

PCSD College Readiness and Workforce Education Newsletter



May 2024

Elementary- College and Career Awareness

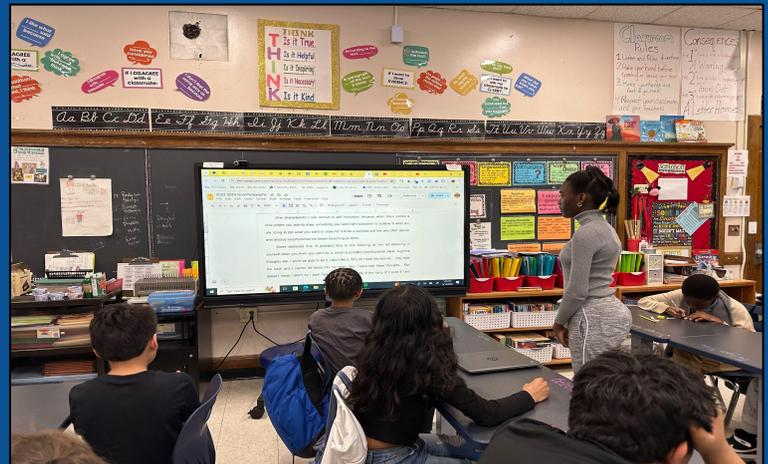
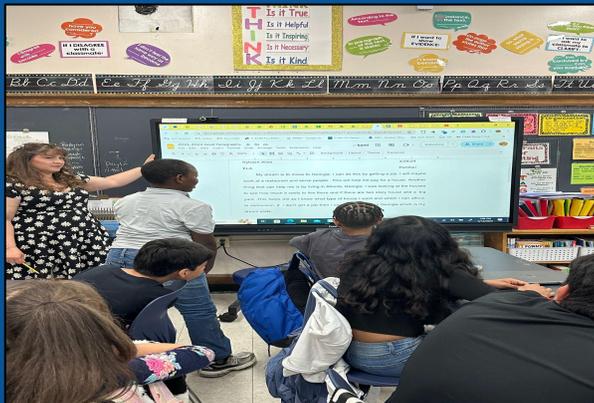
Elementary Attendance Contest

One of the most important things students can do to get ready for college and the workforce is to be on time. Fifth grade classes at all elementary schools participated in an attendance contest. The class with the highest attendance in the month of April won a trip to the beautiful college campus of Marist. Congratulations to Mrs. Lombardi's class from Morse!! Thank you to Marist Liberty Partners for collaborating with the PCSD on this college and career initiative and for a great trip. Thank you to Ms. Bland for keeping track of the attendance for this initiative.



What I want to be when I Grow Up Essays

Ms. Boccio and Mr. Hoover's 5th grade class, at Krieger Elementary School, invited Dr. Janety Encarnacion, Director of College Readiness and Workforce Education for a read aloud of their student's-what I want to be when I grow up essays. Reading the book: Salt in His Shoes inspired this class to write about their future goals and how to achieve them. Students shared interest in jobs such as gymnast, YouTuber, doctor, veterinarian, artists, restaurant server and professional soccer player. They were surprised to learn that the majority of them would qualify to go to college for free when they graduate from High School and that the choices they make at the elementary school would impact their future. They also learned about the High School career pathways that are waiting for them such as computer science, the arts, business entrepreneurship, health sciences, communications and early childhood. We are off to a great transition to the Middle School.



Parent/Caregivers of Current 8th Grade Students-Do not miss this opportunity to have your child earn college credits at no cost to parents/caregivers. Students get ahead in college and will come out of High School as college sophomores not only saving money on classes but also graduating in half the time. Apply to the Performing Arts Academy now, use QR Code on flyer below.



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
THEATER, DANCE OR MUSIC
APPLY TO THE NEW -**

**POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARLY COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL**

**PERFORMING ARTS
ACADEMY**

THE POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOLS IN COLLABORATION WITH DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE BARDAVON WILL GIVE STUDENTS, WHO QUALIFY, AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY PERFORMING ARTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL ALLOWING STUDENTS TO COMPLETE ALL CREDITS FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND EARN AT LEAST 24 COLLEGE CREDITS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FROM DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

THERE ARE 30 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ENTERING 9TH GRADE IN SEPTEMBER 2024.
APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 31ST, 2024

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS IS NECESSARY.

USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION OR TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION OR EMAIL DR. JANETY ENCARNACION, DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE READINESS AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION AT
JENCARNACION@POUGHKEEPSIESCHOOLS.ORG

BARDAVON



**DUTCHESS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

We will still receive applications until the 2nd week of June.

Middle School-College and Career Exploration and Planning

Lunch and Learns

During this month's lunch and learns students were introduced to the EMT profession. Students learned about ambulance equipment and what it takes to become an EMT.



We are happy to announce that all Dutchess BOCES P-TECH-Electrical Technology Program spots have been filled. The 6 students accepted will earn an Associates Degree from Dutchess Community College at the same time as graduating with a PCSD High School Diploma, when completing all necessary courses. An incredible opportunity to obtain a college degree at no cost to parents/caregivers- Congratulations!

Want to Play a Sport in College? Become familiar with the NCAA

What is the NCAA? The NCAA, is a member-led organization, founded in 1906 to regulate the rules of college sport and protect young athletes.

Parents need to know that if their child wants to play a Sport in College that they must register with the NCAA during their first year of high school. Creating an account is the first step toward becoming an NCAA student-athlete. For more information go to this website <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> or speak to your child's school counselor and/or the Director of Athletics- Mr. Peter Bianco, as there are specific NCAA courses that your child must take depending on the sports division they are interested in playing in college. Do not wait.

High School: College and Career Exploration, Planning and Development

Over 45 High School students came to the presentation of Empress EMT Company. As we are aware, since even before the pandemic, there has been a shortage of staff in the Health Professions. In Dutchess County alone, ambulance services are becoming compromised due to the inability of these services to find workers to fill their job openings. Our community partner, Empress shared with students about the opportunities to become an EMT. We continue to provide information about possible job opportunities to our high school students and specifically to Seniors who decide that going straight into the workforce is their chosen path. Thank you, Mr. Grass, for taking the time to share the opportunities that your company provides. To our future EMTs!



INTERNSHIPS!

14 high school students have been recruited and began their paid internships with Green Teen. This would be our first collaboration with this community partner! Students work on maintaining the gardens and flowers in Dutchess Community College as they learn about ecology, sustainability, food systems, employability and leadership skills. Looking forward to our continued collaboration. Go Green Teen!!

Our Career Action Center celebrated the end of the Health Career internship at the Pines Nursing Home for 10 of our students. Students learned about the Certified Nurse Aide work as they worked with mentors in the field. Thank you to the Pines for collaborating with the PCSD. Congratulations!



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The Career Action Center

We are thrilled to announce that the Youth Entrepreneur Program will be back this fall in 2024! Last year's session was a tremendous success. Participants gained invaluable insights into marketable strategies and the inner workings of running a business. It was inspiring to witness our PHS students come together, forming cohesive teams and embracing the entrepreneurial mindset.

The Youth Entrepreneur Program is designed to impart real-world entrepreneurial skills to Poughkeepsie High School students in grades 9-12. We're currently seeking to recruit up to thirty students for this program.

Participants will collaborate to establish a mock company, selling products to the local Dutchess County community, both within PHS and beyond. Students will have the opportunity to develop a brand from scratch and bring their product designs to life, aided by new technology resources.

The Career Action center is reaching out to the PHS community for assistance in recruiting our cohort of thirty students from grades 9-12. If you could help spread the word by directing interested individuals to the Career Action Center in room 100A, sharing our flyer in your Google Classroom, or displaying it in your classrooms, we would be immensely grateful. Our goal is to extend this opportunity to all those with an interest in the field of business.