



# COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

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## Welcome Back Everyone!

We're excited for programming to start up again! The College Success Program (CSP) high school component will begin the week of **September 11<sup>th</sup>** and the college component will begin the following week of **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure to check your email for more information regarding your individual or group start dates.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students, who are the 2017-2018 recipients of the prestigious Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship: Samantha Cimino, Gabriella da Silva, Denisha Domínguez, Katerina Kerastaris, Eliza Núñez, Patrick Pang, Jency Romero, Alejandro Rubero, and Tori Thompson!

## Salem September Days (free museum entrance)

Throughout September, Salem residents and their families are invited to visit the New England Aquarium in Boston for FREE. At the Aquarium's box office, Salem residents just need to show either their license, state identification card, passport, or current mortgage, insurance, utility, or banking statement.

## Staff Updates

**Farewell Molly:** The CSP is sad to announce that Molly will no longer be officially working at LEAP as of 8/30. She will be working at another non-profit organization closer to her home in NH. We will all miss her and wish her the best!

**Welcome new CSP staff and interns:** Allison, Ashley, Jodyann, and Harry! This summer, both Allison Zacarías and Ashley Pengelly joined the CSP staff as the new Associate Coordinators in Peabody. Allison is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, where she was a Posse Scholar. She will be meeting with college students in the mornings and running Peabody HS senior and junior groups in the afternoons. Ashley, who will also meet with college students as well as run the other Peabody HS groups, graduated from Gordon College. She was an AmeriCorps member for LEAP last year and worked with our middle school programs. We are also excited to welcome two Salem State BSW interns, Jodyann Hanson and Harry Regis. Both Jodyann and Harry will be meeting with college students in the mornings, and in the afternoons, Jodyann will be helping to run the Salem HS senior group and Harry will help run the Salem HS junior group.

## Volunteer/Community Service Hours Opportunities

LEAP for Education, in partnership with the Salem Public School District, offers students in grades 6-8 a FREE after-school program called Expanding Horizons. The program is held at the Nathaniel Bowditch School, Monday - Thursday from 3:15-5:30 p.m. Expanding Horizons is RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS to share their experience as:

**Tutor/Academic Support** - M-Th, starting Oct. 2

**Baseball Coach** - T/Th, starting Oct. 2 - Dec. 22

**Theater Instructor** - M-Th, starting Oct. 2 - Dec. 22

**Future City Instructor** - M/W, starting Oct. 2, starting Mid January

**Basketball Coach** - M-Th (Boys & Girls Teams), starting January

For more information contact Meghan Murtagh, Director of School-Based Programs at [mmurtagh@leap4ed.org](mailto:mmurtagh@leap4ed.org) or 978 744 6667 x103.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017

## REMINDERS

### UPCOMING STAFF DAYS OFF

LEAP office will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and CSP staff will be off on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### COMMUNICATION REMINDERS

When calling LEAP's main office number, please dial the direct extension of the staff you are looking for. All students have received a "Meet the Staff" contact page with specific extensions. Please do not leave a message on the main line, as the mailbox is not monitored.

It is important that you frequently check your school and personal email accounts so you don't miss out on important information. The College Success Program team will constantly send important information and opportunities via email, and your schools will also communicate with you via email.

Don't forget to let CSP staff know of any changes to your contact information, including cell phone numbers, mailing addresses, and email addresses!

## High School Junior Curriculum Overview

Welcome to the College Success Program! This year we will work hard to make sure you are prepared to apply to college during your senior year. Throughout September and October in our after school group meetings, you can expect to:

- Complete weekly journal and writing assignments related to your college admissions essay.
- Explore your values and strengths.
- Participate in SAT prep sessions (optional, but highly encouraged; starting in October) and take the PSATs.
- Create a resume.

### PSAT REMINDERS:

All HS juniors will be taking the PSAT in October! **Salem High School students will take the PSAT on Wednesday, 10/11** during school (the test is free to take and no registration is required). Students from Essex Tech or Salem Academy need to check their PSAT Test date. **In Peabody, students will take the PSAT on Saturday, 10/14.** Registration is required and the test will cost \$25 (few fee waivers are available, so please see your guidance counselor ASAP to register).

## High School Senior Curriculum Overview

Welcome back high school seniors! Your hard work from junior year will ensure that you're on track with college applications this fall. Students will meet with CSP instructors twice a week, once during a weekly, 3 hour, group meeting and once a week for an hour long individual meeting with CSP staff/volunteers/interns. Attendance at both meetings is mandatory to ensure your applications (both for college and financial aid) as well as scholarship materials are submitted successfully. From September-December, students will:

- Continue involvement in all extracurriculars including: work, afterschool activities, and community service.
- Update resumes.
- Take the SATs once or twice more (October, November, December).
- Take the TOFEL if necessary (for non-native English Speakers).
- Apply to 2-8 colleges (based on GPA and SAT scores).
- Get recommendation letters from guidance counselors, teachers, employers, etc. in September-October (CSP staff will let you know when to begin asking).
- Complete all financial aid paper work (including FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid & CSS Profile (if applicable)).

## IMPORTANT SAT DATES

**Registration deadline for the Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> SAT's is Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Registration deadline for the Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> SAT's is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**October scores are released on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

*Note that for the October SAT's you will need to register as soon as you are back to school (prior to the program starting). For that reason, get your fee waiver ASAP and register independently so you don't miss the registration deadline.*

### FAFSA REMINDERS

The FAFSA will open Oct. 1, 2017. **CSP HS seniors will be submitting their FAFSAs throughout October during their individual meetings with us.**

Students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2018–19 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2016 income information.

## College Students

**College Students' Deadline Reminders:**  
*(withdrawal, add/drop, FAFSA, etc.)*

As you are preparing to begin fall 2017 classes, please note your school's deadlines to withdraw from classes, and add/drop classes (as every college's deadlines are different). Make sure to mark your calendars and make yourself reminders so that you don't miss any deadlines.

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