



# COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

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## COVID-19 and College Admissions

The current pandemic and its effects on the college admissions landscape is palpable amongst students in the Class of 2020. Many students were relying on this spring semester to visit their colleges and make their final enrollment decisions; however, with many colleges closed for the remainder of the semester and trying their best to maintain communication with applicants, our students may find themselves in a state of uncertainty. Many institutions have pushed back their enrollment deadlines to June 1 to accommodate for students who need more time to consider their options. Institutions that remain at a May 1 enrollment date have vowed to be more flexible with students who may need more time. The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) has created a database of colleges nationwide and updates to their admissions procedures during the pandemic: <https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/>. This website will help students find out if their prospective college has opted to move back their enrollment deadline. As always, students can also visit their college's admissions page to see if there have been any changes to their policies due to the pandemic. Another great resource is from Cialfo:

<https://cialfo.co/covid-resources/?mslD=ce14937b-aedf-48bf-a05b-ec9e2ca4f41c>. This website offers a wealth of information about the pandemic's impact on college admissions, and in turn its impact on future applicants.

In addition to the Class of 2020, juniors have also seen some difficulty in their college preparation plans. The spring semester is typically the time most juniors take the SAT or ACT; however, the College Board has canceled the rest of the test administrations for the school year and ACT has postponed their April exam to June (more information in the SAT and ACT Updates pages). This has caused some students anxiety since it only offers them a limited time to take the SAT as seniors. In light of this, some colleges have already determined that they will be going test optional for those applying for Fall 2021.

As colleges are moving towards virtual platforms to reach their prospective students, there are a number of opportunities for students to get their questions answered. As a substitute for their visitation programs, colleges have created **virtual tours** of their campuses. To supplement the tours, colleges are also providing **virtual information sessions** run by someone from the Admissions staff that also allow for students to ask their questions live. Rather than just emailing back and forth, some colleges have instituted **virtual meetings** with their admissions staff through platforms such as Zoom, Skype, etc. that give students an opportunity to speak with someone regarding their individual situations.



Why are the annoying servants staying in my home all day now?

## West Point

A big congratulations is due to **Kacy Colletto** for her acceptance into West Point US Military Academy! Striving to make a difference and positive impact in the world, Kacy was inspired to join the military. As her interest grew, she looked toward preparing for the extensive recruitment process. While most students start preparing their applications during senior year, Kacy started her application as early as her sophomore year. She will be majoring in Environmental Science and plans to work in the Army upon the completion of her 5 year service requirement. To anyone interested in the military and West Point, Kacy says, "I would say go for it. The application process and acceptance rate seems scary, but if you keep going and show the people involved that you are determined, then anything is possible." Congratulations and good luck, Kacy!

## AP Exam Updates

The Advanced Placements exams have moved to a remote format that can be taken at home. The exams will be administered from **May 11-22**. The schedule is below:

Exam Day/Time	12:00 pm	2:00 pm	4:00 pm
<b>Mon, May 11</b>	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: E&M	US Gov & Politics
<b>Tue, May 12</b>		Calc AB & BC	
<b>Wed, May 13</b>	Physics 2: Alg-Based	English Lit & Comp	European History
<b>Thurs, May 14</b>	Spanish Lit & Culture	Chemistry	Physics 1: Alg-Based
<b>Fri, May 15</b>		US History	Comp Sci A
<b>Mon, May 18</b>	Chinese	Biology	Environmental Sci
<b>Tue, May 19</b>	Music Theory	Psychology	
<b>Wed, May 20</b>		English Lang & Comp	Microeconomics
<b>Thurs, May 21</b>	French	World History	Macroeconomics
<b>Fri, May 22</b>		Statistics	Spanish

Any updates regarding AP testing and how to prepare can be found on the EHS School Counseling website.

## 2019-2020 NJSCA Counselor of the County

Congratulations to **Ms. Laurie Sieminski**, who was named this year's New Jersey School Counselor Association (NJSCA) Counselor of the County! The award honors professionals in the School Counseling who devote their careers to serving as student advocates. Awardees have distinguished themselves as leaders of systemic change, through collaboration, student advocacy, and the ability to see the "whole student" succeed. Ms. Sieminski has been a College Counselor at Edison High School for four years. Kudos Ms. Sieminski!



Ms. Sieminski and Dr. Braungard-Galayda attending the award program at TCNJ

## Middlesex County Youth Wellness Summit

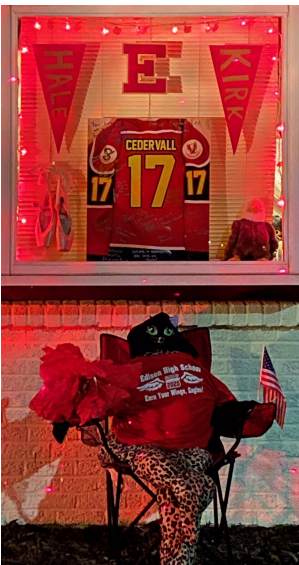


In April, a few of our students attended the Middlesex County Youth Wellness Summit, hosted by the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide (SPTS). This day-long program was designed to provide students and staff with the resources needed to support overall wellness. Students participated in a number of different activities that will help develop their coping strategies and learn techniques that they can share with their peers to promote wellness.



# Find Edgar! The EHS Eagle Hunt

Traditionally, EHS has celebrated Decision Day, a celebration to honor our graduating seniors and their plans for the upcoming fall; however, due to our school closure we will not be able to hold it this year. Our solution: the **EAGLE HUNT!** This campaign seeks to honor our graduating seniors on a bigger scale: involving the entire Edison Township community. Seniors were tasked with decorating their front doors or windows with their families. These households displayed some fantastic Eagle pride and showcased their senior's college for next year. Some examples are below. Once a bunch of doors are decorated, younger kids within the community will be invited to "hunt for eagles."





# Fly High Eagles!

Congratulations to our graduating seniors who have finalized their plans for the upcoming fall! Seniors: head over to Instagram and let us know what your plans are! You too can be featured on the Insta page.



@EHS2020senyas

## Mekaya Williams



**BOWIE STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**CHEER**

BOWIE MD

MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY &  
COMMUNICATIONS



## Maksym Bukachevsky



**WILLIAM PATERSON  
UNIVERSITY**

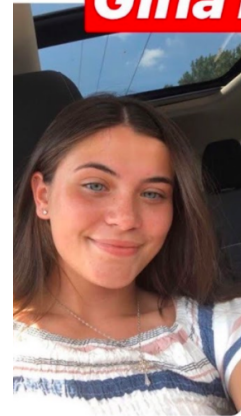
**MEN'S SOCCER**

WAYNE NJ

MAJOR: PHYS ED &  
HEALTH



## Gina Durkin



**THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TAMPA**

TAMPA FL

MAJOR: NURSING



## Elijah St. Phard



**STOCKTON  
UNIVERSITY**

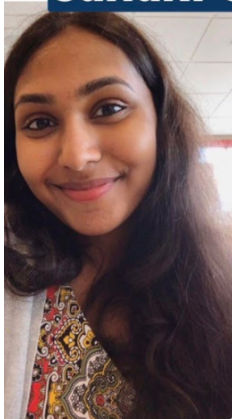
GALLOWAY NJ

MAJOR: BIOLOGY ON A  
PRE-MED TRACK

MINOR: HOLISTIC  
HEALTH



## Janaki Chandra



**NOVA**

**SOUTHEASTERN  
UNIVERSITY**

FORT LAUDERDALE FL

MAJOR: PUBLIC  
HEALTH

MINOR: GLOBAL  
ENGAGEMENT



## Darian Proano



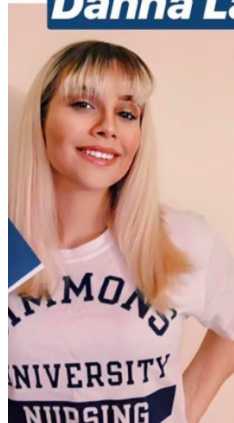
**STOCKTON  
UNIVERSITY**

GALLOWAY NJ

MAJOR: BUSINESS  
MANAGEMENT



## Danna Lavecchia



**SIMMONS  
UNIVERSITY**

BOSTON MA

MAJOR: NURSING  
MINOR: SPANISH



## Anthony Sansano



**RUTGERS  
UNIVERSITY**

NEW BRUNSWICK NJ

MAJOR: COMPUTER  
ENGINEERING



## Francine Flores



**SETON HALL  
UNIVERSITY**

SOUTH ORANGE NJ

MAJOR: BIOLOGY ON A  
PA TRACK





# SAT Registration

SAT exams have been canceled for the remainder of the school year. Due to this development, the College Board has added a September test administration. Registration for the test dates below will open on **May 26**. Priority/Early Access registration will be available to the following students:

- Those who were registered to take the March 2020, May 2020, and June 2020 exams
- Members of the Class of 2021 who don't have SAT scores

Students that used a fee waiver to register for the March, May or June exams, are eligible to receive a fee waiver for a future test administration. Directions on how to do so will be sent to everyone in May through the College Board. Students who need to take the SAT Subject Tests will be able to do so during the regularly scheduled test administrations, except **September**.

To register for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests, go to <http://sat.collegeboard.org>.

SAT DATE	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 29, 2020	July 31, 2020	August 14, 2020
September 26, 2020	TBD	TBD
October 3, 2020	September 4, 2020	September 18, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 9, 2020	October 23, 2020
December 5, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 20, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	February 26, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 9, 2021	April 23, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021



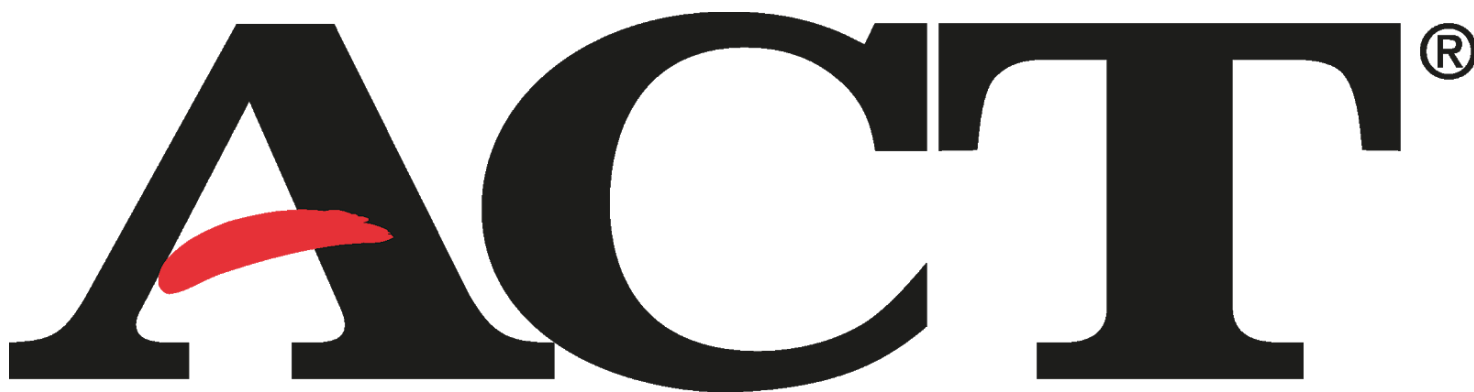
# ACT Registration

Students that were registered for the April 2020 test administration should have received an email from ACT informing them of the test postponement to June 13, in addition to instructions on how to reschedule for free. If a previously registered student cannot take the June 13 exam, a full refund will be issued. Students that used a fee waiver to register for the April exam will be able to reschedule without a fee.

Registration for 2020-2021 exam dates will open in July 2020.

To register for the ACT, go to <http://www.actstudent.org>.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020
September 12, 2020	August 14, 2020	August 15-28, 2020
October 24, 2020	September 18, 2020	September 19-October 2, 2020
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 7-20, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9-15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021





# Scholarship Opportunities

Check out some of the more popular Scholarship Resources:

Edison High School Naviance Scholarship Page - Log into your Naviance account and check out the scholarship page. Additional Scholarships are also posted :

**School Counseling Classroom '20 Code - p4h2sam**

**School Counseling Classroom '21 Code - nmdkikt**

**One Planet, Many People Scholarship** - The scholarship offers 4 \$1,000 scholarships. Unlike any essay based scholarships, this one requires you to submit a maximum 60 second video addressing the topic of human population growth. To enter, visit their website <https://www.populationmedia.org/about-us/video-contest/>.

**Deadline: May 15, 2020**

**ETEA Membership Grant** - This \$100 grant is open to current seniors whose parent is a presently dues-paying member of the Edison Township Education Association (ETEA). The application can be found in Naviance or the Class of 2020 Google Classroom. Completed applications and supporting documents must be emailed directly to Susan Campione, ETEA Scholarship Chair at [susan.campione@edison.k12.nj.us](mailto:susan.campione@edison.k12.nj.us).

**Deadline: May 29, 2020**

**1800Wheelchair.com Scholarship** - Open to students aged 16 or older, this \$500 scholarship requests a "visual poem" on the theme of overcoming a personal challenge. In addition to the poem, an essay must also be submitted that gives the committee an idea of who you are. More details can be found on <https://www.1800wheelchair.com/scholarship/>.

**Deadline: May 30, 2020**

**Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest** - This \$10,000 scholarship is open to current seniors that requires you to use your creative chops to create a prom dress or tux made completely out of duct tape. In addition to creating the attire, you must also document your creative process in a short video or essay. Enter here:

<https://www.duckbrand.com/stuck-at-prom/enter/index>.

**Deadline: June 8, 2020**

**Because College is Expensive Scholarship** - Open to current juniors and seniors, this \$500 scholarship simply asks you to complete an entry form. A name will be picked at random and notified. To enter, visit

<https://cedaredlending.com/scholarship/>.

**Deadline: June 30, 2020**

**Spirit of Giving Scholarship** - Open to current seniors, awarding \$1,000. You must submit a 500-750 word essay on one of the topics listed on the website. You must plan to attend college and provide proof of enrollment for the upcoming school year. Topics and more information can be found here:

<https://www.winecountrygiftbaskets.com/information/scholarship.asp>.

**Deadline: July 31, 2020**

**Don't Text and Drive Scholarship** - This \$1,000 scholarship is open to all high school aged students. Initial entry for consideration requires a 140-character message about why you pledge not to text and drive. If selected for further review, you will be required to submit a 500 to 1,000-word essay about texting while driving. Visit their website for more information: <http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship>.

**Deadline: September 30, 2020**



EDISON HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



# *Free!!!* COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

10:00-11:30AM OR 4:00-5:30PM PACIFIC TIME

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD

10:00-11:30AM OR 4:00-5:30PM PACIFIC TIME

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

10:00-11:30AM OR 4:00-5:30PM PACIFIC TIME

\*\*\*Times will depend on the current school schedule. We will keep you updated.

**FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER:**

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/NZVVUVSZHSTQJCZ59](https://forms.gle/NZVVUVSZHSTQJCZ59)



# Got Questions about the SAT, ACT or AP Exams?



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