

September 2020

To the Parent/Guardian(s) and Students in the Class of 2021,

Greetings! The School Counseling Department is hosting a two-part seminar series this fall designed specifically to prepare the Class of 2021 for their lives after graduation from Charter Arts. As a senior and especially if your post-graduation plans include applying to a community college or a four-year college/university - these two seminars are for you!

One of our goals as a School Counseling Department is to offer these two seminars in advance of most college application deadlines and the opening of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) filing window. The first seminar targets how one should navigate the college application process while the second is designed to address how one applies for financial aid and scholarships. Please reserve the following dates in your calendars to join us for these two seminars:

Seminar #1

It's Time: Applying to College

Thursday September 24, 2020 @ 7pm via Google Meet or Zoom

Presenters: Mrs. Stephanie Covelle, Ms. McKenna Bast, Ms. Bryanna Dennison, and Ms. Kyra Naugle

Seminar #2

Thursday October 1, 2020 @ 5:15pm via Google Meet or Zoom

An Evening About the FAFSA, Institution Granted Financial Assistance, and Scholarships

Presenters: Mrs. Stephanie Covelle and guest speaker: Mr. Michael Burke (Access Partner with PHEAA)

The first seminar, *It's Time: Applying to College* intends to cover the following topics:

- Using Naviance/Family Connection
- The Common Application
- Application Requirements (i.e. SAT, SAT IIs, ACT, and AP exam scores)
- Requesting one's Official Transcripts and sending them to colleges
- The Application Essay
- Recommendation Letters
- Campus Visits and Admissions Interviews
- Artistic Auditions and Portfolio Reviews

Mission Statement

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.

The second seminar, *An Evening About the FAFSA, Institution Granted Financial Aid and Scholarships* presentation includes:

- The online FAFSA application
- The CSS Profile
- Institution granted financial assistance, as well as merit-based and private scholarships
- An overview of financial aid terminology

In compliance with CDC guidelines and Charter Arts' decision to begin the 2020-2021 school year remotely, both of these seminars will be held virtually. Therefore, we are asking that all who wish to attend these seminars RSVP by completing our Google Form "[RSVP to the School Counseling Department's post-HS planning Seminars for the Class of 2021](#)" which can be found under both the Students & Families tabs of our website (www.charterarts.org), by selecting Counseling Team Resources. Please RSVP at least 24 hours before each event to ensure confirmation of your attendance by email invitation to the Google Meet or Zoom meeting. Should you need additional assistance with registering for either or both of these events, please contact Mr. Stephen Krock, Administrative Assistant to the Counseling Suite by calling (610) 868 - 2971 (ext. 2425) or via email at skrock@charterarts.org.

The School Counseling Department of Charter Arts and in partnership with Mr. Michael Burke of PHEAA are excited to have you attend to these two events and trust that you will find them informative and relevant. Please note that the FAFSA filing window opens on October 1st; therefore, we have planned this presentation to equip you with the knowledge to file the FAFSA and successfully meet deadlines for institution-based aid. We hope to see all of you at both seminar presentations. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Finally, best wishes to each and every senior in their final year at Charter Arts!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stephanie H. Covelle, Director of Specialized Services
Ms. McKenna Bast, School Counselor (Student Last Names A - F)
Ms. Bryanna Dennison (Student Last Names G - N)
Ms. Kyra Naugle (Student Last Names O - Z)