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U-Conn Admission Counselor, Bryan Feener, talking to prospective students at our fall fair.

In-Person College Fairs Return

The East End Counselors Association returned to in-person college fairs this year, meeting one of its primary goals as an association of school counselors.

Over 75 institutions of higher learning participated in our Fall College Fair on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Riverhead High School.

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, we anticipate over 100 college and universities to attend our annual Spring Fair at Westhampton Beach High School. More details can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

In-person College fairs give students and parents an opportunity to meet with college admissions counselors and representatives of the military to discuss post-secondary school options in a direct and relaxed setting. If events force us to modify or cancel these events, we will notify all school counselors and post information on our website.

The Spring College Fair Chairperson is Joe Garvey, school counselor at Westhampton Beach High School. For information, contact your school counselor or email Caroline Stuke at cmstuke@optonline.net



EECA Calendar

2021-2022

September 2021

Fall General
Membership Meeting
Cancelled

10/14/2021*

Fall College Fair
Riverhead High School
5:00pm - 7:00pm

10/20/21*

Financial Aid & NCAA Night
Riverhead High School
5:30pm NCAA
6:30pm Financial Aid

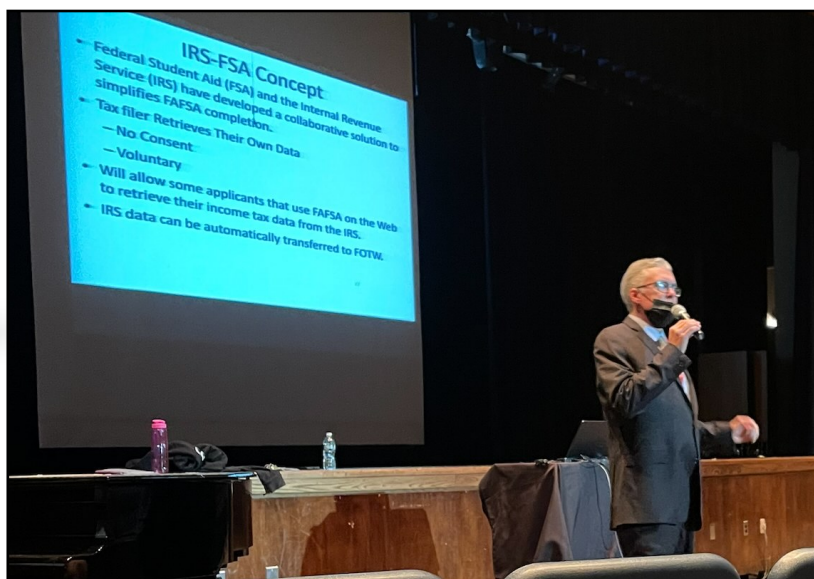
****These events were held following CDC guidelines for social distancing. Face masks were required.***

11/13/2021

LICAC Virtual Series on
Significant Topics
For Information and
Registration [Click Here](#)
Zoom link will be sent upon
registration.

12/13/2021

Winter General Membership
Stonewalls Restaurant
967 Reeves Avenue,
Riverhead, NY



Eugene Rogers, Financial Aid Counselor for Molloy College, speaks at our fall event.

Financial Aid & NCAA Night Returned to a live audience this Fall

On Wednesday, October 20, East End Counselors hosted its annual Financial Aid and NCAA information night at Riverhead High School. Students and parents from East End schools attended this informative evening to get a better understanding of the student aid process and rules governing the NCAA.

Eugene Rogers, Senior Financial Aid Counselor for Molloy College, explained how to apply for various types of financial aid, including completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). He reviewed the process of completing the FAFSA, which is required to determine eligibility for most student aid programs.

The other part of the evening's agenda focused on the procedures student athletes must follow to become eligible to play sports in college. Registration with the NCAA is required before a student can practice, try out, or play any competitive college sport. Melissa M. Reilly, Associate Commissioner/SWA East Coast Conference, gave an overview on NCAA academic requirements, divisions of college sports, ACT and SAT testing information, and what courses are necessary for students to complete while in high school.

Masks were required and all participants and Covid-19 protocols, in place at Riverhead High School, were strictly observed.

EECA Calendar

2021-2022

March 2022

Spring Mental Health

Professional Development

Look for this event next year

04/28/2022

Administrative Professionals

Luncheon 12:30 pm

Cooperage Inn, Baiting Hollow

04/27/2022

Spring College Fair

Westhampton Beach

High School 5-7 pm

April - May 2022

Tour of Colleges and

Universities

Look for this event next year

June 2022

General Membership Meeting
and Awards Dinner

Time and Location: TBD

News & Resources

We encourage you to use our **News & Resources for School Counselors** page to find helpful information from local, state and national organizations. We encourage you to reach out to a colleague for support and information as we all remain focused on the emotional, social and academic needs of our students and their families. [Click here for more news and resources >>](#)



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ASCA Offers Anti-Racism Resources

The American School Counselor Association offers the following resources for school counselors dedicated to advocate for schools that create a welcoming, respectful and inclusive school culture devoid of racism.

The [ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors](#) and the [ASCA Professional Standards & Competencies Guide](#) all school counselors in working toward ethical, equitable and inclusive school environments and addressing the critical issues of systemic and institutional racism. The following resources are helpful in addressing issues of systemic and institutional racism with students.

Getting Started with Anti-Racism Efforts

1. Review existing school data to identify achievement and opportunity gaps. (See the [school data summary template](#).)
2. Review policies and procedures to identify barriers to learning and access to opportunities, particularly for students of color.
3. Identify indirect student services, including leadership, advocacy and collaboration to address gaps and barriers.
 - Collaborate with administrators, school staff and families to increase awareness of the impact of racism and bias.
 - Advocate for changes to policies and procedures that have created barriers for students.
4. Create classroom/small-group and closing-the-gap action plans (see [templates](#)) and include [ASCA Student Standards: Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success](#) that are needed to create school cultures where everyone is included.
5. Monitor progress by collecting data.
6. Repeat the cycle.

Visit [Anti-Racism Resources](#) for a complete list of resources.



THE EAST END COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO OUR
2022 SPRING COLLEGE FAIR

WESTHAMPTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022
5PM-7PM / SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

During the Fair, more than 100 college and university representatives will be available to talk with students and parents about the unique opportunities at their institutions.

SPRING 2022

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH AWARENESS DATES

FEBRUARY

National School Counseling Week 7-11
Career and Technical Education Month
National Groundhog Job Shadow Day / 2
Random Acts of Kindness Week / 14-18
African American History Month

MARCH

Deaf History Month
Gender Equality Month
Middle Level Education Month
Music in Our Schools Month
National Nutrition Month
Women's History Month
Youth Art Month
**International Day for the Elimination of
Racial Discrimination / 21**

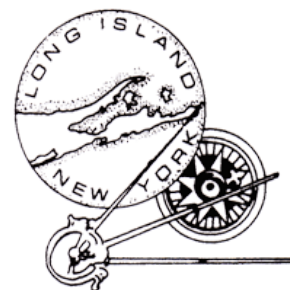
APRIL

Alcohol Awareness Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Community Service Month
National Autism Awareness Month
Earth Day / 22
Administrative Professionals Day / 27

MAY

Jewish American History Month
National Physical Fitness and Sports
Month
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
**National PTA Teacher Appreciation
Week / 2-6**

The East End Counselors Association Announces its 22nd Annual Scholarship



FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO FOUR GRADUATING SENIORS WHO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL ON THE EAST END OF LONG ISLAND. STUDENTS WHO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION MUST BE PURSUING A CAREER WITHIN A "HELPING FIELD."

Criteria

Student must be a graduating senior from an East End High School.

Student must plan to attend a 2 or 4 year post secondary institution.

Student must intend on majoring in one of the "helping fields" (nursing, school counseling, teaching or social work)

Student must submit a one page typed essay, approximately 500 words, answering the following question: "What has the role of being active within your community or school played in your desire to enter into a helping field?"

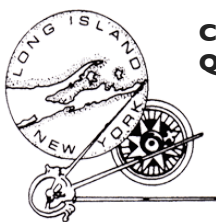
Selection

Each Guidance department submits one (1) application to the East End Counselors Association Scholarship Committee for review. The Committee will select four winners from all nominations.

Winners will be notified through their individual districts.

Deadline / March 4, 2022

Winners will be announced in late spring 2022



**Completed applications must be received by Wednesday, February 16, 2022,
Questions about the scholarship can be directed to:**

Mail to: Kathleen Sutton, Scholarship Chairperson
Eastport South Manor CHSD
543 Moriches Middle Island Road
Manorville, NY 11949 Telephone: 631-801-3275
or Email applications to suttonk@esmonline.org

EAST END COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION



Why Not Become a Member of the East End Counselors Association? Join Today.

WHO WE ARE:

The East End Counselors Association (EECA) is a chapter of the New York State School Counselors Association (NYSSCA) which is the Chartered Division of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Our mission is directly aligned with the objectives of NYSSCA.

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[East End Counselors Association](#)
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REASONS TO JOIN US

- Information on current trends in school counseling
- Networking opportunities with other professional school counselors on the East End
- Subscription to our newsletters
- Representation and advocacy regarding policy and legislation affecting school counselors
- An affiliation with NYSSCA ensuring that school counselors are well represented in educational and social policy decisions in Albany