**. It's a great *ice breaker* for new ACE parents & students. It helps students become more comfortable with ACE and more *positive* about their educational futures.

**Parents** will attend an *interactive* workshop and discussion with other parents, receive Information on our upcoming ACE events and have the *opportunity* to ask any other questions or concerns about ACE.

**Students** will have a *fun, hands on, team-building* activity; and also *chat* with a panel of ACE 12th graders & current College students about ACE and college. They will have the *opportunity* to ask about ACE and/or the college experience.

## COLLEGE THEATRE: *Compliments of ACE!*

Every fall and spring ACE students and their parents are able to attend a **pre-selected** Theatre production at **Cornell Univ., Ithaca College** and/or **SUNY Cortland**. There is **NO CHARGE**, but families are **limited to 3 tickets** (ACE student & parent/s).

Extra seats **MAY** be available for siblings – but **CALL** to find out. **No one under 10!**

### RESERVED SEATING ONLY

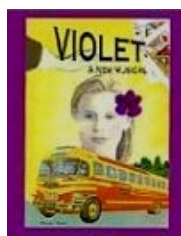
#### YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL PLAYS

Call the ACE Office at:

(607) 753-5662 OR email: [ace@kortland.edu](mailto:ace@kortland.edu)

Parking information and campus maps will be mailed to all registrants.

**YOU MUST CHECK IN WITH ACE STAFF FOR TICKETS & ACE CREDIT.**



## SUNY Cortland:

### "VIOLET"

**Mar. 23, 2012**

**NO WALK-INS!**

Set in the American South of 1964, "*Violet*" borrows its musical style from the American traditions of blues, gospel, and folk.

This musical is a Wizard of Oz-style quest story: a young woman disfigured by a childhood accident, boards a bus and goes on a pilgrimage, seeking an audience with an all-powerful faith healer in an attempt to regain her lost beauty. Along the way, she acquires traveling companions who teach her valuable lessons about herself and the meaning of beauty. Two soldiers, help her re-imagine her life with beauty, intimacy, and love.

**Check In 7:30 - Showtime 8:00 p.m.**

### RESERVED SEATING ONLY

**-Click [HERE](#) for details**



## Ithaca College:

### "WORKING"

**Mar. 26, 2012**

"*Working*" is a vital new musical based on the book by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Chicago's own *Studs Terkel*.

Newly adapted by Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked, Pippin and Godspell*), "*Working*" is the working man's "*A Chorus Line*".

It is a musical exploration of people from all walks of life, with twenty-six songs by all-star composers. Craig Carnelia, Micki Grant, Tony Award winning Lin-Manuel Miranda, Mary Rodgers, Susan Birkenhead, Stephen Schwartz and Grammy Award winning James Taylor.

"*Working*" celebrates everyday people, fills you with hope and inspiration and is the *perfect* musical for anyone who has ever worked a day in their lives.

**Check In 7:30 p.m.**

**Showtime 8:00 p.m.**



## Cornell Univ:

### "LONG AGO IN MAY"

**Apr. 25, 2012**

**NO WALK-INS!**

A light, bitter-sweet, absurd comedy. A silent scene of traditional slapstick is played out. They're snapshots of the vain attempts of a man and woman to use their shared memories to find themselves in what once *used* to bind them together and ultimately separated them. Taut dialogue hides the secret of a love and its failure – yet goes no further than ironic and cryptic hints. A man on a bike cycles pointlessly in large circles around the stage until he crashes into a wall. A woman in a rococo dress flits indecisively across the set. A young woman struggles with a heavy suitcase. A couple exchange *meaningless melancholic remarks* about bicycles, suitcases and women, a woman with a broom, a pair of lovers.

**Check In 7:00 - Showtime 7:30 p.m.**

### RESERVED SEATING ONLY

**-Click [HERE](#) for details**

## ACE PROGRAM CALENDAR SPRING 2012

Please DO NOT sign up for Spring events until Late Feb./early Mar.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	AUDIENCE
March 22	9:00 am- 1:00 pm	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus Visit</u> <i>"Keys to College Success"</i> (School fieldtrip)	Cornell University	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade (See Liaison)
March 23 Opening Night Only	7:30 pm Attendance 8:00 pm Seating Must Pre-register	College Theatre <i>"Violet"</i>	SUNY Cortland	All & Parents <b>NO Walk-Ins</b> PRE-Reserved Seating ONLY
March 24	8:45 am- 11:30 am	* <u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus Event</u> <u>"MAKING CHOICES"</u>	Ithaca College	11 <sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents
March 26 Only	7:30 pm Attendance 8:00 pm Seating Must Pre-register	College Theatre <i>Working"</i>	Ithaca College	All & Parents
March 29	7:00 pm- 9:00 pm	* <u>Spring Regional Institute</u>	Cincinnati High School	All & Parents
April 4	7:00 pm- 9:00 pm	* <u>Spring Regional Institute</u>	Homer High School	All & Parents
April 24 & 26	9:00 am- 1:00 pm	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus Visit</u> (School fieldtrip) <i>Districts choose the date</i>	SUNY Cortland	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade (See Liaison)
April 25 This date Only	7:00 pm Attendance 7:30 pm Showtime Must Pre-register	College Theatre <i>"Long Ago in May"</i> NOTE: 7:00 pm. Optional Discussion w/Theatre students. Learn about college productions from the students involved.	Cornell <i>Kiplinger Theatre</i>	All & Parents <b>NO Walk-Ins</b> PRE-Reserved Seating ONLY
May 5	8:30 am- 11:15 am	* <u>Orientation Conference</u> <u>"WELCOME"</u>	TC3	New 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents
May 2	6:45 pm- 8:00 pm	Gallery Talk & Tour	SUNY Cortland	10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grds. & Parents
May 17	6:30 pm- 8:30 pm	* <u>Pizza &amp; Bowling</u> <i>Very Limited space</i> Must Pre-register but please- not before late Apr.	Cornell University	ACE 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents <b>ONLY</b> <b>NO Walk-Ins</b>

\* **Separate Flyers** w/Details & Registration material will only be mailed for events with an **\*asterisk** beside them.  
For other listed events, contact the **ACE Office** to register, or for fieldtrips, contact **your LIAISON** as stated.

**NOTE: Underlined Events** count as those from the **"Required"** Group. (See "The ACE Recommendation and Outstanding ACE Sr. Award" on the "Miscellaneous Page" in Newsletters, or the ACE Website for more information)



# Freshman



## Pizza & Bowling at Cornell University May 17, 2012 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

In mid May ACE freshmen and their parents will be invited to Cornell University for an evening of fun! This event is a delightful way to enjoy one of the recreational facilities at Cornell while meeting other ACE families. Take advantage of this opportunity to try the lanes at *Helen Newman Hall*. Just think, you'll get the chance to relax and unwind, just like a Cornell student! There will be music and pizza too. What more could you ask for!

Your invitation will arrive sometime in *late April* or *early May*. Please do not register before late April.

Please understand that this is a *very popular* event and a *very small* facility. In an attempt to allow more ACE Freshmen to attend, we must limit attendance to actual ACE 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their parent/s or guardians ONLY. No siblings or "extra" family members may attend.

# Sophomores

## One Of The Biggest Goals Of ACE Is To Get Students To Start Thinking About Their Futures.

ACE programs are designed to open your mind to the *idea of college in your future* and to help you *begin to dream about what kind of career you would like to have*.

This spring is a great time to begin the *College Search Process*, which will be an integral part of your Junior year. Start thinking about it NOW! Collect information about colleges from the library, the Internet and your school counseling office.

### SOPHOMORE REVIEW.

Also this spring, your ACE Liaison will be meeting with you to *review your academic progress and your participation in ACE activities*.

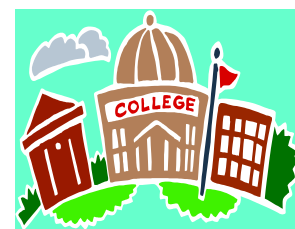
Students who have not attended ACE events and/or are not demonstrating progress towards maintaining a B average in college preparatory coursework may be counseled to withdraw from the ACE program.

The following is a list of some ACE programs, which were available to you earlier this year. Place a check next to those you have attended and be ready to discuss them with your liaison.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 Summer Programs (*June-Aug. 2011*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Event ("*Dream & Achieve*" Cornell -11/12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Dessert & Dramas (*Plumfield; Pal Joey; No Exit*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Regional Institutes (*Lansing -10/29; Tully -11/9*)

It is our hope that you will remain committed to ACE and that we will see you off to college with the

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus Visit to SUNY Cortland April 24 or 26, 2012



(See Your Liaison for the date your district will attend)

This spring, ACE 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited on a Field Trip to the SUNY Cortland Campus.

During this school trip an Educational Program on "Careers" will be Highlighted.

After this short but informative program on careers available with a college education... You'll have the chance to try *first-hand* a **sample demonstration/class** of one of many 'careers' obtainable through college attendance. You'll also have the chance to: talk to a current college student, while **touring** the SUNY campus with a SUNY student, *visit* a residence hall (*see what a dorm room looks like*) and even have **lunch** in an actual campus Dining Facility.

As a result of this campus visit you'll be pleasantly surprised to discover that the college experience is *not* just about books!

\*\*\* To Attend and for further information\*\*\*

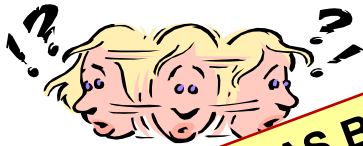
(including the date your H.S.will be going)

\*\*\*SEE YOUR LIAISON\*\*\*

Any permission slips should be returned to your  
District Liaison.

# Juniors

The 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus Event  
**"MAKING CHOICES"**  
 Saturday Mar. 24, 2012



Are you confused about...  
 Wondering...  
 Do you...  
 If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this event is for YOU!

Reserve Saturday, March 24, 2012, for a trip to Ithaca College, grab a parent or two to come along. Look for a flyer and further information about this event in your mailbox in early April.

## SAT & ACT DATES

TEST:	Register by:	TEST DATE
ACT	3/9/12	4/14/12
	5/4/12	6/9/12
SAT	2/10/12	3/10/12
	4/6/12	5/5/12
	5/8/12	6/2/12

**~~ IMPORTANT ~~**

See your **H.S. COUNSELOR** now for **Registration Forms & Information On Fees, Late Registration Dates** and any available **"SAT Preparation" Session Dates!**

## JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

### ~ FEBRUARY/MARCH

📅 Register, and prepare for the SAT, & ACT tests

### ~ MARCH

🚗 Attend the ACE 11th Grd. Event "Making Choices".

### ~ APRIL

🔍 Begin to narrow your list of college choices.

Schedule visits to schools you're interested in.

📁 Investigate private scholarship programs and competitions. Start a Paying for College Research File!

### ~ MAY

📧 Identify teachers, coaches, counselors, & others whom you will ask for letters of recommendation.

💻 Begin to explore future careers, use the Internet!

✂ Watch your newspaper for articles on Sr. scholarships. Clip leads for your "Paying for College" Research File!

📅 Review your senior year class schedule with your counselor. Challenge yourself (honors & AP classes) and stick with sequences you've begun (languages, etc.)

### ~ JUNE

🏠 Visit colleges you're interested in; find a summer job, or volunteer for community service.

## Independent College Visits

The **JUNIOR Year** is a great time for you and your parents to **visit college campuses**.

**Doesn't it make sense to find out in person what the colleges you're interested in actually look and feel like?** Why wait until you're enrolled to find out the 'college of your dreams' is too hilly; crowded; isolated; snowy; hot/humid, modern, rural, etc.

Don't just look at your new school "on paper". Check it out to see if it's a good fit for you personally. **You'll have a better chance of doing well at college if you're comfortable in your new surroundings.**

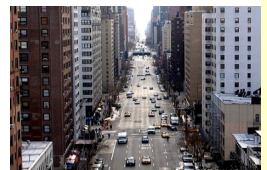
Many freshmen are surprised to find they can't tolerate simple things at their "new residence" such as: dorm room size, campus size, rural vs. urban settings, transportation; distance from home, etc. On the other hand, many are also pleasantly surprised to find a college they hadn't thought much of is exactly "their type".

**Just call the Admissions Office for information on tours.** You can even meet and talk with students there, to get their perspective on what "life" (class size, sports, on and off campus activities/entertainment, and even the weather) is really like at **that** campus.

Because a **College Visit** is an important part of preparing for admission, **ACE will count it** toward your total **ACE Participation** and as part of the **ACE Recommendation review process**.

If you do not have a **College Visit Form**, please call the ACE Office.

**It's as simple as that!**



### THE COLLEGE VISIT

**ACE JUNIORS** can receive ACE credit for participating towards the ACE recommendation by visiting a college of university & attending an "ACE College Visit Feedback Exam" in the ACE Office.

**Take Note!** Will you be ready for the COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS this fall?  
 How will you decide among the many colleges and Universities available to you?

**Get ready! Get more information! Go on a COLLEGE VISIT!**

**~Applying to an ACE college?~**  
 You still need to go on a college visit.  
 An ACE credit will be given for each college visit and through attending ACE events. These visits do not substitute for an official college visit. Specific information on college majors, residence, student services and the fee are not provided during most ACE weekend programs. Selective institutions encourage on campus group/individual interviews with college admissions officers.

**~Applying to non-ACE colleges? Make a college visit and get ACE "credit"~**  
 An ACE recommendation letter can be sent to any colleges you are applying to. ACE credit will be given for each college visit and through attending ACE events.

**What to do:**  
 1. Call the admissions office of the campus you wish to visit.  
 2. Find out when the best time to visit is and if you need an appointment.  
 3. Request one or more of the following:  
 Campus tour  
 Information session  
 Meeting with admissions officer  
 Staying in a residence hall  
 Meeting with admissions officer  
 Meeting with college's coaches, admissions officers

**While you are there:**  
 Visit the college locally in terms of your priorities. Consider both the academic and social life on campus.

**☑ To Receive ACE CREDIT for a COLLEGE VISIT:**  
**☑ FILL OUT THE FEEDBACK FORM and RETURN it to the ACE OFFICE.**

# SENIORS

The ACE 12<sup>th</sup> Grade "CAMPUS VISIT"  
program at Cornell University

March 22, 2012

Whether you plan to attend a SUNY college,  
community college, or private university  
in the fall, or in the future,  
we hope you will be able to join us for the

## KEYS TO COLLEGE SUCCESS



LEARN HOW TO NEGOTIATE THE CHANGE  
FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE!

"How will I select my classes?"

"Will I like my roommate?"

"Will I be able to get help with my studies?" "What  
if I'm homesick?"

~ Perhaps you have wondered about some of these  
things as you think about college and you're first days  
at college. **ACE Seniors, don't wait to find out!**  
**Sign up for this school field trip now.**

If you're curious about college, this visit is for you!



### "Getting The Most Out Of Your College

**Experience:** How to have fun while staying  
balanced, and where to go if you're not."



### "Strategies for Success" get tips from

Cornell students & staff from the 'Learning  
Strategies Center.'



### "Introduction to Social Networking -

**Facebook"** get tips and truths about  
networking.



### Have lunch with Cornell University

**students.** Additionally, a *Student Panel* will  
respond to any of your questions and  
concerns about 'College Life.'



For Further Information On Registering,  
**SEE YOUR ACE LIAISON !!**

## Meeting the ACE criteria to receive the 2012 ACE RECOMMENDATION

is a terrific accomplishment and ACE would like to  
acknowledge this year's recipients.



### **Congratulations to these Seniors**

**Cincinnatus:** Christopher Bonham, Sarah Fox, Travis  
Rheinheimer & Jennifer Rice (Honorable Mention: Jordan Roberts)

**Cortland:** Ashley Behrenfeld, Alex Clark, Kyle Cole, Siera  
Dunn, Marissa Travis & Trista Willis

**DeRuyter:** Zachary Thomas

**Groton:** Emily Frantz (Honorable Mention: Ashlyn McCarty)

**Homer:** Lidia Aristy (Honorable Mention: Nichole Folk)

**Ithaca:** Coralia Torres

**Lansing:** Ashli Carlton, Nicole Davis, Kristopher Duran,  
Carlene Fields, Joseph Jones, & Jennifer Wagner  
(Honorable Mention: Sabrina Tilton)

**Newfield:** Cal Addy, Gabrielle Amato, Adam Friedlander &  
Katie Redman (Honorable Mention: Illary Delgado)

**South Seneca:** (Honorable Mention: Elijah Liebson)

## "OUTSTANDING ACE Sr." AWARD

DON'T JUST do 12 events



**BE OUTSTANDING!  
GO ABOVE & BEYOND!!**

It's Easy... Start by Participating In Extra  
'Quality' ACE Events, you probably have already!

There are so many QUALITY events to choose from,  
many ACE students do well over 20 total events.

~ Qualify for the ACE Recommendation.

~ Maintain ACE Event Participation into their Sr. year.

~ Provide a "Service to ACE/School/Community" (see Liaison)

~ Complete a typed Essay (at least 1 FULL pg.)

~ Complete 18 events with at least 14 from the "required" group.

~ Complete an "Outstanding Senior Award" Form

**2 recipients** (selected by the ACE Operating Committee) will each  
receive an award certificate and a check for  
**\$500** presented to the successful students  
at their school award ceremonies.

See your Liaison for more details





## SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

Most colleges let you know their decisions *in April*.

If you have been accepted at one or more colleges but have *not yet* heard from your *first* choice, *contact that college* or ask your counselor for help in getting a decision before any *nonrefundable* deposits are due.

Look for a summer job.

As soon as you have decided which college's offer of admission to accept, let that college know. Write *thanks, but no thanks* letters to those you will *not* attend.

If you were *denied* admission, see your counselor at once about alternatives.

Send the acceptance deposit *by the deadline specified*.

If you are awarded financial aid, be sure to *formally accept* the offer from the college you plan to attend.

APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Financial Aid

Financial aid and scholarship information is freely available in H.S. counselor's offices, libraries, and on the Internet.

Applying to a college is one hurdle, figuring out how to pay for it is the second.

For many families financial aid is an *important* piece of the college decision-making process.

The *paperwork* may seem even more overwhelming than the college *application process*.

There is help: You can call the Financial Aid Office of the colleges you are applying to. Or, visit the Education Dept. WEB site, "FAFSA On The web" ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). You can also call them at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

☺ You *don't* have to pay to apply for federal student aid, and you can even apply *online*.

Colleges require you to complete the FAFSA: (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) available at your school guidance office.

⚡ The FAFSA is required for all federal financial aid as well as some state financial aid programs (including New York State TAP grants).

🕒 The FAFSA should be filed after, but as close to January as possible. Deadlines vary. The sooner you submit the *better*, in order to get available monies.

Check with the Financial Aid Office of EACH college you apply to for their specific FAFSA deadlines.



COLLEGES use FAFSA information to help determine students' Financial Aid Packages (federal grants, loans, & work-study programs).

Financial Aid Awards may include a federal PELL grant, a NYS TAP grant, federal Work-Study, and student Loans as well as college administered Scholarships. (Grants and Work-study do not have to be paid back.)



You may then decide to *accept or decline* all or part of a *financial aid package* and must follow the college policies and deadlines to do so.

If you receive a *private scholarship*, it is important to notify the college that you will be attending, because it may change the financial aid award.

Some schools have *additional* requirements such as the *College Board's Financial Aid Profile* and may require copies of tax returns. Be sure to check with the colleges you are applying to for their requirements and deadlines.

~ Financial need is based upon the *PRIOR* year's tax return. *If you are applying for college entrance in the fall of 2012, need will be based upon the 2011 tax return.* However, if your financial situation is much *different* than the previous year, see a financial aid counselor to complete a "special considerations" form. *They may be able to adjust your financial aid package.*

~ After sending in the FAFSA, you'll receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the U.S. Dept. of Education. If you completed a *paper FAFSA*, you will receive a report within *four* weeks. If you completed the FAFSA via the *Internet* ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) you will receive a report in about *two* weeks.

The information from the FAFSA will be used to *calculate* the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

There are calculators on the Internet that will estimate the EFC to give you an idea of how much a family is expected to contribute towards their students' educational expenses.

Try this site from collegeboard.com:

[http://apps.collegeboard.com/finalcalc/efc\\_welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/finalcalc/efc_welcome.jsp)

## Scholarship Info.

You probably know scholarships are awarded for merit in *academics*, or *athletics*. But, did you know they are also awarded based on a variety of subjects (such as *ethnic background, religious affiliations* and *special interests or hobbies*.) Even if your grades aren't great, don't be discouraged Merit doesn't just mean grades. It can mean someone who *demonstrates ability in other areas*, "such as *drumming, surfing, or horse grooming*." Count all your abilities as well as disabilities. Utilize the application essays to give a clear idea of the kind of challenges you've met or overcome—not just regarding school but in *life experiences*.

✓ Apply! Apply! Apply!

It's a bit of work, but can net you extra money

✓ Check your high school's "binders."

A lot of scholarship information is sent directly to schools, where it's put in binders, ask for the binders *specifically*.

✓ Check the sites of colleges you're applying to.

Most colleges have scholarships for students attending their school.

✓ Use Internet databases.

Surf the web. Some databases are amalgamated lists; others ask you for information, and match you with the right program. *Most of these types of sites are free.*

TRY THESE WEBSITES:

<http://www.scholarships.com>

<http://college-scholarships.com>

[http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)





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**Dear ACE Students/Families,**

**A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to each and everyone.** By the time you are reading this newsletter, we should have passed the halfway mark to SPRING.

Grandparent update – Lucia and Ethan are doing well in kindergarten. Owen and Eleanor are also doing well in the “No” and “Why” stages of their lives. We continue to enjoy our time with them.

In part related to the above, I have decided to retire from the ACE program, at the end of February. After serving as Coordinator for the last 13 years, I remain extremely grateful to have been a part of a program that is appreciated and valued by so many. Whether encouraging students to work hard in high school while taking advantage of ACE events, welcoming parents to an event, listening to various speakers/workshop presenters or reading the feedback after each event, each experience has always been positive. I am confident that the new Coordinator will explore opportunities to further improve a very worthwhile program.

We are in the process of surveying the 2011 ACE graduates during their freshman year at various colleges and anticipate positive responses about their experiences in the ACE program.

This spring will once again feature a variety of events at each of the four Higher Education Institutions and high schools.

In closing, I wish each and every student all the very best as you develop and pursue your educational and personal goals.

**Respectfully,**  
**Michael Ouckama, ACE Coordinator**

