

*"I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all."
Simone Biles*



Access to College Education

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ACE NEWS

Orientation

All ACE students need to attend one orientation program as part of their ACE progression. For your convenience, you will find several virtual programs scheduled throughout the semester.

Recommitment Process

The survey is still open for you to complete your recommitment form. This ensures we have correct contact information and your program focus for this year's event planning.

Programs

This semester we will be offering a variety of virtual programs, including events offered by our four sponsoring institutions. Programs will vary the length of time to see what works best in your schedule. As, always please reach out with any questions or concerns!



Fall Greetings ACE Community!

Over the past year, we have been highlighting resiliency because you are **LIVING** resiliency right now. You are managing a lot of change, including issues that impact your future. Cultivating your super powers of adapting, evolving, and learning is vital to being successful. And I'm not talking about "winning." It's the quiet success of showing up for yourself, your family, and your community. So, thank you for being you!

You've been asking and we've been planning. Using your questions about the ACE program model, we have drafted a plan that outlines new opportunities and expectations. Watch out for focus groups and feedback surveys to discuss what, when, and how ACE programs fit into your schedule and specific college goals.

While we are disappointed to postpone our in-person events, we very much look forward to hosting the Campus Visits and other in-person experiences next semester. And we are equally excited to continue providing more programs to you in a virtual environment. This year, the program focus is on the college application process, career exploration, and a continuation of wellness experiences.

Warm Regards,
Erica L Shockley (she/her)
ACE Coordinator

Since 1989, ACE is a sponsored collaboration between Cornell University, Ithaca College, SUNY Cortland, and Tompkins Cortland Community College supporting upstate NY local school districts

Updated Fall '21 Programs

SUNY Women's Soccer Game
10/16/21 @ 1:00pm

SUNY Virtual College Fair
10/17/21 @ 5:00pm

College Bound-What you need to know to get started!
10/18/21 @ 7:30pm

NACAC Virtual College Fair
10/24/21 @ 1:00-6:00pm
11/2/21 @ 4:00-8:00pm (STEM and Arts Fair)

SUNY Men's Soccer Game
10/16/21 @ 1:00pm

What is a first-generation college student?
10/25/21 @ 7:30pm

ACE Orientation
10/28/21 @ 6:00pm

Living Resilient
11/19/21 @ 7:30pm

TC3 is hosting an in person College Fair on October 19. [Register Here](#) if you would like to attend.

In The Works

- Personal Statement Preparation
- College Athletics
- Career Exploration
- Financing College

A FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT can broadly be defined as being the first person in your family to attend a two-year or four-year college. It can also mean that you and your family are navigating the college application process without previous experience to guide you.

One of our goals is to build our local first-gen college student network, so that you have access to resources and information that will help you make the best decision for your college experience.

Curious if you might be a first-gen college student?

You are invited to join us on 10/25 to learn more about this new ACE experience.



Reminders:

Detailed program descriptions and registration forms are located on the [ACE website](#).

New programs are being added all the time; continue checking the ACE website.

If possible, please use a personal email address to avoid any firewall issues. Confirmation emails are sent to students and family members.

Certain programs require a post-event confirmation survey to receive ACE credit or have additional registration steps. These instructions are included in your registration confirmation email.

To cancel your event registration, email ace@cortland.edu as soon as possible.



ACE Senior Recognition



The ACE Scholar requirements for the graduation classes of 2021 are being updated to reflect the temporary change in number and scope of programs we have been able to offer during the pandemic.

Eligible seniors will receive detailed information about the ACE Scholar Recognition process in October.

We recognize your commitment to the ACE experience, and more importantly the intentional effort you have already given your college experience. This year we are planning programs geared to your college transition - stay tuned!

Register now for your
SAT or ACT

www.collegeboard.org

www.act.org

*The next registration deadline
is 10/8 and 11/4.

Discover colleges that do not
require standardized tests.

www.fairtest.org

New "LIVING" programs this year!
Living Resilient was our first, and we are
excited to add more juicy self-care practices
related to sleep and time management.



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

MAKE informed decisions about your goals for and pathway into college

LEARN academic and personal development skills you can apply now

CONNECT with financial and other college preparation resources

PREPARE for your college transition and life after high school

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