

# Oyster Bay-East Norwich K-12 Counseling Services



# OBHS Counseling Team

- Mrs. Sabrina Meehan- Supervisor
- Mrs. Deanna Cali – Counselor grades 10-12
- Mrs. Rebecca Lieberman – Counselor grades 10-12
- Mrs. Lisa Lowe – Counselor grades 7-9
- Mrs. Danielle Urtheil – Counselor grades 7-9

## Counseling Office Staff

- Mrs. Stacie Ganios
- Mrs. Dawn Burnett

# K-12 Counseling Initiatives

- Communication
- Professional learning
- NYSED grades 6 through 12 counseling services
- Grade 12 counseling services in further detail:
  - ◆ College Essay course
  - ◆ Counselor support
  - ◆ On-site admissions
  - ◆ Scholarships

# Revision of NYS K-12 Counseling Plan

## September 2017-June 2019

- Revision of K-12 plan to include K-6
- Professional learning

## September 2019

- Implementation of updated K-12 plan

2018-2019

2019-2020

## July 2019

- Revised K-12 plan posted to district website

## 2019-2020 School Year

- We continue to review and revise K-12 plan

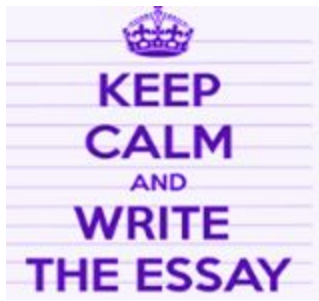
# Communication

- Website, Blackboard email tool, and announcements are used to reach students and families. This includes information on:
  - Scholarships
  - Bulletin sent monthly to students and families and posted on website [www.obenschools.org](http://www.obenschools.org) (Schools > HS > Depts. > Counseling > Scholarship info)
  - Includes information on FAFSA, New York State scholarship information, and reputable scholarship websites
  - College fairs
  - College visits to OBHS including on-site admissions
  - Volunteer opportunities
  - Employment and internships
  - Standardized testing (ACT/SAT) and test prep tools
  - NCAA
  - Pre-college programs
  - College open houses
  - School announcements

# Professional Development

- Attend workshops with focus on social emotional learning and character education
- Take part in Naviance yearly training
- Attend counselor events and fly-ins at universities throughout the country
- Network with college admissions personnel





# The College Essay Course

- Completion of college applications
- Teachers/counselors assist students in completing college essays and school specific supplements
- Creation of student resumes/activity sheets
- Teachers/counselors discuss recommendation requests in detail
- Students learn about and practice college interviews
- Students complete thank you notes for recommenders and college representatives
- Teachers review scholarship bulletins and encourage students to submit applications
- Students take part in a freshman year scheduling/time management project
- Students complete a dorm necessities/registry
- Counselors discuss FAFSA and the CSS Profile
- Students learn about important topics including financial literacy, social-emotional supports in college, and time management



# Counselor Support

- Bi-weekly visits to College Essay classrooms
- Naviance email blasts to keep students informed
- Individual meetings to include families if requested
- Submission of college application materials
- Academic support/intervention
- Social-emotional support



# On-Site Admissions Partners

- **Siena College**
  - Friday, November 15, 2019
- **Long Island University/Post**
  - Tuesday, November 19, 2019
- **Mercy College**
  - Monday, December 2, 2019
- **St. John's University**
  - Friday, December 6, 2019

\*Students are admitted without fees and scholarships often awarded



**Instant Decision Days**



## Counseling Services

- > Welcome
- > Counseling Center Staff
- > Naviance/ Family Innection
- > Scholarship Bulletin
- > OBHS Counseling Office Presentations
- > College Visits to OBHS
- > Employment Opportunities
- > Volunteer Opportunities
- > High School Internships
- > College Credit Course Transcript Information
- > OBHS Profile
- > Pre-College Opportunities
- > Method Test Prep for SAT/ACT
- > NCAA & CORECOURSEGPA.COM
- > College Open Houses and Information Sessions
- > College Application Checklist
- > FREE SAT and College Readiness Training through

Home > Academic Departments > Counseling Services

## Oyster Bay High School

### November 2019 Scholarship Newsletter

#### INFORMATION ON ACCESSING FINANCIAL AID:

The information provided below will assist you in obtaining financial aid. Some colleges require that students complete financial aid applications before they may qualify for scholarships. The main way for students to secure money and qualify for scholarships for college is by applying for financial aid. The FSA ID is a secure username and password that you will use to log into the FAFSA. You may create your FSA ID any time prior to starting the financial aid application. Visit: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> to create your FSA ID. If you don't have one by the time you fill out your FAFSA, you will be prompted to apply for one. You may apply for financial aid by completing the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and the New York State **TAP** (Tuition Assistance Program) form online beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup> of your senior year. New York State (NYS) Residents attending NYS schools will have the option to link directly to the TAP application from the FAFSA submission confirmation page. If you exited the FAFSA before selecting this option, you can complete the application after **NYS HESC** (New York State Higher Education Services Corporation) receives your FAFSA data (three days). HESC will send you an email or postcard notifying you to complete the TAP application online. If you did not select the FAFSA link to TAP at the end of the FAFSA application, you may visit the TAP web page at [www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov)

\*If you would like to obtain a financial aid estimate, you may visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate>

#### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Please be aware that scholarship scams exist. We do not recommend that you use your own money for a scholarship program. You can find scholarships through:

- Checking the website of the college/s you hope to attend. Visit college websites and look under the Financial Aid/Scholarship section to find scholarship opportunities.
- Use scholarship search engines.
- Ask family members to find out if the companies they work for provide scholarships/monetary awards.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH WEBSITES:



# EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP

To Qualify for the Excelsior Scholarship, a student must:

- be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- have either graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test, as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department;
- have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less;
- be pursuing an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University;
- be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program through continuous study with no break in enrollment except for certain reasons that can be documented;
- if attended college prior to the 2019-20 academic year, have earned at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program prior to applying for an Excelsior Scholarship;
- be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award;
- be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by any NYS award that you have previously received; and
- execute a Contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received, and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS.

## 2019-20 EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP

 TUITION-FREE SUNY



For New York State students whose families make less than  
**\$125,000/YEAR**  
(AGI on 2017 tax return)

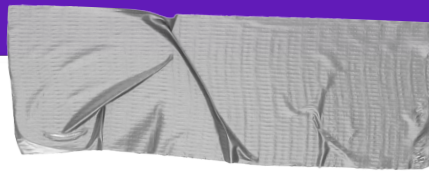
and pursue an  
**ASSOCIATE or BACHELOR'S**  
degree

and earn  
**30**  
**CREDITS**  
each year



# Future Counseling Office Initiatives

- Partner with OBEN staff and community to continue supporting all of our students in improving social-emotional health
- Modify *Alumni Day* to better serve students as they are preparing to enter college
- Continue to partner with Mr. Pesqueria and local community businesses and organizations to ensure students are able to take part in opportunities including internships, service learning, and/or part-time jobs
- Dive deeper into college credit partnerships to set students on a path for college success
- Review college trip feedback from students to plan future experiences
- Enhance department communication through a social media or text platform



# Closing

- Thank you
- Questions?

