School of the Arts Counseling Department (Grades 10-12) NEWSLETTER

January 15, 2025

NEWS/UPDATES

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

 Counselors will be meeting with seniors starting in the next couple of weeks to review graduation requirements, transcripts, and discuss plans for after graduation.

College Research Websites:

- > College Board Big Future: <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/</u>
- State University of New York (SUNY): <u>www.suny.edu</u>
- SchooLinks- access through RoConnect dashboard
- Create a Common Application account: <u>www.commonapp.org</u> and remember to write down your username and password to access in the fall
- Please add <u>ALL</u> colleges you are applying to in your SchooLinks account. SchooLinks is our new College & Career platform. We are no longer using Naviance. SchooLinks can be accessed through your RoConnect dashboard. This is how we will send transcripts, school reports, and letters of recommendation. You can access SchooLinks through your ROConnect dashboard on your Chromebook. Please see our College Application Process document for more informationhttps://www.rcsdk12.org/cms/lib/NY01001156/Centricity/Domain/5271/College%20Ap plication%20Process%20for%20Seniors.pdf.

Rochester College Access Network: <u>http://rochestercan.org/</u>. For help with college/ financial aid related questions and FAFSA Fest information.

RCSD College Ready Resource Page: <u>https://www.rcsdk12.org/Page/55421</u>

NEW YORK STATE HESC (Higher Education Services Corporation): <u>https://www.hesc.ny.gov/</u>

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)- Online form available December 2024-<u>https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</u>

SUNY (State University of New York) UPDATES: www.suny.edu

Rochester High School Seniors: 25-26 FAFSA Open NOW!



GET HELP COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA!

FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) helps determine your eligibility for financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study programs. Fill it out annually to maximize your financial support for college.

Helpful Info:

- Get money to attend school!
- Create your FSA ID now
- Parents need to complete this too
- Eligibility based on 2023 income

LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS? SCAN HERE:





SCAN FOR MORE INFO:



SUNY FINANCIAL AID DAYS

Jan. 25 & Feb. 8

Receive **hands-on assistance** with FAFSA completion.



suny.edu/studentevents



SAT/ ACT UPDATES

Weekend Test Administrations: https://www.collegeboard.org/

SAT SAT Test Dates CollegeBoard Saturday Test Dates - Fall 2024 / Spring 2025		
<u>Test Date</u> October 5	<u>Reg Deadline</u> September 20	Late Reg Deadline [+\$] September 24
November 2	October 18	October 22
November 2	October 18	October 22
December 7	November 22	November 26
March 8	February 21	February 25
May 3	April 18 RECOMMENDED — TEST DATES FOR JUNIORS	April 22
June 7	May 22	May 22
Visit <u>www.sat.collegeboard.org</u> to register. SOTA School Code: 3 3 4 8 3 5		

ACT- https://www.act.org/



Please see your counselor if you think you may qualify for an SAT or ACT fee waiver.

SAT Test Day Reminders- Arrive at your testing site on time, bring your Admission Ticket, photo ID, a calculator, #2 pencils, and any drink/snack you would like. You will not be admitted without your Admission Ticket and Photo ID.

COLLEGE VISITS @ SOTA

SOTA will host visits with College Admissions Representatives on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have College Admissions Representatives from the schools list below coming to SOTA. If you are interested in meeting with any of these colleges, please register through your SchooLinks account, which can be found on your RoConnect dashboard. Once you are on your SchooLInks account, go to the tabs on the left side of the screen, click on "School", then "Events". Here you will find a list of all the colleges signed up to visit SOTA and you can register to attend. All visits will be in the Ensemble Theatre unless otherwise noted.

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/ COLLEGE FAIRS

- SUNY Campus Visit Opportunities- <u>suny.edu/visit</u>
- SUNY Virtual Information Sessions- <u>suny.edu/studentevents</u>
- SUNY Delhi- March 29. <u>www.delhi.edu/openhouse</u>
- NY State Higher Education Services Corporation Virtual Events- Senior Basics Presentation: Designed to equip high school seniors with essential information and tools for a smooth transition to college. Topics include application process, financial aid, scholarships, and time management skills. Seniors will gain valuable insights and practical advice. Go to <u>https://hesc.ny.gov/get-help/find-event/event-calendar/senior-basics-presentation/?featured_date=1406</u> to register for an upcoming session.
- SUNY Niagara College & Career Information Day- March 4, SUNY Niagara & Niagara Falls Culinary Institute. Go to <u>https://ncccapply.niagaracc.suny.edu/register/?id=0dda455d-c5ad-4703-a9a6-861a1f22ce1b</u> for more information and to register.
- RIT/ NTID (National Technological Institute for the Deaf Open House- April 18 or April 25. Go to <u>https://join.rit.edu/portal/ntid_springOH?utm_campaign=NTID-ugrd-springo</u> <u>h&utm_content=tod-dhh&utm_medium=email&utm_source=slate</u> to register.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- → SOME OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SOTA WEBSITE. Go to Counselor's Corner and click "Scholarship File Cabinet".
- → Go to SchooLinks- Finances tab to access more scholarships and scholarship matching.
- → Go to <u>www.studentscholarships.org</u>, <u>www.fastweb.com</u>, <u>https://www.goingmerry.com/</u> or <u>https://www.racf.org/scholarships/search-for-scholarships/</u> to find more private scholarships you may be eligible for.

Rochester Institute of Technology Rochester Destler/Johnson City Scholars Program- For any senior interested in attending RIT and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$70,000/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board). Please see your counselor if interested. Must apply to RIT and submit FAFSA by January 15.



The Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars Program was created in 2010. This unique program offers full-tuition scholarships for full-time first-year students from public, including select charter, high schools within the Rochester City School District, and the Urban-Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program.

Admitted students are eligible for full tuition covered through a combination of RIT scholarships and state and federal need-based grants.

DDI

Scholarship Program Requirements:

- Students must live in the city and attend an approved high school within the district, or Urban Suburban school, for the last three years of high school.
- Students should apply for admission by January 15 to ensure full consideration. The \$65 application fee is waived. (Applications received after January 15 will be considered as long as space and funds remain available.)
- Must be accepted through RIT's regular admission standards and enroll full-time at RIT in the fall semester after graduation.
- The high school counselor, or Urban Suburban Program Director, must submit RIT's electronic Student Eligibility Certification form.
- Must file a valid FAFSA and be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen to be reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. The student's total annual family income (including taxed and untaxed income) must not exceed \$75,000.
- Once the offer of admission is accepted. the \$500 enrollment deposit will be waived.

Students admitted to the Destler/ Johnson Rochester City Scholars Summer Experience

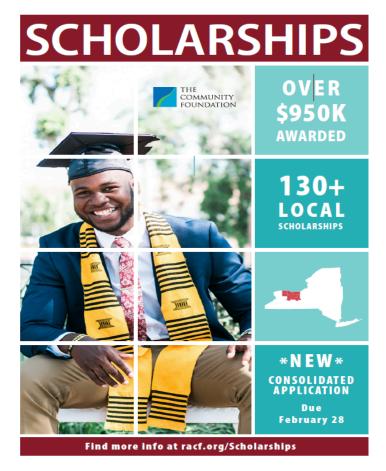
program are required to participate in the Division of Diversity and Inclusion's Summer Experience, which is a fully funded residential summer program providing personalized one-on-one academic coaching, academic skills enhancement, a strong support network, and the opportunity to earn up to six RIT college credits.

First-year, Lah May Paw, was asked: How did the DDI Summer Experience help her prepare for her first semester, academically and socially:

"The DDI SE program helped prepare me for my first semester by showing me how I can stay on track with my classes and spend time with my friends. I need to make a weekly or monthly planner in order to succeed academically and socially.

The program also opened a connection for me. With my peer advisor and my academic coach, I now know where to get help, make new friends, join clubs, and receive information that might interest me."

- University of Rochester- Rochester Promise Program- For any senior interested in attending U of R and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$137,400/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board).
 Please see your counselor if interested.
- Excelsior Scholarship- For any senior interested in attending a SUNY or CUNY school and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$100,000/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board). Go to https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html for more information and to apply.
- St. John Fisher College- Fisher Urban Scholar Award- \$40,000 over 4 years for first-year undergraduates from the RCSD that are accepted to St. John Fisher College. Students will also be eligible to receive additional merit aid and scholarships, including the Service Scholarship and First Generation Scholarship.
- College Board BIG FUTURE Scholarships- This is a scholarship program for JUNIORS and SENIORS. Monthly scholarship winners are drawn when you complete steps. Go to <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships?excmpid=vt-00248</u> for more information and to get started
- Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) Scholarships- RACF has many scholarships available, some specifically for RCSD seniors. Go to <u>racf.org/scholarships</u> to search for scholarships and apply. Deadline to apply- February 28.



- Daughters of the American Revolution Polly F. Burke Memorial Scholarship- For any senior with an outstanding academic record, planning to attend college, demonstrates community service. \$1000 award. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply-March 1.
- Niagara University Full Flight Scholarship- For students that are admitted to Niagara and whose family income is \$80,000 or less per year. This is a full tuition grant (\$37,000/ year). Applicants must file their FAFSA form to qualify. <u>https://www.niagara.edu/</u>
- Polish Heritage Society of Rochester Scholarship- For any senior of Polish descent (at least one parent) planning to attend college in the fall. Up to \$4000 award. Go to <u>www.polishheritagerochester.org</u> for more information and to apply. Application can also be found in the scholarship file cabinet. Deadline to apply- February 1.
- BigSun Athletic Scholarship- All senior student-athletes are eligible to apply. \$500 award. Go to http://www.bigsunathletics.com for more information and to apply. Deadline- June 19.
- * The Summit Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program- Four scholarships available:

New York Credit Union Association Scholarship (deadline to apply- January 17)- Must be a member in good standing at any New York credit union and plan to attend college in the fall.

Summit's 2025 Scholarship Program (deadline to apply-February 28)- Must be a current member of the Summit Federal Credit Union (new members welcome to apply) and plan to attend college in the fall.

Rochester Chapter of the New York Credit Union Association Scholarship (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a member in good standing of New York credit union.

Summit's Skilled Trade Scholarship- (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a current member of the Summit Federal Credit Union (new members welcome to apply) and plan to pursue an Associate's Degree, Certificate, or diploma at a trade school, technical certificate program, or apprentice program.

Go to <u>https://www.summitfcu.org/join-the-summit/services-benefits/scholarships/</u> for more information on each scholarship and how to apply.

- IBERO Scholarship- For any senior of Hispanic origin planning to attend college in the fall, 3.0 GPA or better. At least one parent of Hispanic origin from one of the following places: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay or Venezuela. Go to Scholarship File Cabinet or see your counselor for an application. Deadline to apply- March 7.
- Charlotte Community Association (CCA) Scholarship- For any senior that resides in the Charlotte neighborhood of the city and plans to attend college, trade school, or vocational/technical program in the fall. \$1000 award. Go to scholarship file cabinet for application or online <u>https://charlottecca.org/latest-news/2018-scholarship-application/</u>. Deadline to apply- June 30.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

- Nazareth University/ RCSD Direct Admission Program- Any senior with a B average (80) or higher will be eligible for Direct Admissions to Nazareth and offered \$23,000/ annually. Seniors must apply to Nazareth through the Common Application.
- Rochester Education Foundation Scholarships- For any college-bound RCSD senior, three scholarships are available- Pat Braus Founder's Community Service Award Scholarship, Edward Wilson Sr. Memorial Scholarship, Shashi Gholkar Memorial Scholarship. Go to https://rochestercan.org/scholarships/our-scholarships.html for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- Tri Delta Rochester Alumnae Chapter Scholarship- For female seniors planning to attend college in the fall. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application and instructions, but all applications must be submitted electronically. Submit your documents electronically at <u>https://forms.gle/ZZ5nqHkd7h2Lnmud7</u>. Please contact your counselor to send required transcript and recommendations. Deadline to apply- March 30.
- Student-View Scholarship For any senior that plans to attend college or trade school in the fall. Take a survey about colleges in the area and your name will be entered for a random drawing. Awards range from \$500- \$5,000. Go to <u>www.student-view.com</u> to apply. Deadline to apply- April 23.
- Horatio Alger Association Scholarship- For JUNIORS planning to attend college after high school, 2.50 minimum GPA, demonstrate financial need, participate in extracurricular activities and community service, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Go to <u>https://scholars.horatioalger.org/</u> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply-March 1.
- 2025 Molly Efron Technical Women's Scholarship- All female Monroe County high school graduating seniors who are attending a STEM program at an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2025 are eligible. Two winners will be presented with a \$1,000 scholarship and will be selected based upon their GPA, a letter of recommendation, and an essay. The applicants can complete both the online application and essay via this link:<u>Application for the 2025 Molly Efron Technical Women's Scholarship</u> Along with a letter of recommendation and official transcript. The application, essay and other required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm on March 7.
- Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Scholarship- For seniors with documented hearing loss who plan to attend college or vocational training in the fall. Go to <u>https://www.hearinglossrochester.org/forms-publications</u> for more information. Deadline to apply- April 11.
- Abbott and Fenner Scholarship- For any senior planning to attend college. Award up to \$1,000. Go to <u>http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm</u> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- June 10.
- AES Engineering Scholarship- \$500 award, essay required. Go to <u>https://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php#google_vignette</u> for more information and to apply.

- Family First Federal Credit Union Len Szumiloski Scholarship- For any senior who is a member of the credit union (or becomes a member) planning to attend 2-year or 4-year college or trade school next year. \$2,000 each. Go to <u>https://home.familyfirstny.com/2025-scholarship-application/</u>. Deadline to apply- March 15.
- WRSS Scholarship Foundation- For any senior planning to attend 2-year college, 4-year college, or vocational institution in the fall. \$1000 award. Go to https://wrssscholarshipfoundation.org/scholarship/ for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- April 19.



The Young Women of Distinction Scholarship award, presented by Greater Rochester Chamber and its Women's Council initiative, has honored exceptional female high school seniors for over 25 years. Modeled after the ATHENA International Awards, the Young Women of Distinction program celebrates young women who demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to being an inspiration to others.

Questions? Gena.Stein@GreaterRochesterChamber.com

PROGRAMS/ EVENTS/ SUMMER PROGRAMS

LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM AT SOTA! REGISTER TODAY!



- ESL Federal Credit Union/ Monroe Community College Save for Success Program- For any senior planning to attend MCC in the fall. Sign up for Save for Success with coordinator Dan Ercolano (260-9329), attend financial workshop, open account at ESL, set a savings goal of \$375 within 18 months, receive 8-1 match funds (up to \$3,000) for tuition, fees, books, and supplies at MCC.
- Explorers Program- Career Exploration programs in many different fields around the Rochester area. Go to <u>https://www.exploring.org/</u> to search what programs are available in our area.
- Explorers Program- IIDA Rochester City Center of Interior Design Post Meeting- January 22, 6:00 pm, 106 Despatch Dr. #2, East Rochester, NY 14445.
- Guided Pathway Support Program for Juniors and Seniors- The program is a part of the Ron Brown Scholar Program. It is a free, online, African American college advising community- advising services, mentorship, accepts students all year. Go to <u>https://rbsgps.com/</u> for more information and to apply.
- University of Rochester Pre-College Programs- New program for students ages 13+ to explore subjects they may wish to pursue in college, taught by professors, supported by mentors. Currently offering courses in Biomedical Engineering, U.S. Healthcare, and Personalized Medicine. Go to https://rochesteronline.precollegeprograms.org/ for more information and to apply.
- Alfred University Pre-College Summer Institute-<u>https://www.alfred.edu/about/community/summer-camps/</u>
- New York University Tisch Summer High School Arts Program-<u>https://tisch.nyu.edu/special-programs/high-school-programs/tisch-summer-high-school</u>
- SUNY New Paltz Summer Honors Program-<u>https://www.newpaltz.edu/summer-honors/?utm_campaign=honors&utm_content=honors&utm_medium=email&utm_source=slate&utm_term=25_summer</u>
- NYSSSA (New York State Summer School of the Arts) In-Residency Arts Program at SUNY Fredonia- July 6- August 2. For students in grades 8-12 interested in Visual Arts, Media Arts, or Theatre. Go to <u>https://www.oce.nysed.gov/summerarts</u> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 14.
- Project Campfire- For any student of Jewish faith interested in attending summer sleep away camp at Camp Seneca Lake for FREE. Go to https://www.farashfoundation.org/project-campfire/ for more information.

 Monroe County Sheriff's Office Teen Police Academy- Designed to give students in grades 9-12 across Monroe county an introduction to law enforcement training. There is no charge to attend. The first academy class will be held from July 7- July 11, 8am-4pm; the second academy class will be held July 21-July 25, 8am-4pm.
 Application must be received by March 14. Go to <u>https://www.monroecountysheriff-ny.gov/community-engagement/teen-police-academy</u> for more information and to apply or see your counselor for an application.

- University of Delaware Summer College Experience- July 20-August 9. <u>www.udel.edu/edge</u>.
- Brown University Pre-CollegePrograms-<u>https://precollege.brown.edu/?utm_source=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_cam</u> <u>paign=25_11_03_OneDay&utm_content=https%3a%2f%2fprecollege.brown.edu%2f</u>
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute Summer Programs- <u>www.wpi.edu/+summer</u>.

Project Level the Field- A non-profit organization with one mission: make sure everybody has access to FREE high-quality college application resources regardless of their race, ethnicity, or financial background. They provide college application support, SAT test prep and tutoring. <u>https://projectlevelthefield.com/</u>





GEWEP- General Education Work Experience Program



ENCOMPASS Future Ready Program



- Mystery Trips
- Student-Designed Spaces
- Local & Out-of-State College Tours
- Summer Career Immersions

Arrange Work-Readiness Training

and Job Placement

Red Cross GLOW RED ROC Program- Go to

https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms_public_form&form_id=13117 to apply.



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER ROCHESTER PRESENTS

(GROWING LEADERS OF THE WORLD)



About the Program

GLOW RED ROC, a program of the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills and enhance fundamental life skills - empowering them to become actively engaged in volunteer leadership roles supporting the American Red Cross' mission and positioning them for success in their homes, schools and in their communities.

Program Eligibility

Students enrolled in 9th-12th grade within a Monroe County based high school are eligible to apply.

Students must be available for all five days of the session(s) they are applying to attend.

CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION OR APPLY TODAY!

585-397-6266 | KRISTEN.CLINEBURG@REDCROSS.ORG 1040 UNIVERSITY AVENUE | ROCHESTER, NY 14607

Learn more at redcross.org/local/new-york/western-new-york/about-us/our-work/youth-leadership

Note: Students can apply for all three sessions, or attend just one or two.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES







Looking for a job? Check out the RCSD Job Board for information on local businesses that are hiring:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11oLGRPW1XDrdtSbLSR7bvEnGNy_1al-6ZLtdDoUKpmk/edit#gid=0

ROC YOUR JOB- Youth After School Employment Program



EARN \$15 AN HOUR DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!



YOUTH JOBS AVAILABLE NOW! APPLY TODAY AT ROCYOURJOB.COM APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

EMPLOYMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Rochester and Monroe County Youth ages 14-20 at time of application.
- Currently enrolled in middle school or high school or a TASC (GED) Program.
- Meet income requirement.





New York State Unified Court System Student Aide (Internship Opportunity)- For students 17 years or older, positions available across NY state, \$18.00/hr. <u>https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:3b871380-463f-44e3-93a1-97a63f064ea2</u>

HOW TO APPLY FOR A WORK PERMIT at SOTA: https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/13307

You will need three documents to apply for a work permit.

- > Application- Part I only completed and signed by parent or guardian
- > Proof of Age- birth certificate, learner's permit, license
- Medical Form- must be completed by your doctor's office (or the school nurse if she has your physical on file at school), you can also use a copy of your most recent physical
- > The application and medical form can be accessed through the link above or there are copies in the counselor's offices and house offices.

When you have those three documents complete, you can bring them to the house office and the clerical staff can issue you a work permit. They usually have specific days and times they process work permits, so check with your house office clerical staff.

Additional Supports

Mental Health Crisis Hotlines

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis these resources are available 24/7 to provide immediate help!

Call 211

If you need assistance locating long-term mental health resources, talking through a problem, or exploring mental health treatment options, call 211 to speak with a live person who can help.

- 211 conversations are confidential, can be made anonymously, and are available in 180 languages upon request.
- If you prefer to text, use web chat, or search for resources online, click here to find more ways to contact your local 211.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988 or 1-800-273-8255 for the <u>988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline</u>. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline). When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

URMC Brighter Days Pediatric Mental Health Urgent Care Center-300 Crittenden Blvd., (585) 275-8686,

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/locations/mental-health-wellness-brighte r-days-pediatric-urgent-care-center