Greetings, Scholars and Families -

We had a busy month in November, including our visit to the Share Food warehouse, where Penn Talent Search packaged more than 700 boxes of nonperishable items for neighbors in need. Thank you to this group of hard-working high-school students!

Read on for information on another upcoming community service activity, college planning tips, scholarships, and more. Have questions or need assistance? Email us any time at vpse.talentsearch@upenn.edu.

Cards, Cookies & Cocoa

All Talent Search scholars are invited to join us for Cards, Cookies, and Cocoa, where we will make cards for senior citizens and enjoy some sweet winter treats. This event is for grades 6 through 12!

DATE: Saturday, December 9
TIME: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
LOCATION: On campus at Penn

Refreshments will be served. All students who attend and participate in card-making will receive a letter documenting their participation.
Sign up at the link below no later than **Wednesday, December 6**.

**Click here to sign up today!**

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**College Corner: FAFSA Preview & Regular Decision**

High school seniors are invited to join Talent Search Counselor Ms. Sofia for College Corner. At this month’s session, we’ll cover the new FAFSA date and changes to federal aid, what to get done in December, and a checklist for Regular Decision deadlines.

**Wednesday, December 20**
6:00 to 7:00 pm
FOCUS: FAFSA Preview and Regular Decision Applications

Join on Zoom: [https://upenn.zoom.us/j/92476792898?pwd=UHlmZlhvdFU2NTUrUzJ5VEVJbVdZ09](https://upenn.zoom.us/j/92476792898?pwd=UHlmZlhvdFU2NTUrUzJ5VEVJbVdZ09)

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**Last-Minute College Application Help**

Attention high school seniors! TS Counselor Ms. Sofia is here to help with your college applications and essays, but please be reminded, our last day in the office before winter break is Friday, December 22.

Plan ahead and get the assistance you need in advance of any January 1 deadlines!

Email Ms. Sofia at smrabate@upenn.edu or schedule an appointment online at [calendly.com/smrabate_ts](http://calendly.com/smrabate_ts).

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**Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars**

**CCP Early Scholars Program**

If you are a Philadelphia resident in 11th or 12th grade or under the age of 21 and actively pursuing a GED or high school equivalency

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**GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program**

The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship offers college scholarships of up to $40,000
credential, you may be eligible to take college courses at Community College of Philadelphia and earn up to 12 credits a year free of charge. You will not pay for tuition, books or fees, and you can choose from a variety of courses. Early Scholars is made possible through the Octavius Catto Scholarship, a partnership with the City of Philadelphia.

What Are the Advantages?
- Get a head start on your college education and earn credits for free
- Courses may fulfill both high school graduation and college credit requirements
- Learn what it’s like to take a college course so you’ll be better prepared for college
- Reduce or eliminate the need for developmental courses in college

Click here to learn more and apply by December 20.

Financial Aid 101 Webinar

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will host a Financial Aid 101 webinar on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Attendees will learn about the financial aid application process, what types of aid are available for students, and strategies to start considering affordability before applying for postsecondary school admission. Time will be built into the presentation to allow you to ask questions regarding the financial aid process.

Click here to register.

Selected scholars earn a $10,000 renewable scholarship - up to $40,000 total - for tuition, school fees, books, supplies, and on-campus room and board; attend an exclusive, all-expenses-paid Scholars Retreat in California; and receive support throughout their leadership journeys in college and beyond

Click here to learn more and apply by January 4.

Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program

A Samuel A. Green Scholar is a graduating high school senior in the Greater Philadelphia or Lehigh Valley area who demonstrates leadership potential and a fierce commitment to making a substantial impact in their community. Selected scholars receive up to $20,000 in multiyear support towards the cost of college.

To apply to be a Samuel A. Green Scholar, you must be a high school graduating senior/rising college freshman from a public, private, parochial or charter school, or a home-schooled student or technical school graduate and GED recipient, who plans to be a full-time student at a community or four-year, not-for-profit, accredited college or university. The Samuel A. Green Scholarship is available only to legal United States residents or citizens living or attending school within the Greater Philadelphia or Lehigh Valley areas.

Click here to learn more and apply by March 3, 2024.

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