

Important Dates

Monday, January 20
**SDP Closed for Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr. Day**

Wednesday, January 29
**SDP Closed for Lunar
New Year**

January 30-31
**SDP Term 2 Report Card
Conferences; Three Hour
Early Dismissal**



Greetings, Scholars and Families —

Happy New Year, thank you to every student who attended last month's Cards, Cookies, and Cocoa event! Together we made more than 100 cards for senior citizens in Camden and Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Wilmington, Delaware.

Read on for information on our upcoming FAFSA Workshop and this semester's College Corner lineup, free and low-cost health insurance for kids through CHIP, and more! Have questions or need assistance? Email us any time at vpse.talentsearch@upenn.edu.



FAFSA Workshop and Spring College Corner Lineup

Scholars, parents and guardians, join Talent Search on **Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 pm** for our virtual **FAFSA Workshop!**

Anyone who plans to

Hosted by Ms. Sofia

SPRING 2025
COLLEGE CORNER
WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

FAFSA WORKSHOP	JAN. 15
PAYING FOR COLLEGE	FEB. 19
SCHOLARSHIPS	MAR. 19
FINANCIAL AID LETTERS	APR. 9
NEXT STEPS FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS	APR. 23

ZOOM LINK ON CANVAS!

attend college for the 2025-2026 year should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In this session, we'll go over FAFSA basics, creating an FSA ID, dependent vs. independent students, and more.

Zoom Link for the FAFSA Workshop Session: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/97441976629>

Hosted by Talent Search counselor Ms. Sofia, College Corner is a free, virtual webinar series covering all things college. Although College Corner is especially helpful for high school seniors, all Talent Search scholars (and parent/guardians!) are welcome to attend.

This semester's upcoming sessions include:

- Paying for College: February 19
- Scholarships: March 19
- Financial Aid Letters: April 9
- Next Steps for Accepted Students: April 23



Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

The Children's Health Insurance Program — or CHIP — is **Pennsylvania's program to provide health coverage to uninsured children and teens** who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid/Medical Assistance. Regardless of the reasons your children might not have health insurance, CHIP may be able to help.

CHIP is there for your kids with quality, comprehensive health insurance coverage for **routine doctor visits, prescriptions, dental, eye care and much more**, including immunizations, vision and hearing services, emergency care, and mental health benefits.

Based on your family size and income, your child or teen may be eligible if they meet the following requirements:

- Under 19 years of age
- A U.S. citizen, U.S. national or other qualified individual, including legal permanent residents
- A resident of Pennsylvania

- Uninsured and not eligible for Medical Assistance

Most families receive CHIP coverage for free. Households with incomes above a certain level can receive comprehensive, quality CHIP coverage at a low cost. Whether CHIP is free or low-cost depends on the number of members in the household, as well as total household income. For free CHIP, there are no premiums or copays. Premiums and copays apply only for low-cost CHIP.

For questions regarding eligibility, Philadelphia families may call CHIP at 215-560-7226 or [visit their website](#) today.

Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars

Temple University Summer Institutes and Intensives

Temple University's Pre-college Summer Intensives and Institutes invite **students entering grades 10, 11, or 12** to experience Temple academics while exploring potential college majors through a full-day non-credit workshop in a particular topic.

Students in a Summer Institute or Intensive will

- attend one (1) full-day non-credit workshop
- engage in an immersive curriculum in one academic field
- engage in interactive, project-based learning
- and more!

Several two-week Summer Institutes and Intensives are offered throughout the summer beginning on July 7 and July 21. All programs take place in person on Temple's Main Campus in Philadelphia.

Most Institutes or Intensives cost \$1,300 per two-week session; however, students may complete an additional page on their application to be considered for **financial aid and scholarships**.

[Click here to learn more and apply by the February 15 priority deadline.](#)

Bloomberg Arts Internship

The Bloomberg Arts Internship pairs **rising high school seniors** with local arts and culture organizations to gain real-world work experience while participating in professional development sessions, cultural immersion activities and post-secondary readiness workshops.

This internship program is a rare paid

Penn Summer Science Initiative

The FREE Penn Summer Science Initiative will accept up to 28 students **entering their junior or senior year of high school** from the greater Philadelphia region for a four-week intensive **materials science course** from July 7 through July 31, 2025 (Mondays through Thursdays from 10 am to 3:30 pm).

The course may include formal lectures from Penn faculty and affiliated researchers, materials science workshops, lab report writing seminars, projects, hands-on activities, and field trips. Students will get exposure to a variety of materials characterization techniques, such as scanning electron and optical microscopies, thermal analysis techniques, mechanical testing, and x-ray diffraction.

Students will be selected based on their scholastic achievements, resume, interest in science, and recommendations. Students must have taken chemistry and/or physics courses.

[Click here to get more information and apply by March 1, 2025.](#)

Penn Summer Academies

Penn Summer Academies are **subject-intensive three-week programs** that fuse sophisticated scientific or social theory with relevant applications. The science academies draw upon the University of Pennsylvania's cutting-edge technology and resources to provide innovative lab experiences, while the humanities academies draw upon the rich history and diversity of Philadelphia to provide a sociologically comprehensive summer experience.

Academies are led by university faculty and

opportunity for high school students in Philadelphia! In addition to gaining valuable experience, the **interns are compensated with a competitive wage (\$17.53/hour for Summer 2025)** and are provided with benefits like transportation and meals.

The Summer 2025 program runs for eight weeks, from June 20 to August 15, up to 35 hours per week. Select interns will be able to continue their internship during the 2025-26 school year for up to 10 hours per week.

[Click here to get more information and apply by February 28.](#)

long-standing professionals in their field of study with support from graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants. Upon successful completion of the program, **students are awarded a Certificate of Completion and may request letters of recommendation from their Penn instructors.**

If you attend a School District of Philadelphia public or charter high school, **you may be eligible to attend Penn Summer Prep free of charge with a scholarship.** Current 9th through 11th grade students are invited to apply.

[Click here to get more information and apply now!](#)



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