

ACE CONTACTS

Spring Semester 2012-13

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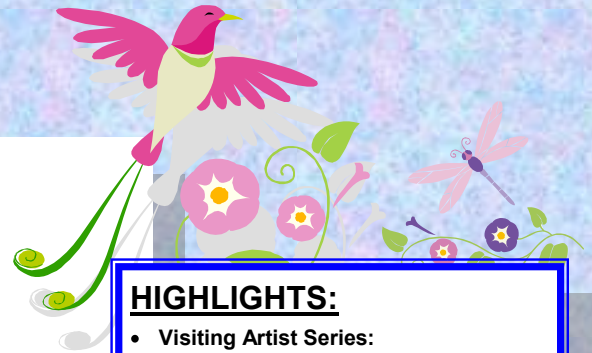
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You MUST Register for ALL ACE Events.

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, the student'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 (*student name, workshop choices, number attending, etc.*) We strive to be as accessible and helpful as possible but need this information, especially when registering you for *specific* programs.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Visiting Artist Series:**
~ "Americans who Tell the Truth"
2/12/13 (9 Main St. Cortland)
- **Jump Start 10:**
~ 10th Grd. to OCM BOCES:
3/19/13 (some districts not attending)
- **Campus Visits (field trips):**
~ 9th Grd. to Ithaca College:
3/26/13
~ 10th Grd. to SUNY Cortland:
4/24/13
- **College Theatre:**
~ Cornell University: 4/4/13
"Mother of Exiles/Crazy Blood"
~ SUNY Cortland: 4/5/13
"Once Upon a Mattress"
~ Ithaca College: 4/22/13
"An Enemy of the People"
- **Regional Institutes:**
~ DeRuyter H.S. -4/11/13
~ TC3- Dryden Campus 4/20/13
- **Welcome Conference**
~ 5/4/13 For New 8-9th Grds.
- **New 9th & 10th Program:**
~ *Careers & Sports*
Tentative-5/7/13 SUNY Cortland
- **Gallery Talk & Tour**
~ 5/8/13 (9 Main St. Cortland)

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UPCOMING EVENTS *for students and parents*

REGIONAL INSTITUTES:

Apr. 11 at DeRuyter H.S.

Apr. 20 at TC3

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

**Watch For It
In Your Mail!**

...Choose from a *selection* of short workshops for both parents and students.



"GALLERY TALK & TOUR"

MAY 8, 2013 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

9 Main St. Cortland, NY (The Beard Building)

An exhibition of artwork by SUNY Cortland students will be on view.

This year's juried show features painting and sculpture as well as other diverse media. The **Gallery Director** and **art students** will conduct a tour of the gallery and answer questions regarding their work and career paths.

This event is an opportunity for all ACE students and their parents to visit the recently renovated 3rd floor of the Cortland Downtown Beard Building (9 Main St.). The SUNY Cortland Dowd Art Gallery is temporarily located in this historic downtown building. Come to downtown Cortland and share in this community resource. Even if art is not your passion, come and experience one of Cortland's historic landmarks. There is plenty of free parking on Main St. or across the street in the parking lot behind the Community Restaurant

Please Pre- Register with ACE (...and be sure to check in for ACE credit)



"AMERICANS WHO TELL THE TRUTH"

FEB. 12th, 6:45-8:00 pm- 9 MAIN St. CORTLAND, NY (The Beard Building)

Through portraits & stories AWTT teaches the courage to act for the common good.

The original portraits and accompanying resources promote our country's ideals, illuminate the necessary work of the present, and inspire hope in the future. 'Americans Who Tell the Truth' is dedicated to the belief that a profound sense of citizenship is the only safeguard of democracy and the best defense of our social, economic, and environmental rights.

Please try to Pre- Register with ACE However, *Walk ins will be Welcome.*

ORIENTATION "WELCOME"

May 4, 2013 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.

For new 8th/9th Grd. ACE Students & Parents.



COLLEGE THEATRE: *Compliments of ACE! (See Selections Below)*

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!**

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL PLAYS

Call the ACE Office at:

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

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

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



Cornell Univ.

Apr. 4, 2013

MOTHER OF EXILES
(Former Title: **Crazy Blood**)

This play has been 'retooled' and 're-titled' by the director. Below is a revised description.

MOTHER OF EXILES:

"An undercover Latina returns to her hometown on the Arizona Border to teach the next generation about what it is to be free, only to find herself and her students held hostage to the politics of fear."

Formerly: Crazy Blood: a dark comedy about the *clash of cultures.* A new teacher struggles to teach classic literature to a group of rowdy, underprivileged students. *Heroic characters* are not especially trendy with the disrespectful students. Instead of imagining themselves into the scenes of various classics, they; tap away on their phones or loudly insult the teacher...until one accidentally drops a gun. Comically reducing dangerous stereotypes to absurdity, their vengeful teacher grabs the weapon and zealously works off her educational mandate with a gun in her hand and *Schiller's Enlightenment* ideal in her brain until all the clichés are turned inside out, and *everyone* learns a lesson.

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

RESERVED SEATING ONLY

-Click [HERE](#) for details



SUNY Cortland

Apr. 5, 2013

**MUST CALL ACE by
Apr. 3 To RESERVE
Your Tickets!!
NO WALK-INS!**

Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns *hilarious and raucous* to *romantic and melodic*, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some hilarious shenanigans. Based on the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea*, shy Prince Dauntless attempts to find a wife for marriage. With his father cursed mute, his *horrid* mother, Queen Aggravian, has *commandeered* the kingdom. She decides that only a princess who can pass her *impossible* tests may marry her son. All inevitably fail. When the prince falls in love with sweet Princess Winnifred, he's confident she will pass the Queen's test. However, the queen again interferes; will he ultimately be able to stand up to her once and for all?

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

RESERVED SEATING ONLY

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Ithaca College

Apr. 22, 2013

**AN ENEMY
OF THE PEOPLE
Apr. 22, 2013**

"AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE", Ibsen's play is adapted by Arthur Miller, who is widely considered to be a leading playwright of conscience in the American theatre. This adaptation portrays the fate of Dr. Thomas Stockmann, a whistle blower in a small, coastal Norwegian town which is bent on making a lucrative profit from the tourists who visit its mineral springs for their health. Stockmann risks the welfare of his family, his livelihood and his very life to defend his conviction that the economic engine of his town, the mineral springs, is a source of pollution and disease.

Check In 7:30 p.m.

Showtime 8:00 p.m.

ACE PROGRAM CALENDAR SPRING 2013

Unless otherwise noted, You **MUST** contact ACE to register, and also check-in at **ALL** Events for credit.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	AUDIENCE
February 12	6:45 pm- 8:00 pm	'Americans Who Tell the Truth' 'Visiting Artists' Exhibit	Downtown Cortland 9 Main St.	All & Parents
March 19	See Liaison for info.	<u>"Jump Start 10"</u> (School fieldtrip) *Not all districts will attend*	OCM BOCES	10 th Grade (See Liaison)
March 26	9:00 am- 1:00 pm	<u>9th Grade Campus Visit</u> (School fieldtrip)	Ithaca College	9 th Grade (See Liaison)
April 4	7:00 pm Check-in 7:30 pm Showtime	College Theatre "Mother of Exiles/Crazy Blood" NOTE: 7:00 pm. Optional Discussion w/Theatre students.	Cornell Kiplinger Theatre	All & Parents PRE-Reserved Seating ONLY
April 5 Opening Night	7:30 pm Check-in 8:00 pm Showtime	College Theatre "Once Upon a Mattress" Must Pre-register for tickets	SUNY Cortland	All & Parents NO Walk-Ins PRE-Reserved Seating ONLY
April 11	7:00 pm- 9:00 pm	* <u>Spring Regional Institute</u>	DeRuyter High School	All & Parents
April 20	9:00 am- 11:30 am	* <u>Spring Regional Institute</u>	TC3 Dryden Campus	All & Parents
April 22 Only	7:30 pm Attendance 8:00 pm Showtime	College Theatre "An Enemy of the People"	Ithaca College	All & Parents PRE-Reserved Seating ONLY
April 24	9:00 am- 1:00 pm	<u>10th Grade Campus Visit</u> (School fieldtrip)	SUNY Cortland	10 th Grade (See Liaison)
May 4	8:30 am- 11:30 am	* <u>Orientation Conference</u> "WELCOME"	TC3	New 8 th /9 th Graders & Parents
Tentative May 7	6:30 pm- 8:30 pm	* <u>Careers & Sports</u>	SUNY Cortland	9 th -10 th Grds. & Parents
May 8	6:45 pm- 8:00 pm	Gallery Talk & Tour (Student Art Exhibit)	Downtown Cortland 9 Main St.	All & Parents

* **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 & Sophomores



9th Grade CAMPUS VISIT to ITHACA COLLEGE March 26, 2013

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

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.

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

CAREERS & SPORTS



9th & 10th Grade Program at SUNY CORTLAND (TENT. May 7), 2013 6:30-8:30 pm

There's much more to a future in sports than just coaching or playing (*medicine/therapy, communications, management, training, computerized equipment design/imaging, etc.*)

This Campus Event for ACE 9th graders and their parents/guardians, is an opportunity to learn more about various sports-related careers from low tech to high tech.

Students and Parents will also participate in several hands-on learning activities, all of which are both fun and educational!

**A flier with more info. & registration materials
will be sent later this spring.**

Begin thinking about YOUR Career in Sports!

Register Online or

Call the ACE Office at:

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

Directions and campus maps will be mailed to all registrants.

"JUMP START 10"

March 19, 2013
at OCM BOCES



FOR SOPHOMORES ONLY

Make wise and educated decisions about your future. Workshops on leadership, career choices, substance abuse prevention, and community involvement.

Not All Districts will attend...

This is a community event.

See your ACE LIAISON to ask if your school is going.
If so we will give ACE credit to students who 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.

- _____ 2012 Summer Programs (*June-Aug. 2012*)
- _____ 10th/11th Grade Event ("*Achieve & Succeed*" IC -12/1
- _____ Fall Theatre (*Spr. Awaken.; Legally Bld; Addg. Mach.*)
- _____ Fall Regional Institutes (*Lansing -9/29; Homer -11/27*)

It is our hope that you will remain committed to ACE and that we will see you off to college with the ACE Recommendation. Good luck and stay with it!

10th Grade **CAMPUS VISIT** to **SUNY CORTLAND**

April 24, 2013



This spring, **ACE SOPHOMORES** 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 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*****

*****SEE YOUR DISTRICT LIAISON*****

Return Any permission slips to your Liaison.

Juniors



TEST:	Register by:	TEST DATE
ACT	3/8/13	<u>4/13/13</u>
	5/3/13	<u>6/8/12</u>
SAT	2/8/13	<u>3/9/13</u>
	4/5/13	<u>5/4/13</u>
	5/2/13	<u>6/1/13</u>

~~ IMPORTANT ~~

See your **H.S. COUNSELOR** now for **Registration Forms & Info. on Fees, Late Registration Dates** and any available **"SAT Prep" Session Dates!**

JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

~ FEBRUARY/MARCH

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

~ 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!

✂️ Clip leads for your **"Paying for College"** Research File!

📅 Review your **Sr. 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.

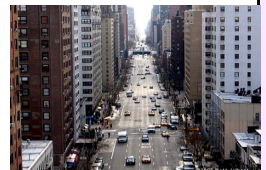
Don't just look at your new school "on paper". Check it out to see if it's a good fit for you personally. **You'll have a better chance of doing well at college if you're comfortable in your new surroundings.**

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 college campuses & attending in an "ACE College Visit Feedback Form" to the ACE Office.

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.
As ACE students you have visited all four ACE campuses on field trips and through attending ACE events. **These visits do not substitute for an official college visit.** Specific information on college majors, residence halls, student services and the like are not provided during most ACE sponsored 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 provided you meet the ACE participation and grade requirement.

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
Attend a class
Staying in a residence hall
Individual meetings with:
Professors, coaches, admissions officers

While you are there...
View the college critically 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.

Financial Aid

Financial aid & 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). 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 1** 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 2013, need will be based upon the 2012 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 4 weeks. If you completed the FAFSA via the *Internet* (www.fafsa.ed.gov) you will receive a report in about 2 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/fincalc/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 *showing 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:

fastweb.com

scholarships.com

college-scholarships.com

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

REMEMBER TOO:

Your GUIDANCE COUNSELOR is your Best RESOURCE!

!Financial Aid Scam Warning Signs!

How can you tell if a scholarship or a scholarship service is legitimate?

According to www.Fastweb.com there are several *warning signs*.

~ If a scholarship or scholarship service requires a **fee** (it is **probably not legitimate**). **Financial aid and scholarship information is freely available** (*guidance offices, libraries, and on the Internet*).

Scams tell you only they can find the info. you need -for a fee.

~ A scholarship service, which offers to do **all** the work, is **not** legitimate. *Legitimate* services offer to **find** scholarships that **students may then apply to**, *but it is up to the student to apply*.

~ Beware of "*money back guarantees*." Unfortunately, there are **no guarantees** and **scholarships are very competitive**.

~ Avoid services that ask for a *credit card* number or say you are a "*finalist*" in a contest you know you *didn't* enter.

Be sure to check out fastweb.com and/or collegeboard.com for much more College & Scholarship information.



SENIORS

Financial Aid is any grant, loan or paid employment offered to help a student meet his/her college expenses. The amount of aid a student receives is determined through federal, state and institutional guidelines.

SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ **Begin collecting** information about financial aid, even if you do not know *where* you will be attending college.
- ✓ **File EARLY IN JANUARY** for federal and state aid, as well as any aid available through your school, college, foundations, etc. **Aid is awarded in most cases as the applications are received--when the money is gone, it's gone!** Take advantage of the many resources available to you as you begin your financial aid search.
- ✓ **Attend** a College Financial Aid Forms Workshop
- ✓ **Check out** the many resources available from your library or Counseling Office
- ✓ **Visit the following WEB sites:**



www.nysfaaa.org

"Financial Aid Resources for NYS families"



www.finaid.org

"The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid"



www.fastweb.com

"Scholarships sources and individualized profile searches."

- ✓ **Speak to your ACE liaison** if you have additional questions or concerns.

There are many terms to understand and forms to file, so begin early. Good luck!

SENIOR PLANNING CALEDAR

- 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						

MAY						

Meeting the ACE criteria to receive the **2013 ACE RECOMMENDATION** is a terrific accomplishment and ACE would like to acknowledge this year's recipients.

Congratulations to these Seniors:



~ Cincinnati:

Cayla Aitchison

(Honorable Mention: Jeremy Rice)

~ Cortland:

Devin MacHenry & Brandon Schaff

(Honorable Mention: Mallory Kinney & Dillon Knecht)

~ DeRuyter:

Kyle Cizenski, Krista Lake & Lucas Pratt

(Honorable Mention: Lukas Benjamin)

~ Homer:

Laura Dart, Sean Herman & Christine Stadler

~ Lansing:

Hannah Armstrong, Ian Chan & Erika Harper

(Honorable Mention: Keisha Lee & Guy Poitras)

~ Newfield:

Ashley Atherton & Connor Scott

(Honorable Mention: Colin Miller & Kiersten Sinn)

~ South Seneca:

Faith McGill & Laurel Pell

"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



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Dear ACE Students/Families,

As we begin the year I am pleased to announce that McGraw and Marathon Central School Districts have joined the ACE program. All McGraw 9– 11th graders are welcome to attend the ACE events. Marathon is beginning with just 9th graders this year and will add 10th graders for the 13-14 school year, etc. We are pleased to have you as part of this program.

As we begin planning for the Summer Programs we are hoping to offer an SAT Practice Test, Career Exploration, Writing, Reading, Transitioning to college, and others to be announced. Please check our website over the next month for additional information and dates. We will mail the Summer Program Brochure as early as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact us via e-mail or phone.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2013.

Sincerely,

**Carol G. Clarke,
ACE Coordinator**

