



access to college education

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Welcome to the start of a new semester! I am very excited to join the ACE community this fall, along with all the new ACE students and family members. Previously, I worked with students and their family throughout the first year of their college experience. Now I have the privileged of collaborating with the ACE high school counselors and local college representatives to support your journey. As I have begun to understand the unique opportunities ACE offers, I am energized by our pathway forward. This year, we will begin a review of the ACE program, which will focus on communication strategies, resource connections, and your experience. There will be some exciting new programs and expanded communication strategies coming your way, so please be sure to stay in contact during this transition.

I look forward to meeting you at the events this year!
Erica L Shockley



ACE NEWS:

Staffing Updates:

Erica L Shockley - ACE Coordinator
(Started July 2019)

Laura May - ACE Counselor
(continuing position)

Program Administrator - We are currently hiring for this position.

2019 ACE Participant Survey:

As part of the ACE program review, we will administer a survey to learn about your ACE experiences this fall. Watch for details coming soon.

ACE Seniors:

Seniors will receive information about the ACE Scholar and Outstanding Senior Award in the coming weeks. Details about this recognition process can be found on the website.

The Power of Play

Play empowers people to be flexible thinkers, creative, young-at-heart and free-spirited. It provides an opportunity for pure enjoyment and doesn't need structure. Play is free-flowing fun that unleashes our imagination. Kathleen Alfano

5 Ways to Play Every Day

- 1) Take a short, non-destination walk - maybe with your furry friend.
- 2) Sit calmly, listening to your breath for one-minute.
- 3) Doodle! Let your pencil flow, and the answer might just arrive.
- 4) Perform an act of kindness like placing a positive message sticky note on the bathroom mirror.
- 5) Build a homework (or reading) castle out of sheets and blankets.

Why? In addition to goal setting, communication, and reliability, the qualities of creativity, problem solving, and positive attitude are listed as top attributes of successful people - all fueled by play!

SAT/ACT Dates

Register now for your SAT or ACT Test

www.collegeboard.org
www.act.org

Discover colleges that do not require standardized tests at www.fairtest.org.



Event Sign-Up

- 1) Sign-up through the website calendar (preferred)
- 2) Call the Office: 607-753-5662
- 3) Email Us: ace@cortland.edu

*The ACE website will be updated by the first week in October.

Event Communication:

Confirmation of event attendance, logistics, and event cancellations will be shared via contact information provided on the event registration form.



ACE Scholar & Outstanding Senior Award

Recognizing seniors who have committed to the ACE experience

ACE Scholar Expectations

- Attend 12 qualifying ACE events: 8 required and 4 additional
- Maintain a B range GPA in high school

WHY? In addition to experiences that have prepared you for college, you will receive an ACE recommendation letter for your college application materials.

Outstanding Senior Award

- Qualify for ACE Scholar
- Attend 18 qualifying ACE events
- Senior year ACE participation
- Service to ACE community
- Complete award application

WHY? Two ACE Scholars are recognized with a \$500 scholarship for their dedication to the ACE experience in the spring.

A full list of ACE events and sign-up links will be available on the ACE website in October, including college fairs, theater productions, sporting events, and speakers.

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
9th Grade Campus Visit	10/10/19	9:15 a.m.	SUNY Cortland
Regional Institute*	10/30/19	6:30 p.m.	Homer High School
Regional Institute*	11/09/19	9:00 a.m.	Lansing High School
12th Grade Campus Visit	11/14/19	9:15 a.m.	SUNY Cortland

*Each Regional Institute will include an orientation program for new ACE students and family members. Please review the event description on the website for more information.

WHY ACE?

Whether you are just entering high school or preparing for your final year, ACE facilitates experiences that support students and family members as they:

EXPLORE passion areas that lead to academic exploration and career goals

LEARN academic and personal development skills you can apply now

MAKE informed decisions about your goals and pathway into college

CONNECT with financial and other college-prep resources

PREPARE for your college transition

