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COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

New York's College Goal Sunday is a service project of the [New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association](#) (NYSFAAA) and the [New York State Higher Education Services Corp.](#) (NYSHESC), the state financial aid agency. It is a program that helps students and families who need assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other financial aid forms, with a particular focus on helping low-income, first-generation families.

Funded through a grant from the [Lumina Foundation](#) and supported by funds from the federal College Access Challenge Grant, College Goal Sunday will host online application help sessions at 15 locations across

New York State. For more information on and directions to the College Goal Sunday locations listed below, visit:

<http://www.collegegoalsundayny.com/Locations.aspx>

- **Bronx - February 8: 11am - 4pm**
Lehman High School
- **Brooklyn - February 8: 12pm - 4pm**
Medgar Evers College
- **Brooklyn-on-the-Bay - February 6: 1pm - 4pm**
High School of Telecommunication Arts & Technology
- **Buffalo - February 7: 10am - 2pm**
Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts
- **Fort Plain - February 8: 11am - 3pm**
Fort Plain High School
- **Jamestown - February 8: 1pm - 3pm**
Falconer High School
- **Manhattan - February 8: 1pm - 4pm**
A. Philip Randolph Campus High School @ CCNY
- **Nassau - February 8: 10:30am - 12:30pm**
Hempstead High School
- **New Rochelle - February 8: 12pm - 4pm**
New Rochelle High School
- **Niagara Falls - February 17: 1:30pm - 6pm**
Niagara Falls High School

WARNING: Be wary of organizations that charge fees to submit applications or to find scholarship and grant money for college. Help can be found for free from your school, local college, or from federal student aid.

- **Queens - February 8: 12pm - 4pm**
John Bowne High School
- **Rochester - February 8: 1pm - 4pm**
East High School
- **Staten Island - February 8: 10am**
Wagner College
- **Suffolk - February 8: 1pm - 4pm**
Brentwood High School
- **Syracuse - February 8: 1pm - 4pm**
George Fowler High School
- **Troy - February 8: 1pm - 4pm**
Troy High School
- **Yonkers - February 8: 12pm - 4pm**
Lincoln High School

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

FAFSA4Caster

<http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/index.htm>

FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process by providing you with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid. In addition, FAFSA4caster will increase your knowledge of the financial aid process and provide information about other sources of aid.

U.S. Department of Education - FAFSA

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>

U.S. Department of Education site for completing the FAFSA online. Also contains information about all Federal Student Aid programs.

Counselors and Mentors Handbook 2009-10

<http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov>

Produced by the U.S. Department of Education, the handbook provides counselors information on Federal Student Aid.

FastWeb Scholarship Search

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

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Phone: 518.436.4781. **Fax:** 518.433.8825

www.nycolleges.org - Admission and financial aid information for students, families, and counselors.
www.cicu.org - Higher education information for policymakers.

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A SELECTION OF 2009 OPEN HOUSE DATES

New York State's 100+ independent (private) colleges and universities encourage you to visit. There is no better way to find the college that is right for you. The colleges and universities listed below have scheduled special "Open House" days, weekends or activities. Contact any of the colleges for more details and to make arrangements for your campus visits. You'll find addresses, phone numbers, e-mail and Web links to the campuses in our Campus Profiles: <http://www.nycolleges.org/profiles.php>.

Canisius College

Saturday visits available on February 7, 28; March 7, April 18, 25; and May 9. Visits begin at 10am with a tour at 11am. Call toll-free 800.843.1517 or 716.888.2200.

Cazenovia College

Weekly appointments are available Mon. - Fri. 9:00am to 3:00pm. Call toll-free 800.654.3210 or 315.655.7208.

College of Mount Saint Vincent

Information Sessions include a comprehensive presentation about all divisions of the college, student and faculty presentations and a Tour of Campus. Sessions begin at 10:30am. Interviews and tours of the campus are offered Mon. through Fri. at 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm. For information, call toll-free 800.665.CMSV or 718.405.3267.

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art

For Architecture: To schedule a tour, please call the School of Architecture at 212-353-4220 during the academic year. For Art: Cooper Union actively participates in fairs sponsored by The National Portfolio Day Association (www.npda.org). For other tour information send an e-mail to admissions@cooper.edu.

Cornell University

Cornell University conducts campus tours seven days a week all year long without appointment. To learn more about campus visitation options and events, please call us (607.255.5241) or click http://cornell.edu/visiting/ithaca/walking_tours.cfm. Alternatively, find out when Cornell will be in your neighborhood: <http://www.admissions.cornell.edu/seasonal/events/>.

Daemen College

- Sat., Apr. 25: Spring Open House.
 - Many visit opportunities: Weekday Individual Interview, Sat. Groups Sessions, Open House, Senior Visit Day, Experience Daemen Days and Scholar's Day.
- Call toll-free 800.462.7652 or 716.839.8225.

Dominican College

Tours available Mon. through Fri. and selected Saturdays. Call in advance so we can make arrangements: toll free 1-844-4DC-INFO or contact us at admissions@dc.edu.

Hartwick College

During the fall, tours are available every hour from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interviews are available throughout. Call toll-free 888.HARTWICK or 607.431.4150.

Hilbert College

- Feb. 7, 2009 and Mar. 7, 2009: Sat. Morning Tours - 10:30am in Franciscan Hall
 - Mar. 12, 2009: Criminal Justice and Forensic Science/CSI Visit Night - 6:00pm in Bogel Hall
 - Apr. 25, 2009: Spring Open House - 10:30am, Swan Auditorium
- Call toll-free 800.649.8003 or 716.649.7900 x211.

Hofstra University

- Sun., Apr. 26, 2009: Spring Open House - Check-in begins at 9:00am, Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus.
- Information Sessions and Tours: Admission information sessions are offered Mon. through Fri. at 10:15am and 2:00pm. Each session is followed by a guided campus tour at 11:15am and 3:00pm.
- On Saturdays information sessions begin at 9:30 and 11:00am, with tours at 10:30am and noon. All sessions and tours begin at the Office of Admission located in Bernon Hall.

To reserve a place at one of these events, please visit hofstra.edu/admissionevent or call 1-800-HOFSTRA.

Ithaca College

The Ithaca College Office of Admission conducts General Campus, Park School of Communications, and School of Business tours through most of the year. We also offer group discussions and personal appointments with an admission counselor on select days as well. We strongly encourage that you contact our office ahead of time to confirm our visit offerings. To view the most current visit options, view our Visit Page at the following link: <http://www.ithaca.edu/admission/visit.php> or call toll-free 800.429.4274 or 607.274.3124.

Long Island University

To view upcoming admissions events click on the link below or call for more information toll-free: 800-LIU-PLAN or 516-299-2900. www.liu.edu/admissionsevents.

Marymount Manhattan College

Mar. 21, 2009, Spring 2009 Open House: Sat. from 11:00am - 5:00pm. Visit <http://www.mmm.edu/contact/indexopenhouse.html> to register or call toll-free 800.MARYMOUNT or 212.517.0430.

Molloy College

Apr. 26, 2009: Open House - 1:00pm. Call toll-free 888.4MOLLOY or 516.678.5000 x6230.

New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)

Transfer Tuesdays at all campuses, every Tues. from 11:00am-7:00pm. Call 212.261.1508 for information.

Niagara University

- Feb. 16, 2009, Mar. 16, 2009, and Apr. 17, 2009 are Discovery Days (mini-open houses). Registration is in the Castellani Art Museum.
 - Tours and meetings with an Admissions Counselor available by appointment Mon. through Fri. and select Saturdays.
- Call 1-800-642-2111 or visit www.niagara.edu for more information or to register for an event.

Nyack College

To arrange a personal campus visit call 1-800-33-NYACK. Schedule your visit as far in advance as possible. For School of Music programs: auditions are held on any weekday by special appointment. Please call 845-675-4MUS.

Rochester Institute of Technology

Weekday group presentations are offered June to December and on select weeks in Feb. and Apr. at 10:00am and 2:00pm (with campus tour available), and Individual Counselor Appointments from 9:00am to 3:15pm (with campus tours available). Register for programs at: www.admissions.rit.edu or call 585.475.6631 or TTY admissions phone 585.475.6700.

Siena College

Personal interviews and tours are available Mon. through Fri. Call 888.AT.SIENA to schedule a convenient day and time.

St. Bonaventure University

Campus Visits and Interviews are offered Mon. - Fri., 9:30am to 2:30pm. Reservations are required. Please let us know of your plans to visit by calling toll-free 1-800-462-5050 preferably one to two weeks in advance, but a minimum of two business days in advance, so we can make arrangements before you arrive.

St. John Fisher College

Register for programs on-line at <http://www.sjfc.edu/admissions> or call toll-free 800.444.4640 or 585.385.8064.

- Sat., Jan. 31, 2009, 1:00pm – 5:00pm: Winter Open House for High School Juniors and Seniors.
- Sat. Information Sessions from 10:00am or 12:00pm: Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, Apr. 4, Apr. 25 – programs include a one-hour Freshman Admissions presentation and a full campus tour.
- Weekday Information Sessions available most Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00pm – 5:00pm Jan. through Mar. include a full campus tour and Freshman Admissions presentation.
- Presidents' Week Information Sessions at 10:00am and 1:00pm Feb. 16 – Feb. 20 include a Freshman Admissions presentation and full campus tour.
- Junior Visit Days with morning and afternoon information sessions and campus tours are offered during the high school spring break weeks (Apr. 13 – Apr. 24). Visit <http://sjfc.edu/admissions/> for details.

St. Thomas Aquinas College

Tours are offered daily Mon. through Fri. and selected Saturdays. Please call the Admissions Hotline at (845) 398-4100.

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) New York State NACAC College Fairs 2008-2009 (www.nacacnet.org)

- *Rochester*: Friday, March 13, 9:00am - 12:00pm; Saturday, March 14, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Rochester Riverside Convention Center
- *Syracuse*: Sunday, March 15, 1:00pm - 4:00pm; Monday, March 16, 9:00am-12:00pm, County Convention Center at OnCenter
- *Buffalo*: Tuesday, March 17, 9:00am - 1:00pm; 6:00pm - 8:30pm; Wednesday, March 18, 9:00am-12:00pm, Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
- *New York*: Sunday, March 29, 11:00am -5:00pm, Jacob K. Javits Contention Center