



# College — Bound

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## Find a Summer Internship!

Summer is almost here! There are only a couple of months left to the school year and everyone's attention is turning towards summer plans. What are yours?

Many, many students prefer to spend their summer working. This is understandable—everyone likes to have some extra money, and many students need to help their families out as well. But if there is any way you can avoid working this summer, you should really be looking for a summer internship.

Colleges receive thousands of applications every year, and that number is increasing. The 2008-2009 school year showed record highs for applications to colleges across the board—from two year schools to the Ivy Leagues.

You want your application to stand out. Everything counts—transcript, SAT scores, essays, recommendations. Your

activities count too. If you are involved with school organizations, if you volunteer, make sure the college knows. Internships fall into this category. They show the college that you are so serious about being successful you spent your summer working toward your goals. They also show colleges that you are responsible and already have some of the skill sets you will need later in life when you enter the workforce.

There are many kinds of internships available. Some are paid and some are unpaid. But if you haven't already started looking, now is the time. Summer will be here before you know it.

Sincerely,

Diana Uva/ College Counselor



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### Important Dates in

#### May:

- ♦ **May 1—Deadline to let your college know you are attending**
- ♦ **May 1—Gateway College Fair @ City College**
- ♦ **May 2—SAT Exam**
- ♦ **May 5—Deadline to register for June SAT**
- ♦ **May 8—Deadline to register for June ACT**
- ♦ **May 20-22—AP Exams**

## College of the Month: Dartmouth College

Hanover, New Hampshire

Founded in: 1769

Popular Majors: Economics  
Political Science  
Psychology

Lists & Rankings:

Best Northeastern Colleges  
Colleges with a Conscience  
2009 Best Value Colleges

Student/ Faculty Ratio: 8/1

Famous Alumni:

- Robert Frost, poet  
- Nelson Rockefeller, US Vice President

For more visit:  
[www.dartmouth.edu](http://www.dartmouth.edu)

## Spotlight on Health Careers: Clinical Psychologists



Clinical psychologists diagnose and evaluate mental and emotional disorders through observation, interview, and psychological tests. They also formulate and administer programs of treatment.

Clinical psychologists work in all kinds of settings. They may work in hospitals or have private practices. Some psychologists specialize in working within a school setting. Salaries vary greatly depending on where the psychologist works, but the average starting salary for a clinical psychologist in New York State is \$52,570 and the average salary for an experi-

enced psychologist is \$94,970.

Considerable preparation is needed for this career. You must have a Bachelor's Degree and, depending on where you work, either a Master's Degree, a Ph.D., or a Psy.Ed. There is a good job outlook for this career field. NY Career Zone estimates that there will be an increase of 110 Clinical psychologist positions per year until 2016.

You can study undergraduate psychology in almost any schools in New York State, including many CUNYs and SUNYs. Schools across the

country offering Ph.Ds in Clinical Psychology include Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Berkeley, UCLA, Duke University, Northwestern University, NYU, Purdue University, SUNY Stony Brook, and Vanderbilt University.

## Senior Classes Matter

*“Choose classes that challenge you.”*

As current seniors wrap up their year and prepare for life after high school, sophomores and juniors are in the process of choosing their classes for next year. Juniors, having fulfilled many of their requirements, have particularly tough choices to make.

Choose classes that challenge you. It can be tempting to sit back and try to relax through senior year, but colleges

like to see that you are still active in your education. If you are eligible, take at least one AP class. This looks good on your college application, and gives you the opportunity to get some college credits for free. If you are not eligible through your grades for AP classes, taking College Now classes might be a good choice.

Think about your future career interests. If there is

an elective available in that field make sure to take it. It does not look good for a college to see that a senior goes to school from 8-10am. You want to show that you have a full course load.

## Scholarships

### Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship

For minority students planning a major or career in chemistry, information management, computing and software systems, material science, physics, or engineering.

Deadline: September 30, 2009

[www.xerox.com](http://www.xerox.com)

### NACME Scholars Program

For African-American, Native American, and Latino students enrolled in engineering programs. Must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA.

Deadline: Determined by your college

[www.nacme.org/scholars](http://www.nacme.org/scholars)

### Education is Freedom

#### National Merit Scholarship

For high schools senior who demonstrate leadership and financial need. Must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

Deadline: May 31, 2009

[www.educationisfreedom.org](http://www.educationisfreedom.org)





## Where Should I Be Now? May Edition

As the weather turns warm and everyone starts to look forward to summer, it can be difficult to focus on the college application process. In case you are confused about if you are on track or not, the following is a list of things you should have accomplished, or be in the process of doing:

### Seniors

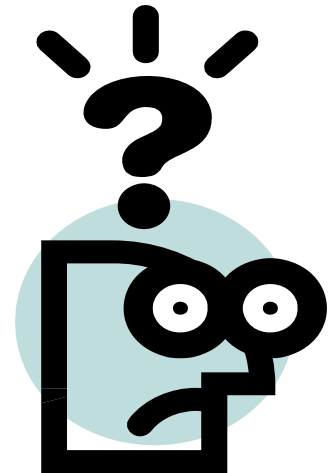
- \* You should have chosen a school and sent in your deposit
- \* You should have accepted or declined all parts of your

financial aid package

- \* You should be in the process of speaking to lenders about the loans you have accepted
- \* You should be in the process of taking any necessary placement tests
- \* You should be making a list of everything you will need in college—such as dorm-sized bedding, transportation, etc.

### Juniors

- \* You should be researching all the schools you are interested in, and that were suggested to you
- \* You should be planning college visits for the summer
- \* You should be researching scholarships
- \* You should be working on your college essay



## US News & World Report College Rankings

### A+ Schools for B Students in the North:

- \* United States Merchant Marine Academy (NY)
- \* Elmira College (NY)
- \* Elizabethtown College (PA)
- \* Messiah College (PA)
- \* Endicott College (MA)

### Historically Black Colleges & Universities

- \* Spelman College
- \* Howard University
- \* Morehouse University
- \* Hampton University
- \* Fisk University
- \* Tuskegee University

### National Universities

- \* Harvard University
- \* Princeton University
- \* Yale University
- \* Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- \* Stanford University
- \* California Institute of Technology

Every year US News & World Report ranks colleges in a number of categories. Here are a few.

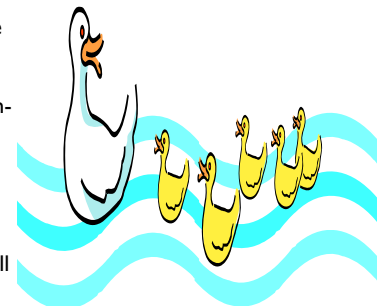
## College Life: Family/ Independence Balance

For many students who are going away to school next year, it will be the first time they are away from home. It will be a challenge to keep your connections to home and family while exploring your new life. Even for students who are living at home, college is a unique time in life when you are exposed to new people and new ideas that may be at odds with how you were raised.

For students living on campus, an important factor in your college success is to accept the school as your new home. Even though it may be difficult, it is better *not* to go home for the weekend until you are used to being at school. It is important to have a regular time when you call your family, but not to be on the phone with them 24/7. It is difficult for everyone at first, but homesickness does fade with

time.

For students who are living at home, it is crucial to remember that college is not high school, even if you are commuting. Take advantage of all activities you are interested in, and look into internships in other cities as well as study abroad. Although you may be living with your family, this is still a time to learn to be independent.



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**Queens Gateway  
to Health Sciences  
Secondary School**

Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School, established in 1994, is a 7-12 comprehensive educational institution accredited by the New York State Department of Education. It offers an academic college preparatory curriculum featuring science and math courses. A high-level communication skills and humanities program complements the science and math curriculum. The goal of the school is to develop a pool of broadly educated health professionals who will constitute the twenty-first century's health care delivery work force.

## Frequently Asked Questions

*1. I was waitlisted for my first choice schools and I need to make a decision by May 1. What do I do?*

Go to your second choice school and find out their deposit refund policy. If it is possible for you to get your deposit back, go ahead and accept that school and send your deposit. That way if you get into a school after being waitlisted you can get your deposit back and change your mind. Many schools do not refund deposits. In that case, if you really want to go to a school you get into after being waitlisted, you will lose your deposit to the other school.

*2. I'm worried about the economy and not being able to afford school. Is it safer to just apply to CUNYs next year?*

No! At Gateway we urge all students to fill out a CUNY application so that you know you have an affordable option, but by no means should it be the only application you fill out. It is impossible to predict exactly what they financial aid situation will be at this time next year. The best idea is to apply to the schools that are the best fit for you, regardless of the cost. Once you receive all your financial aid packages in the spring of your senior year, then you can compare and make the best financial decision.

*3. I might be interest in transferring schools once I get to college. How does this work?*

If you apply to transfer colleges your first year, the schools will still ask for your high school transcript. If you apply to enter your new school for fall of your junior year, they will only look at your college grades. Either way, I would urge you to give your college a chance before thinking about transferring. Many students end up very happy their schools, when they originally wanted to go someplace else.

