

Olean Middle School Goes to College

Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® Academic Year 2010 - 2011

This project stems from a federal College Access Challenge Grant (CAGG) awarded to the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (clcu), and Alfred University, Daemen College, and D'Youville College by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYSHESC). This project would not have been possible without the vision of Olean City School District Superintendent Colleen Taggerty and Olean Middle School Principal Gerald Trietley. The Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® project implemented in the 6th and 7th grades was a success due to the dedication of the Olean Middle School teachers (in particular the 6th grade Social Studies teachers and the 7th grade English teachers), school counselors, and school administration.

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About the Federal College Access Challenge Grant

New York's College Access Challenge Grant (CAGG) is administered by the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) to provide various college preparation programs focused on raising interest in and awareness of postsecondary education options.

The Sallie Mae Fund's Kids2College® curriculum was the platform for the activities that the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, Alfred University, and the Olean Middle School administration and counseling staff drew from to offer the college and career awareness program in Olean's 6th and 7th grades during the 2010 – 2011 school year.



Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® Collaborative Team

College Access Challenge Grant: Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® (C2K – K2C)

The Federal College Access Challenge Grant project is intended to provide information to students and families about postsecondary education, college preparedness, and career preparation. Outreach activities may promote financial aid education, inform middle school students about educational opportunities, and expose students to career planning workshops. In this grant project, students also had the opportunity to visit a local college (Alfred University) and participate in activities intended to encourage their future enrollment in a college or university.

C2K – K2C Grant Program Participants

- Olean Middle School, Olean City School District
- Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu)
- Alfred University
- The Sallie Mae Fund
- New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)



Olean Middle School

As part of the Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® program during the 2010-2011 school year the Olean Middle School 6th and 7th grade classes learned about colleges, careers, and how to prepare for college work.



Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu)

The Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu), an educational corporation formed under the New York State Regents, represents 112 independent colleges and universities across New York State. cIcu's outreach to schools and communities includes college awareness programs, workshops, and professional development, as well as publications and resources for students, parents, and schools about private independent higher education, college awareness, admissions, and financial aid. Available free of charge, publications and other resources can be accessed at www.nycolleges.org.

Alfred University

Alfred University is an independent university located in the Village of Alfred in Western New York. Alfred has a population of around 2,000 undergraduate students and 300 graduate students. The University offers programs in liberal arts and sciences, business and engineering. Alfred University is also home to the *Children and Youth Learning Initiative* (CYLI) program, which brings middle school students on campus for hands-on, educational programming. During the 2010-2011 academic year, coordinating with the CYLI and Alfred University's Education Division, Olean Middle School 6th and 7th grades visited Alfred at the conclusion of the C2K – K2C program. The 6th grade visited the University in November 2010 and the 7th grade visited in April 2011.



The Sallie Mae Fund, a charitable organization sponsored by Sallie Mae, achieves its mission – to increase college access for America's students – by supporting programs and initiatives that help open doors to higher education. The Fund supports employee volunteerism and community service in the communities where Sallie Mae employees live and work. Since 2001, The Fund has contributed more than \$123 million to address key barriers to college access and support the community, including its "Saving, Planning and Paying for College" and Kids2College® programs (www.salliemae.org).



New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

HESC, a state agency, helps students and their families pay for college. HESC administers the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and other state grants and scholarships. Some of HESC's services include providing information to students and families on postsecondary education benefits, college and career preparation, and understanding the connection between careers and the necessary coursework to get there. HESC administers the State's Federal College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) fund as well as the state's GEAR UP grant. HESC awarded the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu) and its partner colleges and universities, Alfred University, D'Youville College and Daemen College, a CACG grant to deliver the Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® program to selected middle school students in Western New York to promote college preparedness and college awareness.

“The Olean Middle School students who came to Alfred University had the opportunity to interact with and receive college advice from Alfred University students majoring in education. This program and the experience on a college campus helped the middle school students see that planning for their future is necessary and college is possible.”

– Chris Romanchock, Alfred University Professor and Children and Youth Learning Initiative Director

Expert Advice

Message from the Superintendent

Set Your College Goals Now!

by Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Olean School District Superintendent

The best time to set a goal of becoming a college graduate is right now! As middle school students, you are in the best position to explore various career options, initiate visits to college campuses, interview college students and graduates, and most importantly decide that you are going to be dedicated to your studies and extra-curricular activities.

Set your goal and then act in such a manner as to achieve that goal. Earning an academic degree from a postsecondary institution will expand your future job opportunities. Your future begins with the decisions you make now. I strongly encourage you to view education as a life-long endeavor and elect to continue your formal education after you graduate from high school. Starting with a goal in mind is the best place to begin your future.



Advice from your Principal, Mr. Trietley

The Importance of Looking Ahead and Setting Goals in Middle School

by Gerald Trietley, Olean Middle School Principal

Is it ever too early to start thinking about going to college? If you are in middle school you may or may not have started thinking about what you might want to do after high school. It is always a good idea to have goals in life and one goal you should be thinking about, even though you are only in middle school, is to attend college after you graduate from high school. With a college degree anything is possible. However, we all realize nothing truly worthwhile is easy to achieve and therefore it is wise to have a plan to ensure that your dreams and goals of attending college become a reality. The nice thing about being a middle schooler is that you have plenty of time to get all your questions answered about college and to start thinking about what you might want to do for a job when you graduate from college. Let's look at 25 questions you can think about to get you started with your goal of attending college in the future.

Middle School to College: 25 Questions to Get You There

1. What is college?
2. What is a major?
3. Why should I go to college?
4. What do people do at college?
5. How much does college cost?
6. What is a roommate?
7. What kind of high school diploma do I need to go to college?
8. What is a scholarship?
9. How long does a person go to college?
10. What is an Associate's degree?
11. What is a Bachelor's degree?
12. What is a Master's degree?
13. What is a Doctoral degree?
14. What is the difference between a public and private college?
15. What is a university?
16. Do I want to go to a big or small college?
17. Do I want to go to a college close to my hometown or one far away?
18. Do I want to go to college in a big city?
19. Can I learn about different colleges online?
20. When should someone start to visit colleges?
21. What is financial aid?
22. Can I play sports in college?
23. Do colleges have bands and orchestras?
24. How many days a year do you go to college?
25. What is a semester?

If all of these questions seem overwhelming, don't worry at all. There are hundreds of questions you will want to find the answers to before you go to college. Make going to college a goal now as a middle schooler, and by the time you graduate from high school, you will have the answers to your questions and be on your way to getting your college degree.

The Colleges2Kids – Kids2College®: College Access Challenge Grant-Funded Program

The Kids2College® Curriculum

Research indicates that middle school is the best time to help students to begin making connections between careers, future earnings and dreams for higher education. The path to college requires planning and preparation. In existence since 1992, the Kids2College® college and career awareness curriculum was developed in consultation with the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships and incorporates best practices and research.

The six-session Kids2College® program combines hands-on activities with information on careers, college life and academic preparation and the importance of being college ready. Student handbooks and a companion teacher's guide are used with the program in the classroom. The program concludes with a group visit to a local college campus – in this program, to Alfred University – to bring the college experience to life.



Olean Middle School 7th graders building a catapult for a competition during the visit at Alfred University.



Olean Middle School 7th grade students tour the Alfred University campus.

Raising College Awareness

At the start of the Kids2College® program, students complete a pre-survey that asks questions about their knowledge of college, their understanding of the college process, and their plans for their future. At the end of the program, students complete a post-survey with similar questions. Students' responses in their pre-survey and post-survey are compared to assess what they have learned and any changes in their attitudes toward preparing for and participating in college and careers.

Sample questions from the pre-survey and post-survey include:

- What are your immediate plans after high school?
- Have you visited a college before?
- Can you see yourself graduating from college in ten years?
- Will knowing your learning style help you do well in your classes?
- What career do you want to have when you become an adult and why?
- What do you need to do now and in the future to get to that career?
- Is middle school too early to start a college savings account?
- What college major interests you?
- Name five colleges you would like to attend.

“This is definitely a positive program that plants seeds early and lets students know that anyone can go to college if they desire.”

– Mrs. Paula Harris, Parent

Sample Kids2College®: Lessons

- Lesson One – Education Options
 - College Vocabulary
 - Degree Information
 - Vocational School
 - Salary
- Lesson Two – Career Exploration
 - College Vocabulary
 - Career Options
 - Postsecondary Education
- Lesson Three – I'm Going to College
 - College Vocabulary
 - SAT/ACT
 - Learning Styles
 - Extracurricular Activities
- Lesson Four – Paying for College
 - College Vocabulary
 - FAFSA
 - Financial Aid
 - Grants
 - Loans
 - Scholarships
 - Work Study
- Lesson Five – Connecting Colleges and Careers
 - Preparation for Career Day
- Lesson Six – Career Day
 - Career Day Presentations
 - College Visit Preparation
- College Campus Visit to Alfred University

Olean Middle School 6th Grade: Getting Ready for College

In the Fall 2010, the program was taught to all 6th grade students in their social studies classes. Mr. Chuck Bauer coordinated the lessons for the Orange Team and Mrs. Andrea Bean coordinated the program for the Red Team. The lessons were taught two days a week for six weeks. After all sessions were completed, the teams traveled to Alfred University on Thursday, November 18, 2010, and Friday, November 19, 2010—nearly 175 6th graders, teachers, counselors, school administrators and parents!

The Importance of Planning Ahead

Being prepared for college—academically and financially—requires planning. The courses students take in middle school and later in high school build on one another, each one leading to the next, higher-level, courses. And, research has shown that students who take algebra and geometry in middle school or early high school are more likely to go to college. Enrolling in those courses early and following a sequence of courses will save a student time and money.

Why is that? Well, algebra prepares students for higher-level math courses and for science courses such as biology, chemistry, and physics. Completing those courses in high school helps students prepare for college work and gets them on track to begin the courses in their selected major. For instance, a student studying to become an engineer or math teacher often needs to complete calculus or other advanced math before entering college. Students who have not yet successfully completed the preparatory work will need to catch up, spending extra time and money to take the required courses. Core courses—math, sciences, English, languages—are very important, but so are electives that allow students to explore other interests and nurture special talents. Help your children find what they are passionate about and encourage them to pursue those interests.

Olean Middle School 6th Graders' College Knowledge

The C2K-K2C program took place in the Fall 2010 with the 6th grade class.

Before the program started, there were many students who were undecided about college plans. After the program, attitudes changed, with more students expressing a desire to attend college.

Students also showed a considerable shift in their understanding of financial aid opportunities to help pay for college. There

was an 80 percent increase in the number of students who believed that middle school is not too soon to begin to plan and save for college.

Post-survey responses showed that students had an increased understanding that the grades they obtain in middle school and high school will affect their future goals.

Post-survey results also demonstrated that students had a better understanding of the courses they will need to take in high school to be ready for college.



Olean Middle School 6th graders, Career Day participants, and teachers pose for a picture after the completion of 6th grade Career Day.



School Resource Officer Jason Hlasnick explains how his job is different from an officer who works on the streets.



Olean City Fireman Donnie Carpenter explains his job to students interested in becoming firemen.

Olean Middle School 6th Grade: Getting Ready for College

My favorite part of the C2K - K2C program was...

Going to Alfred University.

–Boston Abdo

Picking my job.

–Skyla Chapman

*Career day. I liked watching what other
kids wanted to be.*

–Hannah Stayer



Dr. Tracy Ludden, an optometrist, explains the human eye to Olean Middle School 6th graders during Career Day.

“The Kids2College® trip (to Alfred University) was both fun and informative. Students had the opportunity to view a college setting, meet college students, visit classrooms, and enjoy a delicious lunch at one of the Alfred University dining halls. The middle school students were led around campus by college students and given valuable information about work study programs and scholarships. This program gave the middle school students a ‘true college experience’ and hopefully demonstrated how fun and rewarding a college education can be.”

– Mrs. Paula Harris, Parent



Sixth grader Andrew Burczunski leaves the first Career Day presentation to attend the second session.

During the C2K - K2C program, I learned...

That although it may be hard, it is possible to go to college.

–Adam Moses

How to save money, work hard, and study hard so I get into a good college.

–Kaleigh A.

That it is important to get good grades, act appreciative, and know what you want to be before you go to college.

–Brianna Curtin

Career Day

Professionals located in and around the Olean City School District volunteered their time to come to Olean Middle School to talk with 6th grade students about their careers. During the Career Day at Olean Middle School, 6th grade students were able to choose three career presentations from a list of 12 presenters. Following the professional career presentations, students chose a career and created their own presentations to share with their classmates and teachers.

Career Day Presenters

- Ron DaPolito, Accountant
- Robert Ketchner, Auto Mechanic
- Donnie Carpenter, Fireman/Paramedic
- Mark Wenke, Forester
- David Carucci, Former Olean City Mayor
- Celeste Lamb, Nurse
- Dr. Tracy Ludden, Optometrist
- Officer Jay Hlasnick, Police Officer
- Dr. Tom Delaney, Psychologist
- Linda Bess and Dee Bush, Secretary
- Coach Sean McNamee, Sports Coach
- Dr. Hill, Physician



Olean Middle School Guidance Secretary Mrs. Dee Bush and the Principal's Secretary Ms. Linda Bess answer questions posed by 6th graders during Career Day.

“In the end, every student has a picture of themselves in a cap and gown, and under that picture is the degree they will someday earn and the name of the institution they will attend. It goes on the fridge to look at for the next six years. That is powerful stuff.”

– Chuck Bauer, 6th Grade Social Studies teacher

The courses I will take to be ready for college are:

Technology which I will take in high school.

–Owen Trudeau

Math, science, social studies reading and ELA. I will focus a lot on math and science because I want to be a pharmacist.

–Noelle Anzvine

Biology and other classes that will help me prepare for a career working with animals.

–Shannon McNamee

I will take classes about diseases and child behavior.

–Alison Monroe



Mr. Robert Ketchner answers a student's question about being an auto mechanic during 6th Grade Career Day.



Mr. David Carucci, former Olean mayor, explains the challenges and rewards of a career in politics and government to OMS 6th graders during Career Day.

It is important to think about college in middle school because...

It's never too early to plan for your future.

–Andrew B.

You can think about what classes you are going to take.

–Thomas Benjamin

You can get ready for the life ahead of you.

–Monty Shoemaker

You can prepare and see what you're going to face and you can begin to prepare for college now.

–Antonio Belvees

Alfred University C2K – K2C 6th Grade Campus Visit Agenda: Fall 2010

- 9:00 am Students from Olean Middle School arrive at Alfred University
- 9:15 am Students are separated into smaller groups based on interests
- 9:30 am Students depart for classes/workshops in their first groups. Class/workshop offerings include:
 - Photography Exploration and Printing Class
 - Sports Complex Tour and Exploration of College Sports Session
 - Equestrian Center Tour and Horse Grooming Session
 - Theater Tour and Theater Activities Class
- 10:25 am Students transition to second class or session (same offerings as above)
- 11:25 am Students divide into 2 groups. Group 'A' has lunch in the college cafeteria; Group 'B' attends a session on "Paying for College"
- 12:30 pm Groups 'A' and 'B' switch
- 1:25 pm Students depart



Mr. Mark Wenke explains what a day is like as a forester.

Olean Middle School 7th Grade: Getting Ready for College

In the Spring 2011, the program was taught to all 7th grade students in their English classes. Mrs. Heather Billings directed the Blue Team and Mrs. Jennifer Mathieson coordinated the Yellow Team. The lessons were taught two days a week for six weeks. After all sessions were completed, the teams traveled to Alfred University on Thursday, April 28, 2011, and Friday, April 29, 2011 – nearly 200 7th graders, teachers, counselors, school administrators and parents!

Olean Middle School 7th Graders' College Knowledge

The Olean Middle School 7th grade class completed the Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® (C2K – K2C) college and career awareness curriculum in Spring 2011. Over six weeks, students learned about college preparation, college planning, and the educational requirements to meet their goals. All of the students, along with some of their teachers, staff, Principal Trietley, and several parents spent the day learning about life at Alfred University. To discover whether students' knowledge of college and careers changed after the C2K – K2C program, students completed two surveys – one before the program (“pre-survey”) and one after the visit to Alfred University (“post-survey”). A comparison of the pre- to post-surveys shows that the number of students who originally did not intend to or did not want to go to college decreased considerably.

The 7th grade post-surveys point to an increase in students' knowledge of career paths and occupations. For example, students who expressed an initial interest in becoming an “electrical technician” changed their career goal to that of an “electrical engineer”

following their participation in the program. Other students who initially expressed general interest in “working in the medical field” defined their interest further by indicating, for example, their plan to be an “orthopedic surgeon.”

The Colleges2Kids – Kids2College® grant program appears to have significantly changed 7th grade students' perceptions of paying for college. The post-survey shows a shift in the number of students who have an understanding of the various financial aid resources available to help them pay for college. There was also a shift in the number of students who agree that middle school is not too early to start thinking about college and that the grades they earn in middle school will affect their coursework in high school.

Alfred University Campus Visit Coordinators

- Christopher Romanchock, Alfred University Professor, Division of Human Studies; Director, Children and Youth Initiative
- Ann Monroe-Baillargeon, Alfred University Chair- Education Department
- Becky Prophet, Alfred University Professor, Theater Department
- Nancy Kohler, Alfred University Equestrian Center Director
- Garret McGowan, Alfred University Professor, Chemistry
- Marlene Wightman, Alfred University Director of Outreach Programs, College of Ceramics



Olean Middle School 7th grade students in a music class at Alfred University.

“The Kids2College® curriculum is perfectly geared to middle school students. The best part was the discussion the lessons created. I feel as though my students were able to ask important questions, and I was able to answer those questions from my own personal college experiences. These questions ranged from “What are the showers like in a dorm?” to “How will I know which classes to take?” Not only do my students understand the basics of what they need to do to get into college, but the program also gave them an opportunity to voice their fears and concerns. My hope is that I was able to clear up some of their misconceptions and make attending college an attainable goal for all my students.”

– Jennifer Mathieson, 7th grade English teacher and C2K – K2C Olean Middle School liaison



7th grade Olean Middle School students visiting the Alfred University Sports Complex.

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 - Sports Complex Tour and Exploration of College Sports session
 - Equestrian Center Tour and Horse Grooming session
 - Catapult Activity
 - Planting and Gardening Program
 - Chemistry Activity
 - Music Program
- 10:25 am Students transition to second class or session (see offerings as above)
- 11:25 am Students divide into 2 groups. Group 'A' has lunch in the college cafeteria; Group 'B' attends a session on "Paying for College"
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My favorite part of the C2K - K2C program was...

Going to Alfred University and learning about different careers, sports, classes, and college costs. I think that the program was fun and full of information and I would love to do it again.

–Forrest Smucinski

Learning about what courses I need to take to accomplish my goals.

–Davin Maull

When I learned about all the different colleges because now I know where I might go to college.

–Kasandra Conley

When we used the graphic organizer to form questions about college. It helped me realize what I wanted to know about college.

–Leah Bush



A 7th grade team working on their catapult for a competition at Alfred University.



Olean Middle School 7th Graders: Nick Singh, Noah Carlson, Adam Moore, Noah Bartholomew, Lucas Mehmel, and Tyler Isaman learn about the costs associated with college during a presentation at Alfred University.

Olean Middle School 7th Grade: Getting Ready for College

During the C2K - K2C program, I learned...

That going to college can help me achieve my career goals because most jobs require a college degree.

–Samuel Carson

New things about college that I never knew before about saving money and preparing for college.

–Gabby Huff

A lot from the visit to Alfred University, which showed me what college will be like when I go.

–Anisah Chauhdry

That going to college is important because I can't become a doctor right after I graduate from high school.

–Kyle Howard



The chemistry class "blowing things up" during the Alfred University campus visit.

The courses I will take to be ready for college are:

I will have to take a lot of science and math along with other courses to get into the science field.

–Ivy Cammarata

I will take college prep courses and classes that will help me stay on track for the career I want.

–Bridget Havens

Photography and Art to reach my goal.

–Chris Hillyer

English, math, science, and social studies to become a kindergarten teacher.

–Casi Stolz

It is important to think about college in middle school because...

I'll talk often about the future and set goals now. I will explore future careers, and I will have responsibilities and have good study habits.

–Ann Tarbox

You can learn what classes you need to take in high school to prepare for college and college costs a lot of money so starting a college fund in middle school is a good idea.

–Lyndsey Churakas

Going to college will help me get to my career goals. College is the place where everyone wants to help you get to the top and the teachers help you succeed. In college, they get you ready to achieve your career goals.

–Michaela McCall



A workshop on percussion instruments during the campus visit at Alfred University.



A presentation during the campus visit at Alfred University on paying for college.

Preparing for the Future

Alfred University's Summer Programs for Teens and Pre-Teens

Each summer Alfred University offers pre-high school and high school students an opportunity to come to campus to explore new interests and enhance special academic or sports talents and skills. Visit www.alfred.edu/summer/hs.cfm or call 607.871.2612 for more information.

Institutes

- **Art Portfolio "How to get into a Top Art School":** For entering high school juniors and seniors
- **Astronomy:** For entering high school sophomores - seniors
- **Consumer Chemistry:** For ages 14-17
- **Computer Engineering:** For ages 12-17
- **Creative Writing:** For entering sophomores - seniors
- **Entrepreneurship:** For entering high school sophomores - seniors
- **Theater:** For students entering grades 10-12
- **Robotics Engineering:** For students entering grades 10-12

Additional Academic Camps

- **Confucius Institute:** Chinese Language and Culture Day Camp: For ages 7-16
- **Elementary Engineering Day Camp:** Morning session for students who have completed grades 1, 2, or 3.; Afternoon session for students who have completed grades 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8
- **Theater Day Camps:** For students who have completed grades 3-9

Sports Camps

- **Equestrian Residential Camp:** For ages 14-17; Day Camps: For ages 8-16
- **Swim Camp:** Residential or day program for competitive swimmers entering grades 7-12
- **Tennis Skills Camp:** Day Camp for students entering grades 7-12

Free College Information for Middle School Students: www.nycolleges.org/resources.php

The publications below were produced as part of a federal College Access Challenge Grant (CAGG) awarded to the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CIcu) by the Higher Education Services Corporation (NYSHESC). The grant provides the majority of the budget for these publications. The publications are available for free at www.nycolleges.org/resources.php.

- **Making College Possible:** Helpful tips on beginning the college search, college admissions, and financial aid resources.
- **Getting 2 College booklet (English and Spanish):** A dual English/Spanish publication to help middle school students and families start thinking about college.
- **Getting 2 College - A Guide for Families:** A guide for middle school students and families with tips on paying for college, factors in the admission decision, NYS Regents Diploma requirements and a helpful timeline for college preparedness from middle to high school.
- **Paying for College/Como pagar la universidad:** A one-page, concise guide for parents of middle-schoolers about saving and paying for college.
- **Middle School to College/Escuela intermedia hasta la universidad:** A brief timeline of the path from middle school to postsecondary education.
- **Set the Bar High. Expect the Best/ Establezcan metas altas. Esperen lo mayor:** A quick guide on the importance of academics in middle school and their impact on high school and college success.

Resources for More Information

www.nycolleges.org

New York's 100+ private colleges and universities' admissions and financial aid information Web site.

www.knowhow2go.org

A resource for college planning starting in middle school.

www.nycareerzone.org

For information on developing a career plan.

www.hesc.org

For information on Tuition Assistance Program, NYHELPS and other NYS grants and scholarships.

www.studentaid.ed.gov

The Federal Student Aid Information Center provides information on Pell Grants and other federal grants and scholarships.

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Provides students and families with an opportunity to estimate eligibility for federal student aid.

www.finaid.org

Comprehensive information about financial aid with online aid estimators.

www.nysaves.org

New York's 529 College Savings Program provides information for families to save for college with significant tax benefits.

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Getting to College Starts Now

Families want the best for their children. That usually includes dreams of a college education. A college education expands an individual's knowledge and skills and it also

brings greater job opportunities and the chance to earn more over a lifetime than someone with only a high school diploma. Employers increasingly aim to hire individuals

with a college degree. Making the right choices now and through high school will open up possibilities that are not available without a college education.

Looking Ahead: 100+ Private Colleges and Universities to Choose From!

Adelphi University	Crouse Hospital School of Nursing	Le Moyne College	Niagara University	St. Joseph's College of Nursing at
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	The Culinary Institute of America	Long Island College Hospita School of Nursing	Nyack College	St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center
Albany Law School	D'Youville College	Long Island University	Pace University	St. Lawrence University
Albany Medical College	Daemen College	Manhattan College	Paul Smith's College	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Alfred University	Dominican College	Manhattan School of Music	Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing	Syracuse University
American Academy McAllister Institute	Dorothea Hopfer School of Nursing	Manhattanville College	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	Teachers College, Columbia University
Bank Street College of Education	Dowling College	Maria College	Pratt Institute	Touro College
Bard College	Elmira College	Marist College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Trocaire College
Barnard College	Excelsior College	Marymount Manhattan College	Richard Gilder Graduate School at the American Museum of Natural History	Union College
Boricaua College	Finger Lakes Health College of Nursing	Medaille College	Roberts Wesleyan College	Union Graduate College
Bramson ORT College	Fordham University	Memorial Hospital School of Nursing	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rochester
Canisius College	Hartwick College	Mercy College	The Rockefeller University	Utica College
Cazenovia College	Helene Fuld College of Nursing	Metropolitan College of New York	The Sage Colleges	Vassar College
Clarkson University	Hilbert College	Molloy College	Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
Cochran School of Nursing	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Mount Saint Mary College	Sarah Lawrence College	Villa Maria College of Buffalo
Colgate University	Hofstra University	Nazareth College	Siena College	Wagner College
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Houghton College	The New School	Skidmore College	Watson School of Biological Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
The College of New Rochelle	Institute of Design and Construction	New York Chiropractic College	St. Bonaventure University	Webb Institute
The College of Saint Rose	Iona College	New York College of Podiatric Medicine	St. Elizabeth College of Nursing	Wells College
Columbia University	Ithaca College	New York Institute of Technology	St. Francis College	Yeshiva University
Concordia College	Jewish Theological Seminary	New York Medical College	St. John Fisher College	
Cooper Union	Keuka College	New York School of Interior Design	St. John's University	
Cornell University	The King's College	New York University	St. Joseph's College	