



SUNY CORTLAND

The College Search

It is time for juniors to put some time and energy into looking for college options. Below is a list of college characteristics you may want to consider as you look for the college match for you. Make sure to mark your calendar for the Dryden Regional Institute on March 7th for more opportunities to learn about where to start with selecting colleges

Characteristics to think about:

- **Location:** Do you want to be far from home or a little closer? Do you want to commute? How will you get home for vacations, weekends, special family events?
- **Type of School:** Do you want to attend a 2 year or 4 year college? Private or public? Religiously affiliated?
- **Size:** Do you see yourself at a school that is large (15,000+), medium (2,000-14,000) or small (500-2,000)?
- **Setting:** Will your surroundings be in the city, suburban area or rural in design?
- **Cost:** How will the cost of college play into your decision about where you attend?
- **Athletics:** Will you play a sport in college? Do you want an exciting athletic feel to your campus experience?

As you think about your future, these are just a few of the areas to consider as you develop your college list. The more you know about any college, the more experience you will have in understanding what you want while you attend college. Use

ACE to help in this exploration process. ACE will provide multiple opportunities for you to get on to four different types of colleges throughout your participation years.

Junior To Do List:

- Start researching colleges on the internet
- Use vacation time to visit colleges
- Attend the March 7th and April 6th Regional Institutes
- Register for Spring 2017 SAT/ACT
- Gather information for a resume/brochure
- Make a list of 10-15 colleges that hold your interest (this list will be much smaller by senior year)
- Talk to your school counselor about any ideas and questions
- Ask family members about where they went to college and how they decided on their current job
- Take advantage of ACE events to help you plan for college
- Meet with college representatives in your school

NOT a JUNIOR? It is never too early to start planning for your future. As you attend ACE events, notice your surroundings and how you feel while you are on campus. Start comparing the attributes of each college you visit to help you make a list of what you like and don't like, want/don't want in relation to what type of college you will attend.

Check out our website:

www.cortland.edu/ACE

There you will find:

The history of ACE and who we serve	The commitment form to join ACE (how to join)
Full list of events	On-line registration for ACE Events
Who to contact with questions about ACE	What students have to say about our program
A detailed description of all our programs and driving directions to each	Links to College search, Scholarship, Financial Aid sites

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Spring Events



Mark your calendars! Make an effort to attend as many ACE events as you can this spring. It is a great line up of events.

The spring will include more exciting programs for our participants. Below is a current list but go to www.cortland.edu/ACE for updates as more events will be added. The website also has details about each event as well as driving directions.

2/11	School of Thought	Cornell Hydroponic and Aquaponics Facility Tour and Discussion
2/17	College Theatre "Crazy for You"	SUNY Cortland 7:00pm
3/7	Regional Institute	Dryden High School 6:30-8:30
3/10	10th Grade Campus Visit	Tompkins Cortland CC
3/27	College Theatre "The Cradle Will Rock"	Ithaca College 7:30pm
4/6	Regional Institute	DeRuyter High School 6:30-8:30
4/27	College Theatre "Baltimore"	Cornell University 7:30
5/4	Gallery Talk & Tour	SUNY Cortland
5/20	Orientation Conference	Tompkins Cortland Community College

College Theater

Crazy For You, by Ken Ludwig



New York banker, Bobby Child is sent to a small mining town in Nevada to foreclose on a property for his family's bank. When Bobby arrives and discovers that the property is an old theater, he has another idea. Bobby recruits the whole town as well as some Broadway Follies dancers to put on a show, save the theater and win the heart of the sweetest girl in town.

With fast paced antics, plot twists and mistaken identities, "Crazy For You" is a comedic delight. The book, by the master of farce, Ken Ludwig seamlessly weaves together an iconic score by George and Ira Gershwin featuring some of the most well-known standards of the golden age of musical theatre. The lineup includes such classics as "Embraceable You," "They Can't Take That Away From Me," "Nice Work if You Can Get It," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and a tap dancing extravaganza: "I Got Rhythm!"

Memorable music, hilarious characters and non-stop dancing. Who could ask for anything more?

The Cradle Will Rock, by Mark Blitzstein



Satirizing the clash between business moguls and those seeking fair treatment for workers toiling within the corporate sphere, this funny, entertaining musical, is appealing especially because of the honesty of its intentions. Written during the Great Depression, this sharp critique of corruption, unrestricted capitalism and income inequality is as relevant today as it was then. Set in "Steeltown, USA", the story follows the efforts of Larry Foreman to unionize local works and combat wicked, greedy businessman Mr. Mister, who controls the town's factory, press, church and social organizations.

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Baltimore, by Kirsten Greenidge



An exploration of the complexities of racism from the perspective of eight culturally diverse students. Focused on building her resume, Shelby, a young, newly hired 'resident advisor' finds herself in the middle of controversy and reluctantly mediating the situation. When a racially charged incident involving a crude drawing splits her floor of freshman students down the middle. Shelby must deal with her own naive beliefs and undertake an effort to bring peach back to campus. Set in New England, 'Baltimore' is a sharp, timely drama about racism on college campuses.

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All College Theater events are free to ACE families and students, however you **MUST** pre-register! There are three ways to pre-register: Call the ACE office @ **607.753.5662** or email: ace@cortland.edu or use the online registration page on our website: www.cortland.edu/ace

Parking information and campus maps will be provided after registration. Students must check in with staff for their tickets and to receive ACE credit.

2017 ACE Graduates earn the ACE Recommendation:

Time to celebrate a whole group of students who have fulfilled their ACE responsibilities over the past four years to earn the ACE letter of recommendation. This truly is an accomplishment and ACE would like to acknowledge this year's recipients:

Cincinnati

Sarah Clements
Madelynn Newton

Cortland

Thomas Gibbons
Dominique Pace

DeRuyter

Elizabeth Thomas
Homer
Kelly Case
Lucian St. John

Lansing

Ryan Besemer
Madeline Boerman
Ian Coates
Maggie Evaneck
Grace Ferris
Emily Gallagher
Dave Harper
Javen Harper
Taylor Marabella
Clara Montague
Emily Pollack
Nia Stipetic



Students who have earned the ACE recommendation have actively participated in ACE for four full years.

Marathon

Hunter Ladd
Chloe McConnell

McGraw:

Christopher Dwyer

South Seneca

Jenna Darling

ACE Letter of Recommendation

The ACE Recommendation documents and rewards student participation throughout their years in the program. The recommendation letter is given to the student's school counselor and is then available to be sent out during the college application process which is usually in the fall of their Senior year.

To receive the ACE RECOMMENDATION students must:

- Attend at least **TWELVE** qualifying ACE EVENTS during their time with the ACE program. (There are two groups of ACE events: Required and Additional activities. Students must attend 8 from the required group and 4 from the Additional group. See below for examples of both types)
- Maintain at least a **B** range GPA throughout their years in high school. (B- to A+)

In order for students to reach this goal by the fall of their senior year (for college applications) it is recommended they attend at least 4 programs each year leading up to the senior year. **Students are welcome and encouraged to do many more than 12 ACE events.** They may attend as many programs as they like and can fit into their schedules. The more you attend, the more you benefit from being a member of ACE. Most students receiving the ACE Recommendation have done 15-20 events by the end of 12th grade. A few have over 30.

Required Group (8)	Additional Events (4)
Summer Programs	College Theater
ACE Grade Level Campus Visit	Gallery Talk and Tour
Regional Institutes	Individual Campus Visits
Welcome Orientation	Campus Events
Schools of Thought	TC3 and Auburn College Fairs

Sophomores:

ACE programs are designed to open your mind to the idea of college in your future and to help you begin to set goals and reach for the stars. This spring is the perfect time to begin formally looking for colleges and possible programs of study. Staying active as an ACE member will assist as you navigate the next few years of planning for college. Your ACE Liaison will be meeting with you to review your participation in ACE activities. It is important to keep a solid list of what you have done to get ready for college not only so that you can speak about your active role in your own education but also to make sure you are working toward the ACE recommendation.

What events have you done since signing up?

2015 Summer Programs
 2016 Summer Programs
 Regional Institutes (which ones)
 9th and/or 10th Grade Campus visit
 College Theater (which ones)
 School of Thought (which ones)

It is our hope you will work hard to remain committed to the ACE program so we can provide the best college and career prep possible.

Registration Form

ACE 2017 Spring Regional Institutes



Please Fill out the following Registration Form Completely

Registration must be done the week before the event to ensure availability—If registering after that, please call the office

PLEASE print

Student Name _____ Parent /Guardian Name _____

District: _____ Grade _____ Number of Parents/Guardians attending _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Carpooling Information: Can you provide a ride? _____ Do you need a ride? _____

Dryden Regional Institute: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 6:30-8:30 pm

Workshops—please select 1 per session for each person attending:

Student Selection:	
Workshop 1	Workshop 2
_____ Transferring Credits	_____
_____ Playing Sports @ College	_____
_____ Digital Dirt	_____
_____ College Fit	_____

Parent Selection:	
Workshop 1	Workshop 2
_____ Transferring Credits	_____
_____ Playing Sports @ College	_____
_____ Digital Dirt	_____
_____ College Fit	_____

DeRuyter Regional Institute: Thursday, April 6, 2017 from 6:45-8:45

Workshops—Please select 1 topic for workshop 1 and workshop 2

Student Selection:	
Workshop 1	
_____ College Search	
_____ SAT and ACT Prep	
_____ College Supports	
Workshop 2 (Career Exploration)	
_____ Engineering	
_____ Speech Pathology	
_____ Cyber Security	

Parent Selection:	
Workshop 1	
_____ College Search	
_____ SAT and ACT Prep	
_____ College Supports	
Workshop 2 (Career Exploration)	
_____ Engineering	
_____ Speech Pathology	
_____ Cyber Security	

Return Form to:	ACE Office 1312 Cornish Hall SUNY Cortland Cortland, NY 13045	OR	FAX: 607-753-5561 Call: 607-753-5662 Email: ace@cortland.edu	OR	Register on line at: www.cortland.edu/ace
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Outstanding ACE Senior Award

Each year ACE awards two of our ACE students with the Outstanding ACE Senior Award. Each recipient will receive \$500 at his/her school award ceremony.

This award is given to a student who:

- Qualifies for the ACE Recommendation
- Maintains ACE event participation even in his/her senior year
- Provides a service to ACE or his/her ACE community
- Completes the application essay
- Completes at least 18 ACE events throughout their high school career (14 from the **required** group of activities)
- Completes an application

Please encourage your ACE students to participate in as many ACE related activities as possible in order to be eligible for this award by his/her senior year. If there are questions please feel free to contact the ACE Office or your school liaison.



Just remember: If you win even 2 \$1000 awards you apply for and spent 4 hours completing the applications, that is equal to \$500 per hour...That is an excellent return on your time and effort.

Spring Scholarships

Did you know?

Most colleges have an extensive list of scholarships available to their enrolled students. In fact, this is the most common type of scholarship awarded. **But how do you find out about the scholarships available to students?** Check out each college website, catalog, and financial aid information. It is also a good idea to ask about what types of scholarships each college offers during the search process (**Junior year**). This will allow you to make sure you meet the criteria for the college awards. For example, if they are based on SAT/ACT test results, you will have enough time to retake the entrance exams to meet the score required for the scholarship.

Scholarships are not just for students with the top grades. There are many scholarships available for students based on the following information:

- Parent's employer or affiliation
- Community service, youth or church groups
- College campus organizations
- Student's selected major
- Regents exam scores
- Rank in class (for example, community colleges will grant a student free tuition if they are in the top 10% of their graduating class - CCC extends this to the top 20%).
- Student activity affiliation (ACE has it's own senior scholarship)

The application/award process may be different at each college and/or for various scholarships within the same college. Some colleges automatically submit student names for scholarships if they qualify and others will require students to inquire and apply on their own. Also, once you have completed your freshman year, there may be more scholarships available, make sure to check on campus for additional resources.

Taking the time to apply for scholarships can seem time consuming. Just remember: if you win even two \$1,000 awards you apply for and spent 4 hours completing those scholarships, that is equal to \$500 per hour. That is an excellent return on your time and effort.

Here are a few other reliable websites:

Collegeboard.org

CollegeNet.com

Fastweb.com

Scholarships.com

Salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarship

SAT and ACT tests:

It is that time of year for students to register and take their college entrance exams. Students can take either or both exams but it is best to double check with the colleges on your list to make sure you are completing the right portions of the test (for example, do they want the writing portion? Does your college want the SAT Subject tests?) Below are dates for Spring 2017:

Did you know you can find colleges that do not require either the SAT or ACT? Go to www.fairtest.org to learn more.

SAT Registration	SAT Test Date
02/10/17	03/11/17
04/07/17	05/06/17
05/09/17	06/03/17
www.collegeboard.org	

ACT Registration	ACT Test Date
03/03/17	04/08/17
05/05/17	06/10/17
www.act.org	

Open House and Tour Schedule

Ithaca College	SUNY Cortland	Tompkins Cortland College	Cornell University
<p>2017 Open House Dates Saturday, April 29</p> <p>Registration in <u>myIthaca</u> has not yet opened.</p> <p>Registration for the April open house program will begin in mid-January. Registration for the fall open house programs will begin early in the summer.</p> <p>Ithaca College would also like to invite you to visit virtually at: http://www.ithaca.edu/tour/</p> <p>Please call (800) 429-4274 or (607) 274-3124 with any questions you may have.</p> <p>We look forward to meeting you!</p> <p>Please feel free to visit their website at www.ithaca.edu for more information.</p>	<p>Mini Open House/High School Junior Visitation Programs</p> <p>Mini Open House Dates: Feb. 17-21 & Apr. 14-17</p> <p>Junior Visitation Programs: Apr. 21-24</p> <p>Register now</p> <p>For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 607-753-4711.</p> <p>Cortland's comprehensive Spring Open House program will provide you with opportunities to tour the campus, interact with faculty and students, and speak with members of the admissions staff and other offices.</p> <p>April 5, 2017</p> <p>For more information, visit the Open House page or contact the Admissions Office at 607-753-4711.</p> <p>Please feel free to visit their website at www.cortland.edu</p>	<p>2017 Open House</p> <p>April 7, 2017</p> <p><u>What can you do at Open House?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Academic presentations for all degree programs begin at noon. •Tour the campus before or after your presentation. <p>Representatives from Residence Life, Financial Aid, Athletics, and other student life offices will be on hand.</p> <p>Campus tours are available Monday-Friday at 11 a.m. and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 p.m. To set up your visit you may call 607.844.6580, or email at admissions@tompcorkortland.edu.</p>	<p>Cornell does not have the traditional open house available to students. Instead, you can customize your visit to include a tour, general Cornell information sessions, college specific sessions as well as a full calendar of campus and local events</p> <p>Cornell offers two types of information sessions: <i>general</i> university information sessions about Cornell, student life, and our overall admissions requirements; and <i>college-specific</i> sessions offered by each individual undergraduate college or school. These one-hour presentations are offered during select times throughout the year and reservations are requested.</p> <p>Go to the Cornell website to schedule your personalized visit and print your itinerary: www.cornell.edu/visit</p>

ACE is now on Facebook

Find articles about college and career readiness, learn about other programs similar to ACE and much more!

Go to Facebook
@ace.cortland.edu

It will be a good way to find information about our events as well.

The ACE Welcome Orientation

The ACE Welcome Orientation is the first ACE event for new members and their families. Typically this is for 8th and 9th graders just joining ACE. The event is held at Tompkins Cortland Community College from 8:30-11:00 on May 20th this year. We will explore the reasons you joined ACE, the reasons to stay in ACE as well as set goals for the future. The morning is full of interesting speakers, fun and games as well as interactive workshops to help you learn what ACE is all about. It is also a great way to meet others with the same goals and expectations of going to college.

Once you have signed and turned in the Commitment form, an invitation and agenda will be given to each student and family. **So please set aside May 20th from 8:30-11:30** to join us for this great event.



Sign up for important updates from Jane Manning.

Get information for ACE right on your phone—not on handouts.

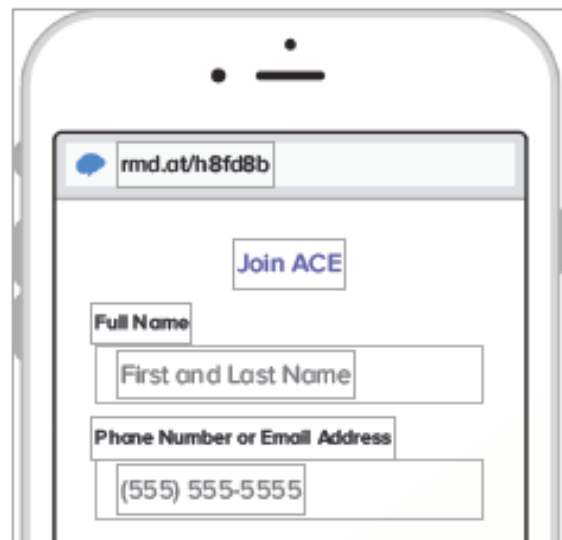
Pick a way to receive messages for ACE:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/h8fd8b

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@h8fd8b](https://t.me/h8fd8b) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@h8fd8b](https://t.me/h8fd8b) to **(352) 358-0862**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/h8fd8b on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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Dear ACE Students and Families,

This fall certainly has been a whirlwind as I begin my position as ACE Coordinator. It has also been an exciting time as we grow not only in number of schools and number of students participating but also in the type of events we offer at ACE. We will continue to offer the Regional Institutes (for families and students) and Campus Visits (Student field trips) but we have added programs such as School of Thought with a specific focus on career readiness. The Spring calendar is full of opportunity for you to learn about college readiness, career exploration as well as building student skills for success in high school and into college. We will be working closely with each college partner to add more events such as lectures, film viewings and sporting events...stay tuned.

The 10th grade Campus Visit is coming up in March. Please encourage your student/s to see their school liaison for a permission slip. Students will have an opportunity to visit a college classroom, each lunch on campus and explore the ins and outs of choosing a college major.

Please mark your calendar early to make room in your schedule to attend ACE events. The more you attend, the more you will learn about yourself (or your child) as you plan for the future.

As winter continues, we may have to make changes to our scheduled events or even cancel an event due to inclement weather. Please check the website for cancellations. It is important to fill out all registration forms completely and neatly so we can contact you if we do need to cancel an event.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to meeting you at our spring events.

Sincerely,

Jane Manning

ACE Coordinator