

## May 2025 Newsletter

#### Important Dates

Friday, May 2
PSSA Testing
Window Closes

Friday, May 9 SDP Half Day Staff Development

May 12-23
Keystone
Testing Window

Tuesday, May 20 SDP Closed for Election Day

Monday, May 26 SDP Closed for Memorial Day



Greetings, Scholars and Families —

April was a busy month for Penn Talent Search with two College Corner sessions, a visit to the Pennovation Center, and our two Spring Break field trips. Thanks to all who joined us for our excursion to Otherworld Philadelphia and the TRIO Decathlon at Harcum College!

Read on for an update on our summer sessions, info on the June SAT exam, scholarship and fellowship opportunities, and more.

Have questions or need assistance? Email us any time at **vpse.talentsearch@upenn.edu**.







# Register now for the June 7 SAT

Attention, high school juniors! Anyone who wishes to sit for the Saturday, June 7 SAT exam must register by Thursday, May 22.

View all deadlines and register at:



#### https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines

The SAT is an important part of your college application. While you can't go back in time and get

better grades in school, you can take the SAT multiple times and only send your best score. A strong SAT score can greatly improve your chances of getting into your dream college!

The next SAT test date after June 7 will be August 23.



## **Talent Search Summer Update**

The Penn Talent Search team is busy gearing up for summer!

All enrolled Talent Search participants who registered for a summer session were sent a confirmation email at the address provided on their registration form. We will hold a virtual orientation session for parents and guardians in June. Watch your inbox for the date and time!

A limited number of spots remain available for the Design & Architecture session (July 21-24). Students in this cohort will visit the Center for Design Philadelphia, make their own design project with the help of an interior designer and architect, and more.

If you have not already registered for a session and would like to join us for Design & Architecture, click here to complete the registration form. Spots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars**

#### Girls Inc. Eureka! Program

The Girls Inc. Eureka! program is an **intensive**, **five-year STEM based program** for rising 8th grade girls that builds confidence and skills through hands-on opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Utilizing a whole girl approach, the program also incorporates physical fitness, personal development, and college and career readiness. Eureka! broadens girls' academic and career interests, encourages enrollment in advanced math and science courses, promotes positive risk-taking, and assists girls in developing professional networks.

#### Rookie Eurekans will:

- Participate in a 4-week summer camp at Drexel University
- Attend exciting field trips
- Participate in sports and other personal development activities
- Attend monthly meetings during the school year

Applications are open for rising 8th through 10th grade girls.

Click here to get more information and apply today!

# Philadelphia Foundation Scholarships

Each year, the Philadelphia Foundation awards more than 200 scholarships. Scholarship awards are determined annually and generally range from \$500 to \$5,000. Scholarships are awarded through a competitive process. Scholarships must be applied to tuition only.

The Philadelphia Foundation now uses a Common Scholarship Application. Each scholarship applicant is required to complete ONE application in order to be considered for multiple scholarships. Students will be required to complete one or more essay questions based on their responses. The Common Scholarship Application may be completed by graduating high school seniors and current undergraduate students.

#### Eligible applicants:

- Must be accepted or enrolled at an accredited college or university (scholarships will cover four-year college programs, two-year programs and or vocational or technical training)
- Must demonstrate financial need

Click here to get more information and

#### René Smith Fellowship

The René Smith Fellowship is a paid, 8-week hands-on media fellowship for emerging content creators ages 16 to 24, hosted by PhillyCAM. In honor of René Smith's 20-year commitment to supporting emerging voices in independent media as Board Chair of Independence Public Media, this fellowship empowers young media creators with the skills, mentorship, and platform to amplify youth voices and address critical community issues through impactful storytelling.

Throughout the eight weeks, fellows will produce a 7 to 10 minute news-style segment focused on a pre-selected youth or community issue. The project will include interviews, compelling visuals, and strong storytelling, with the final piece presented at a public showcase at PhillyCAM.

Click here to get more info and apply no later than May 16.

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#### **Youth on Course**

Through Golf with Us, Bank of America is offering a limited number of free one-year memberships to Youth on Course.

The Golf with Us program is administered by Youth on Course, a 501c non-profit, and is offering kids ages 6 to 18 access to tee times for \$5 or less at thousands of courses, including Walnut Lane Golf Club in Philadelphia.

Golf with Us is open to kids of all skill levels. Additional Youth on Course membership benefits include scholarship and internship opportunities and a complimentary GolfPass Video membership.

Click here to get more info and sign up no later than May 24.







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