

# COUNSELORS VIEW

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Students visiting with college representatives at last year's Spring College Fair.

## Fall College Fair set for October 26

The East End Counselors Association will once again sponsor our annual Fall College Fair to assist students and parents in the college admissions process.

**Riverhead High School will host the 2022 East End Counselors Association Fall College Fair on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, from 5:00 pm-7:00pm.**

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. According to Owen Bligh, Associate Dean of Admission at Providence College, "One of the most overlooked parts of college fairs, is that it is an opportunity to have a conversation with a member of a college community," adding, "though we may attend these programs with various brochures and literature, what is of greatest value to students are the stories and suggestions that the representative may share." (Forbes Magazine)

The Fall College Fair Chairperson is Philip Antz, Riverhead School social worker. For information, contact your school counselor or email Caroline Stuke at [cmstuke@optonline.net](mailto:cmstuke@optonline.net)



## EECA Calendar

### 2022-2023

**September 15, 2022**

#### ***Fall Membership Meeting***

The Riverhead Cider House  
2711 Sound Ave, Calverton  
4-7 pm

**October 19, 2022**

#### ***Financial Aid & NCAA Night***

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

**October 26, 2022**

#### ***Fall College Fair***

Riverhead High School  
5-7 pm

**December 6, 2022**

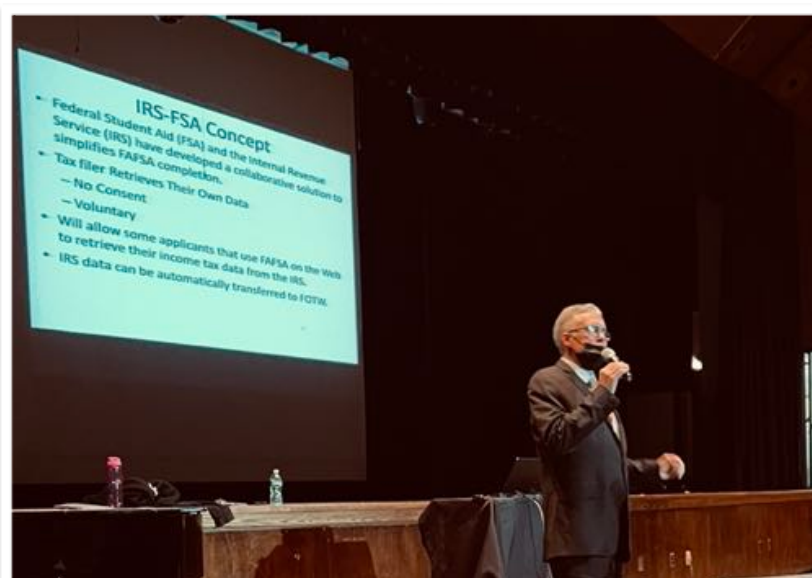
#### ***Bring an Administrator to***

***Breakfast*** / Graduation  
Requirements Review  
Melissa Montague, NYS  
Education Department  
*Time and Location: TBD*

**December 2022**

#### ***Holiday General Membership Meeting***

*Time and Location: TBD*



Eugene Rogers, Senior Financial Aid Counselor for Molloy College speaking at last year's presentation.

## EECA Hosts Financial Aid & NCAA Night at Riverhead High School

Once again, EECA will host its annual Financial Aid and NCAA information night on **Wednesday, October 19, 2022**, at **Riverhead High School**. **The NCAA presentation will begin at 5:30pm and the Financial Aid presentation will follow at 6:30pm.**

Students and parents from all East End schools are encouraged to attend this informative session to get a better understanding of the student aid process. Eugene Rogers, Senior Financial Aid Counselor for Molloy College, will explain how to apply for all types of financial aid, including completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). He will review the process of completing the FAFSA, which is required to determine eligibility for most student aid programs.

Part of the evening's agenda will also focus 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, will give 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.

For more information about the event please contact Philip Antz at [pantz@riverhead.net](mailto:pantz@riverhead.net).

## EECA Calendar 2022-2023

**Spring 2023**  
**Spring Mental Health**  
**Professional Development**  
Time and Location: TBD

**April 2023**  
**Administrative Professionals**  
**Luncheon**  
Time and Location: TBD

**April 2023**  
**Spring College Fair**  
Westhampton Beach  
High School 5-7 pm

**Spring 2023**  
**Tour of Boston Colleges and**  
**Universities**  
Dates To Be Determined

**June 2023**  
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 >>](#)**



**2022 Fall Virtual Fairs**

**September Virtual College Fair**  
Sunday, September 11

**October Virtual College Fair**  
Sunday, October 9

**November Virtual College Fair**  
Sunday, November 6

NACAC  
**Virtual**  
COLLEGE FAIRS

**REGISTER NOW!**  
[nacacfairs.org](http://nacacfairs.org)

## Tips from NACAC on Getting the Most out of a Virtual College Fair

**Representatives from each college will be waiting to meet you! Make sure you are ready to put your best foot forward and interact with reps when visiting college booths!**

**Not sure what to say? Here are some suggestions:**

- What do students like/dislike most about your school?
- What kinds of students are happiest at your school?
- What is the average amount of student loan debt for graduates?
- If I am awarded a grant or scholarship, can I expect it to remain constant all four years (assuming my financial circumstances don't change)?

[Click Here for More Information on NACAC College Fairs](#)



# EECA Announce Awards For 2022

The East End Counselors Association (EECA) is pleased to announce our Counselor of the Year, Rising Star, and Administrator of the Year awards for 2022.

Danielle Doscher, school counselor at Bridgehampton High School, is the recipient of the Barbara Ackermann Counselor of the Year Award. Veronica Stelzer, school counselor at the Oysterponds School District, is the recipient of our Rising Star Award, and Jill Collins, Assistant Principal at East Hampton High School, is our Administrator of the Year. These awards honor exemplary professionals who serve as advocates for their students, helping them achieve success in school and in life.

Nominating Ms. Doscher for the award, Caroline Stuke, Secretary of the EECA said, "I have been impressed with Danielle's impact on the Bridgehampton School District. The trust she builds amongst her students enables her to guide and advise them in productive ways. Her students speak highly of her, no doubt due to her approachability which she creates in a non-judgmental and caring environment."

"In addition, Danielle has been an active member of the East End Counselors Association since she was a graduate student and has been a member of the East End Counselors Association Executive Board. She is always willing to assist when needed."



Danielle Doscher, Counselor of the Year shown here with EECA Secretary Caroline Stuke

Veronica Stelzer, winner of the Rising Star Award for 2022, is a school counselor who works at both the Oysterponds and Shelter Island school districts. Veronica is responsible for providing many programs in both schools such as, character education, college and career education, mindfulness, and individual counseling.

In the Oysterponds district, Veronica serves on the Child Study Team, Committee for Special Education and is the Oysterponds' representative to the North Fork Mental Health Coalition. She is a member of the Shelter Island Social Emotional Team and a member of East End Counselors Association.

Veronica also created a student led College and Career Fair in both schools where students researched information about a college or career and presented the information to their classmates and teachers.

Jill Collins, our Administrator of the Year, assumed the role of Assistant Principal at East Hampton High School in 2020 after spending over 15 years as a social studies teacher and department coordinator.

These past two school years have been immensely challenging for students, teachers, and support staff. While the focus has been on a restoring *normalcy*, not much has been normal or straightforward in educational settings. Being a new administrator amidst the chaos has not been easy (to say the least), but according to her staff, Jill has transitioned into her role with poise, competence, and compassion.

Humble and less inclined to grab the spotlight, Jill is more interested in highlighting the accomplishments of others. Her leadership, sincerity, and collaboration has significantly enabled counselors to better serve and counsel their students.

## Students Receive Financial Assistance from EECA

Since 2017, The East End Counselors Association distributed over \$12,000 to students to help defray the cost of educational, career and vocational opportunities.

Typically the Association assists students with application fees, educational field trip fees, supplies for vocational training, or entrance fees related to a students' current area of study. This year was no exception.

very active in her home district (Riverhead): where she played Basketball, ran Spring and Winter Track and Field (she received the Coach's Award and MVP for Winter Track), she was a member of the Riverhead

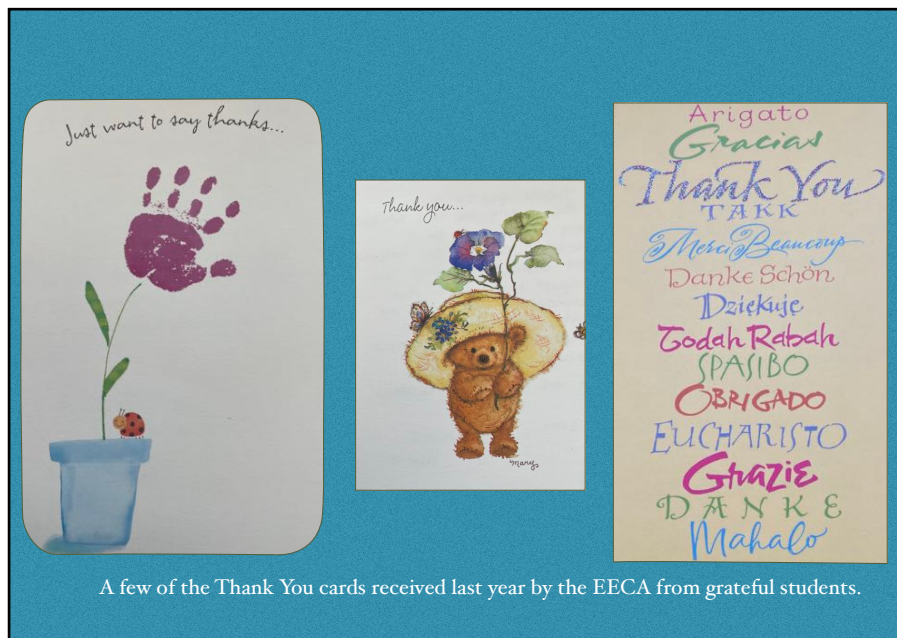
She was also a Varsity Cheerleader (4 years) and was inducted into her district's National Honor Society. Angelique, also a student at the Academy, applied the skills she learned there to her current

positions at *Lipstick and Lollipops* (a children's boutique that specializes in children's salon parties) and *Hair Lash Brow Loft* where she is a Salon Assistant.

Angelique plans to combine her love of aesthetics with medicine and

become a Registered Aesthetics Nurse, a fast growing field. She will be attending Suffolk to study Nursing in the fall and plans to transfer to a four year college to obtain her BSN.

The Association encourages its members to nominate any student they feel is in need of financial assistance. There is a limit of \$500 per student and cap of \$5,000 a year in total assistance for the program. In order to apply for assistance, the counselor should complete the form posted on our [website](#). The counselor must be an active member of EECA.



A few of the Thank You cards received last year by the EECA from grateful students.

Emani Womack and Angelique Levine were among a number of students who received awards in 2021-2022.

Emani Womack studied Nurse Assisting at The Academy of Applied Technology @ H.B. Ward last year (2020-2021). According to her teacher, Eileen Reiter, "Emani is curious, willing to try new things, and follows her heart rather than the expected path."

Emani was inducted into the Academy's Honor Society last year and is highly regarded by her teachers. She's was also

Anti-Litter Club, Butterfly Effect Project and served as a math tutor as well. Emani discovered her passion for helping others at The Academy last year and will be studying Nursing at Delaware State in the fall. In her personal statement she shares, "... with determination and hard work, you can succeed in anything... I am dedicated to accomplish anything I put my mind to."

Angelique Levine studied cosmetology at the Academy. Angelique attended Miller Place High School where she was an honor student.





## EECA Best College Essay Contest

**Deadline:**  
**February 1, 2023**

The Winning Essay will receive a cash award of \$250

**Send Essays to:**  
**[trabbitt51@gmail.com](mailto:trabbitt51@gmail.com)**

The East End Counselors Association invites you to participate in our fourth annual Best College Essay Contest. The contest is open to any high school student who is sponsored by a member of the East End Counselors Association.

The submitted essays will be judged by the admissions staff of Sarah Lawrence College, the host of a nationally recognized writing program.

### **Contest Requirements**

- Limit your essay to 650 words and submit your essay as an attachment by February 1, 2023 to [trabbitt51@gmail.com](mailto:trabbitt51@gmail.com)

- Identify the prompt you are using whether that prompt is from the Common Application or particular to a given college.
- Identify your name, high school and sponsoring School Counselor
- Send contact information, including your full name, address and email. **Do not include this information on your essay, as essays will be blind-reviewed.**
- Please note that by submitting an entry, you are giving the EECA permission to publish your essay in *Counselors View*, the newsletter of the East End Counselors Association.





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**REPRESENT YOUR STUDENTS AND YOUR SCHOOL AS A MEMBER OF  
THE EECA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT [EASTENDCOUSELORS.ORG](http://EASTENDCOUSELORS.ORG)**

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The East End Counselors Executive Board*

**East Hampton**

Julie Petersen

**Eastport South Manner**

Kathleen Sutton

**Greenport**

Brandi Hopkins

Avery Reisig

**Hampton Bays**

Erin DaSilva

**Oysterponds**

Veronica Stelzer

**Riverhead**

Phil Antz

**Southampton**

Martha Tuthill

**Southold**

Lisa Simonetti

**St. Thomas Aquinas College**

Kristen Domeischel

**West Hampton Beach**

Joe Garvey

