

ACE CONTACTS Info.

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You may register by phone, email, mail, or on-line at the website.
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* for an event please give all of the info. that would be asked for on a registration form (*workshop names, number attending, etc.*)
We strive to be as accessible and helpful as possible but need this information, especially when registering you for *specific* programs.

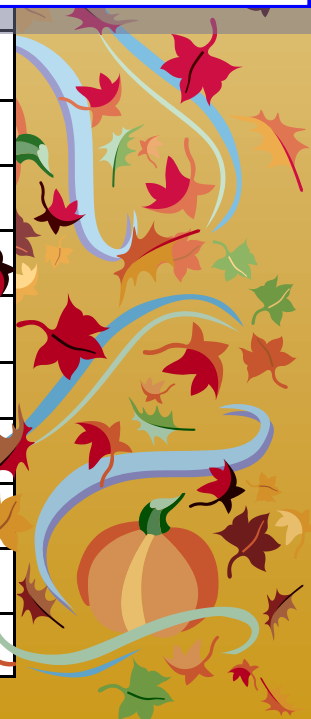


2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Path of Success:** 9/24
- **College Night:**
~TC3 10/18
- **College Theatre:**
~ Ithaca: "Plumfield Iraq" - 10/3/11
~ Cortland: "Pal Joey" -10/28/11
~ Cornell: "No Exit"-11/17/11
- **Regional Institutes:**
~ LANSING H.S. -10/29/11
~ TULLY H.S. -11/9/11
- **Campus Events:**
~ 9th Grd:
"SPIRIT DAY" - 11/19/11
~10th Grd:
"DREAM &ACHIEVE" -11/12/11
- **Campus Visit Fieldtrips:**
~9th Grd. to Ithaca College:
11/8, 11/16, or 11/17/11
~11th Grd to TC3:
10/28/11
- **Cornell Field Trip** (10th grd):
~ Hospitality -12/TBA/11

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISONS Fall Semester 2011-12

Candor	Jason Banks	(607)659-3195
Cincinnatus	Lori Middendorf.....Grds. 11-12 Kim Olszewski.....Grds. 9-10	(607) 863-3200
Cortland	Marsha Petaja	(607) 758-4118
DeRuyter	Maureen Alger	(315) 852-3400 #3
Groton	Patti Cortese	(607) 898-5802x421
Homer	Darlene Latten.....Grds. 9-12	(607) 749-1209
Ithaca	TBA	TBA
Lansing	Cathy Moseley	(607) 533-3020 x-3217
Newfield	Rick Pawlewicz	(607) 564-9955 x-3131
South Seneca	Scott Anderson	(607) 869-9636
Tully	Kate Davin	(315) 696-6240



UPCOMING EVENTS



9th-12th Graders!! Take **"THE PATH of SUCCESS"** Ithaca H.S. Sept. 24, 2011

Challenge yourselves to **"Dream Big Purposeful Dreams"** while "learning to live by *personal principles* rather than *public praise*."

The **Path of Success Academic & Leadership seminar** "equips high school students with the skills necessary to set high *goals* and achieve *success* in their relationships, academics and future careers." <http://www.pathofsuccess.org/>

This **free all-day seminar** is designed to empower its participants with the principles of truth, character and success. The workshops are *engaging, informative*, and provide for group interaction as well as personal reflection.

For more information or to register contact

Erica Mims by telephone at 256-0780

Or email at: office@villageatithaca.org

"COLLEGE NIGHT" at TC3 OCT. 18, 2011



If you want to learn a *little* about a *lot* of colleges in one evening, attend the **College Fair** this fall at Tompkins Cortland Community College.

"College Night" is open to the community, **Over 100 Colleges will be represented.** Admission counselors from *both* two-year and four year colleges will be available to answer questions and distribute information about their college. Parents and students can ask about campus life, degree programs, course offerings, costs, financial aid, entrance requirements, etc. **It's a chance to talk to actual college representatives, not just see brochures or websites.** *Representatives from banks, financial aid offices, and the military will also be available.*

An ACE Representative will be there from 6:00-8:00 p.m. You MUST stop by our table for "ACE credit"

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*).

Extras **MAY** be available for siblings -**CALL** to find out. **Please-No one under 10!**

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER

by calling *the ACE Office* at:

(607) 753-5662 OR emailing: ace.cortland.edu

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

YOU MUST CHECK IN WITH ACE STAFF FOR CREDIT



FALL REGIONAL INSTITUTES:

Sat. Morning Oct. 29 at LANSING H.S.

Wed. Night, Nov. 9 at TULLY H.S.



The Fall Regional Inst. Flier will have all the details. **Watch For It In Your Mail!**

What is a Regional Institute?

... Your choice of a selection of short workshops for parents and students. You may attend as many Reg. Insts. as you like in order to try a variety of workshops.



Ithaca College:

"PLUMFIELD, IRAQ"

Mon. Oct. 3, 2011

In the small town of Plumfield, WA, the effects of a distant military conflict weigh heavily on eight high school friends. This moving drama weaves fractured scenes of home life and the battlefield with the innocent strains of a barbershop quartet. Lebow tells the story of finding one's way home from the thick of war, and living with the consequences of the journey. Trusting the earlier announcement that the war is over, the prospect of free college and the pursuit of their dreams draws two carefree childhood friends into enlisting. The effects of war, on them and their families are poignantly examined, as one struggles with returning to a normal life, suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. The audience is pulled into the emotional experiences on and off the battlefield, rhythmically moving between past and present, fantasy and reality.

Check in begins at 7:30 p.m.
Showtime 8:00 p.m.



SUNY Cortland:

"PAL JOEY"

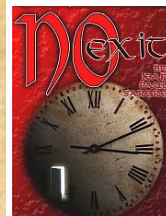
Fri. Oct. 28, 2011

You MUST CALL ACE by Oct. 26th
To RESERVE Your Tickets!!
NO WALK-INS!

This musical is set in the tawdry nightclub scene of Depression-era Chicago. Joey Evens, a cheap nightclub emcee, dreams of opening his own club, a "classy joint." However, having no money, Joey ditches his naive girlfriend Linda English to romance a rich older woman, Vera Simpson. Vera of course, promptly sets him up with the nightclub of his vision. Unfortunately, this exposes her to a blackmail attempt by Joey's former colleague, Gladys, and her boyfriend Ludlow. Their plot goes awry when Linda warns Vera of the plans and Vera calls the Police.

In the end, Vera and Linda must now *each* decide if Joey is worth the trouble to 'keep'.

Check in begins at 7:00 p.m.
Showtime 8:00 p.m.
RESERVED SEATING ONLY
-Click HERE for details!



Cornell University:

"NO EXIT"

Thur. Nov 17, 2011

A mysterious valet ushers three people into a locked room. They soon discover that hell isn't perpetual fire and brimstone, but *other people*. Three people are locked up together in a simple room... *for eternity*. In this thought provoking, yet *entertaining* play. The first impression is that it's not so bad. They begin to believe they can manage to exist in the privacy of their thoughts -retaining at least some personal dignity in their own '*modified*' opinion of themselves. That delusion soon passes as they begin to wheedle out of each other all the deep, dark *secrets* of their sordid crimes on earth. Each keeps hoping that somehow one of the others can 'save' them, but must come to the reality that none of them can escape from the acts they have committed, and must be damned by them forever.

Check in begins at 7:00 p.m.
Showtime 7:30 p.m.



ACE PROGRAM CALENDAR FALL 2011



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AUDIENCE</u>
<u>Sept. 24</u>	ALL DAY 10:00 am- 4:00 pm	<u>Path of Success Academic & Leadership Seminar</u>	Ithaca High School <i>York Lecture Hall</i>	All Grades (See Liaison)
Oct. 3 This date Only	7:30 Attendance & Refreshments 8:00 Showtime	College Theatre <i>"Plumfield, Iraq"</i>	Ithaca College Dillingham Center	All & Parents
Oct. 18	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	<i>"College Night"</i>	TC3	All & Parents
Nov. 8 Nov. 16 Nov. 17	9:15 a.m. 12:50 p.m.	<u>9th Grade Campus Visit</u> (School fieldtrip)	Ithaca College	9 th Graders (See Liaison)
Oct. 28 This date Only	8:00 Showtime <u>Opening Night</u> Must Pre- Register	College Theatre <i>"Pal Joey"</i>	SUNY Cortland Dowd Fine Arts	All & Parents No Walk-ins
Oct. 28	9:15 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	<u>11th Grade Campus Visit</u> (School fieldtrip)	TC3	11 th Graders (See Liaison)
Oct. 29	8:45 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.	* <u>Fall Regional Institute</u>	Lansing High School	All & Parents
Nov. 12	8:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.	* <u>10th Grade Campus Event</u> "DREAM & ACHIEVE" <i>Afterwards: optional tour and/or game (Football tickets: Cornell vs. Columbia)</i>	Cornell University	10 th Graders & Parents
Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	* <u>Fall Regional Institute</u>	Tully High School	All & Parents
Nov. 17 This date Only	7:00 Attendance 7:30 Showtime	College Theatre <i>"No Exit"</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 (No siblings under 12)
Nov. 19	9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	* <u>9th Grade Campus Event</u> "SPIRIT DAY"	SUNY Cortland	9 th Graders & Parents
TBA	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	<u>Cornell Field Trip</u> "Hospitality" Hotel School at Cornell	Cornell University	10 th Graders (See Liaison)

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 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)

REMEMBER: You may also register for events on-line at the **ACE Website:** <http://www.cortland.edu/ace>



ACE PROGRAM CALENDAR SPRING 2011

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



DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	AUDIENCE
TBA	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	<u>12th Grade Campus Visit</u> "Keys to College Success" (School fieldtrip)	Cornell University	12 th Grade (See Liaison)
TBA	7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	*Spring Regional Institute	TBA High School	All & Parents
Mar. 23 Opening Night Only	8:00 Showtime Opening Night <u>Must Pre-register</u>	College Theatre "Violet"	SUNY Cortland	All & Parents NO Walk-Ins PRE-Reserved Seating ONLY
TBA	7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	*Spring Regional Institute	TBA High School	All & Parents
Apr. TBA	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	10th Grade Campus Visit	SUNY Cortland	10 th Grade (See Liaison)
Apr. TBA	8:45 a.m.- 11:30 p.m.	11th Grade Campus Event "MAKING CHOICES"	Ithaca College	11 th Graders & Parents
Mar. 26 Only	7:30 Attendance & Refreshments 8:00 Seating	College Theatre "Working"	Ithaca College	All & Parents (No students under 12)
April 26 This date Only	7:00 Attendance 7:30 Showtime MATURE AUDIENCE	College Theatre "Far Away in May" <small>NOTE: 7:00 pm. Optional Discussion w/Theatre students. Learn about college productions from the students</small>	Cornell Kiplinger Theatre	All & Parents MATURE AUDIENCE
May TBA	6:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Gallery Talk & Tour	SUNY Cortland	10 th -12 th Grds. & Parents
May TBA	8:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.	* Orientation Conference "WELCOME"	TC3	New 8 th /9 th Graders & Parents
May TBA	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	* Pizza & Bowling <i>Very Limited space</i>	Cornell University	ACE 9 th Graders & Parents ONLY

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MISCELLANEOUS ACE INFORMATION

~ THE ACE RECOMMENDATION

documents and rewards student's participation throughout their years in the ACE Program. It is placed in their permanent school folder and sent out with *college applications* in the *Fall of Sr. year*.



To receive the Recommendation, a student must maintain a B average & participate in at least 12 ACE events. (Starting at the end of 8th Grd. with the "Welcome" at TC3)

In An Effort To Enhance The Quality Of Student Participation, Requirements Are As Follows:

Students **must** participate in a **variety** of 12 Events.

~ 8 of the 12 are REQUIRED to come from the following groups:

- ◆ **"The Path of Success"**
Free all-day Leadership seminar each fall at Ithaca H.S.
- ◆ **"Regional Institutes"**
There are 4 per year; featuring a variety of workshops for both parents & students to attend (You May Repeat Wkshps.)
- ◆ **"Campus Events"** (3 Separate Grade Specific programs)
There is 1 per year; grades 9-11 (Spirit Day, Dm.&Ach., Mkg. Chcs.) Fun, Educational Conferences for students & parents to attend.
- ◆ **"Campus Visits" & other "ACE fieldtrips"**
School field trips w/Edu. Progs. hosted by ACE colleges.
- ◆ **"Summer Programs"**
Students *Only*: A separate flyer will be sent in early summer. Various fun & Educational 1/2-day to 3-day long Workshops.

~ 4 of the 12 may be SELECTED from ANY ACE Events

~This means **4 more: from the ABOVE events, AND/OR 'Elective' events such as:** "Dessert & Dramas", "Gallery Talk & Tour", Individual College Visits, Pizza & Bowling, College Night at TC3, etc.

☺ **To Stay On Track, students MUST do at least 4 events per year.** (College appls. go out in the *beginning* of Sr. year.)

☺ **All ACE events are Free.** You may contact us about any events. Flyers are **only** sent out for the **major**

~ ACE Event CANCELLATIONS &

"NO SHOWS" on your Participation Record:

Often programs have limited space available, and may therefore have **WAITING LISTS**.

By NOT attending events you've registered for and not cancelling, you may be pre-venting others on the wait list from going to those events.



To ensure correct seating and refreshments required, ACE needs to inform the colleges and high schools of expected numbers **ahead of time**. In addition, if enough people aren't registered by certain **deadlines**, we may have to **cancel** programs.

Therefore: Please Register EARLY For Events, & Call To CANCEL As Soon As You Find That You Can't Attend.

Sometimes things **do** happen at the last minute. If you *cannot* contact the ACE office **prior** to the event, at **least try the following** day. Email or leave a message on our voice mail. **This is important. Non-attendance at an event for which you registered but did not attend, results in a "NO SHOW" on your participation record.**

Those, who **register** for events, then **often don't attend w/o cancelling**, may **not** be allowed to register for other events.

~ CAR POOLING

Our special thanks goes to families who offer to share a ride to ACE events with others.



Occasionally transportation is difficult to arrange for some ACE families. On the event registration forms, we often include a place for families to indicate if they need a ride or are willing to give or share a ride. **Please** consider offering a ride to an event. And, if you need a ride, let us know and we will do our very best to help you make a connection with another student going to that event from your area.

~ EVENT FLIERS

Fliers are **ONLY** sent out for **MAJOR** events:

Regional Insts. or Campus Events. Information on: Fieldtrips, Plays, Gallery, & College Night, will only be announced in the ACE Newsletter Calendars. (Schools may send info. for fieldtrips).

YOU must mark the date and remember to call to register or see your liaison to sign up for any ACE school fieldtrips.

(Clip and post your ACE Calendar on your refrigerator.)



"OUTSTANDING ACE SR." AWARD

Don't just meet the criteria for for the Recommendation

!! Be Outstanding! ~ Go Above & beyond !!

- ~ Qualify for the ACE Recommendation
- ~ Maintain Participation into their Sr. year
- ~ Provide a "Service" to ACE, school or community
- ~ Write an Essay (1 to 2 pgs. typed) on their ACE experience
- ~ Complete 18 events -with at least 14 from the "required" group
- ~ Complete Outstanding Senior Award form.

Two recipients (selected by the ACE Operating Committee) will each receive an award certificate and a check for \$500.

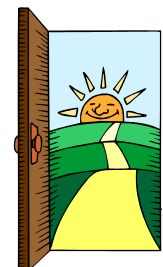


SEE YOUR LIAISON FOR MORE DETAILS

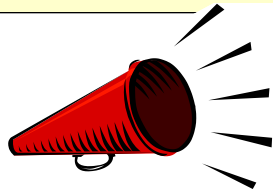
REMEMBER:

The ACE Commitment is made up of 3 Promises: the Colleges', your High School's ...and YOURS!

*In part WE promise to provide programs to help prepare you to enter college while YOU & Your Parents/Guardians promise to **ATTEND** these programs to the best of your ability.*



Freshman



“SPIRIT DAY”
at SUNY Cortland
Saturday Nov. 19, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This **ACE Campus Event** for 9th graders and their parents/guardians, is an opportunity to learn more about yourself, meet and interact with students and parents from other high schools, and begin to think about college preparation.

ACE College representatives will welcome you to the **Park Center at SUNY Cortland at 9:00 a.m.**



You will participate in several *hands-on* and *team-building* activities, all of which are both *fun* and *educational!*

Please join us and **dress comfortably** - **sneakers will be required for some activities.**

If you'd like, show your *School Spirit* by wearing something with a College or High School name on it!

An optional Campus Tour may be offered after the program, if there is enough interest.

Watch for our "SPIRIT DAY"

Flier in Your Mailbox LATER THIS FALL!

9th Grade **CAMPUS VISIT to Ithaca College**



Have you ever been on the campus of a private college?

In **NOVEMBER** ACE freshmen will be invited by their liaisons to go on a **school field trip** to **Ithaca College**. Imagine, you won't be in *high school* all day, you'll be at *College!* Experience fun and informative activities with Ithaca College faculty and students. *This visit will focus on "Career Choices and How to Get There"*.

Lunch on campus and tours of several campus buildings will also be part of your *day at college*.

For Further information

SEE YOUR LIAISON

Liaisons will organize this field trip and provide you with permission slips and the dates and times your school will attend.



Any required Permission Slips should be returned to your ACE LIAISON.

Sophomores

“DREAM & ACHIEVE”
at Cornell University
Saturday Nov. 12, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Sophomores & Parents/guardians are invited to the **ACE Campus Event** for 10th graders **Cornell University students and faculty will offer eye-opening workshops for both parents and students.**

Parents will gain valuable insight and tips concerning communication during their student's future college experiences/challenges. Sophomores will talk with staff and students to learn details and tips on how their high school experiences can help prepare them for college.

Afterward, those interested may choose to take in an optional campus tour and/or Cornell football game.

~ **WORKSHOPS:** Parents will gain valuable insight & tips concerning communication during their student's future college experiences/challenges. ACE Sophomores will talk with Cornell staff and students to learn details & tips on how their high school experiences can help prepare them for college.

~ **Optional CAMPUS TOUR:** 11:15 am -12:15pm.

Interested families may take the option of several Campus Tours to choose from. Past choices were general walking tours, overviews of Athletics and Facilities, or the Theater Arts programs and studios.



~ **Optional FOOTBALL GAME:** 12:30 pm.

Catch an IVY LEAGUE Football Game! Complimentary tickets will be available for ACE registrants who attend.

This year's game is **Cornell vs. Columbia.**



Agendas and registration materials will be mailed home to all ACE 10th graders by late Oct. Please **TRY** to pre-register ASAP. You may call, email, or register on-line.

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY-EDUCATION

This is a **unique and interactive** visit to the **Statler Hotel School** on the Cornell campus.



Students learn about the hospitality industry and its *vast variety of related career opportunities*; from *Hotel Management* to *Culinary Chef*. Check with your liaison for details room is very limited.

Among the many activities planned for the day are:

- ~ Tours of the Hotel -- *An inside look at: the Front Desk, Rooms, Communications Systems, etc.*
- ~ Hands on Food Preparation Demonstrations
- ~ Luncheon/Reception with Cornell Hotel Students
- ~ Presentations by Hotel School Faculty and Students

Space is VERY limited.

See your liaison for further information and to sign up



Juniors



“THE COLLEGE CLASSROOM”

Attend “Class” at TC3

- ◆ Attend two TC3 class sessions
- ◆ Eat lunch on campus
- ◆ Meet with current college students

The 11th Grade **CAMPUS VISIT** to TC3 will be
OCTOBER 28, 2011

On this High School field trip, you will become a **College Student** for the day! You may choose to attend two college classroom experiences.

Previous programs have included such subjects as:

Psychology, Nursing, Literature, Communications, Business, Digital Electronics, Calculus, Physics, Biology and many more.

Further information on this campus visit will be available from your liaison later this Fall.

Liaisons will organize this field trip

For more information

SEE YOUR LIAISON

PSAT DATES AND FEES

Wed. Oct. 12 & Sat. Oct. 15, 2011 are

BIG DAYS for JUNIORS

The PSAT/NMSQT includes the same types of critical reading, math, and writing skills multiple-choice questions as the SAT® Reasoning Test. The fee for the test is **\$14.00**.



Note: Schools sometimes charge additional fees to cover administrative costs. See your school counselor for more information on dates and fees for your school.



What's on the Test ??

The PSAT/NMSQT includes five sections:

- Two 25-minute **critical reading** sections
- Two 25-minute **math** sections
- One 30-minute **writing skills** section

The whole test requires two hours and 10 minutes.

Why not Take the practice test like it's the real thing!

You can go online to review complete answer explanations for all questions on the practice test to help you prepare for test day.

See **PSAT info., practice questions and tests at Collegeboard.com's link:**

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about/ontest.html>

SENIORS

COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS

The College application essay is probably the *most* important essay that you have ever written.

There will be a lot of materials accompanying your application to show the admissions committee what kind of student you are -- your *high school transcript*, SAT or ACT scores and *recommendations* from teachers and counselors.

The essay is your chance to introduce who you are as a person to the committee.

See: Admission Essays at collegeboard.com

COLLEGE APPLICATION TIPS:

~ If you haven't already, request admissions and financial aid applications from the colleges to which you want to apply.

~ Make a list of what you'll have to submit and when it must reach each college (*i.e., test scores, essays, recommendation, financial aid applications, etc.*). Arrange to have your transcript sent to the colleges to which you are applying.

~ Plan to attend an ACE Fall Regional Institute. There will be workshops on college applications; financial aid; and/or admission essay tips.

~ If you are applying early decision, start filling out the application now -- deadlines for this are usually in Nov.

Don't wait until the last minute to begin!

Check out collegeboard.com for these and other valuable college information and tips.

ACE RECOMMENDATIONS!

Time For ACE To Make Good On Its Commitment To You!

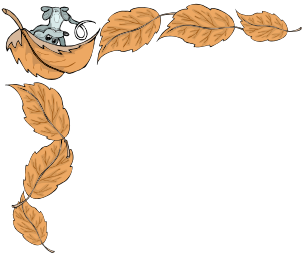
As you prepare your college applications remember the **ACE Promise**. The ACE Consortium promised to give *special consideration* in their admission decisions, *provided you meet that institution's admissions standards* and have satisfied your commitment to ACE.

Srs. who have met the ACE Commitment Criteria will receive the ACE Recommendation.

(You must have maintained a B average in college prep course work and participated in at least 12 ACE activities with at least 8 from the required group)

~ You must **apply** to the ACE colleges you are interested in, utilizing the appropriate application forms. The ACE Office will send you *and* your liaison your ACE recommendation letter to send along with any applications.

~ **Remember:** Your ACE experience will *also* benefit your application to colleges **outside** the four ACE consortium colleges.



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Dear ACE Students/Families,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year

I trust that you were able to enjoy many of the sunny days we experienced this summer although it appears that some of you were adversely affected by the weather. We wish you well.

My older grandchildren (*Ethan and Lucia*) have joined the ranks of kindergartenershow time flies.

It gives me pleasure to welcome the follow liaisons to the ACE family – **Kim Olszewski (Cincinnati); Patti Cortese (Groton)** and bid farewell to **Marie Mauboussin (Ithaca)** – replacement not named at this writing.

Last Spring, we solicited feedback from the 2010 ACE graduates (during their college freshman year) regarding the impact that the ACE program had on their college preparation. The data indicated most felt “better prepared for college” (93%); “developed more realistic expectations” (86%); “strengthened study habits” (73%) and “increased confidence about the ability to succeed” (88%). In addition, 93% rated the ACE program as excellent or good and 98% indicated that they would recommend ACE to 8th graders. We hope to collect similar feedback in the future and use it to improve the program.

In an effort to increase attendance at the Regional Institutes, ACE will experiment with providing bus transportation for ACE students and their parents/guardians. The bus will leave from Homer school and travel to LANSING High School on October 29 and to TULLY High School on November 9. Watch for details in the RI flyer.

I look forward to seeing you at the various fall events.....check the ACE website ace@cortland.edu

Respectfully,
Michael Ouckama, ACE Coordinator

