

OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY READINESS CALENDAR INITIATIVES

These culture building events can help you organize your school community and engage students and families in planning for postsecondary pathways. Reach out to Kaity Modesto at Kmodesto@schools.nyc.gov to receive planning resources such as toolkits, and register for supports such as volunteers and promotional materials.

OCTOBER 16-20	NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY	MARCH 21	MAY 1
<p>COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK</p> <p>What is it?</p> <p>A weeklong focus on the importance of meeting fall application deadlines, and celebrating seniors who have submitted at least one college application.</p> <p>Key goals or benchmarks to be reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUNY applications completed by 10/20. • Early awareness opportunities for younger grades to see visual celebration/recognition of applications, or receive information about the college timeline. • College/high school/CBO collaborations to support application completion and workshop facilitation. 	<p>FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH</p> <p>What is it?</p> <p>A month-long focus on college affordability and the importance of applying for financial aid.</p> <p>Key goals or benchmarks to be reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA and TAP completed and submitted by end of the month. • Parent engagement and early awareness activities. • College/high school/CBO collaborations to support application completion and workshop facilitation. 	<p>CAREER EXPLORATION MONTH</p> <p>What is it?</p> <p>A month-long focus on career trends and pathways to help students make informed career and educational decisions.</p> <p>Key goals or benchmarks to be reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career exploration opportunities such as: career day, job shadowing, and workplace visits and tours. • Students identify career interests, describe associated skills with those careers and develop strong postsecondary plans needed to pursue those careers. • Support students with making connections in academic classes to careers and college majors. 	<p>SAT/PSAT DAY</p> <p>What is it?</p> <p>10th grade students take the PSAT and 11th grade students take the SAT during the school day to increase college readiness and college access.</p> <p>Key goals or benchmarks to be reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications, tools and supports to ensure schools successfully implement PSAT/SAT School Day. • Engage non-testing grades in college exploration activities. • College/high school/CBO collaborations to support schools to integrate these one-time testing taking activities into their broader postsecondary planning culture. 	<p>COLLEGE DECISION DAY</p> <p>What is it?</p> <p>Celebrate seniors for their postsecondary plans.</p> <p>Key goals or benchmarks to be reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors will make “best fit and match” decisions for their postsecondary plans. If they are attending college, they should inform colleges of their plans to enroll by 5/1. • Early awareness opportunities to encourage younger students and families to prepare for college and career as early as possible. • Supports to ensure that seniors prepare for the transition to college or work.