

Important Dates

April 1-2
**SDP Closed for
Spring Break**

Friday, April 3
**SDP Closed for
Good Friday**

April 9-10
**SDP Report Card
Conferences (Half Days)**

Friday, April 17
**SDP 3-Hour Early
Dismissal for Staff
Development**



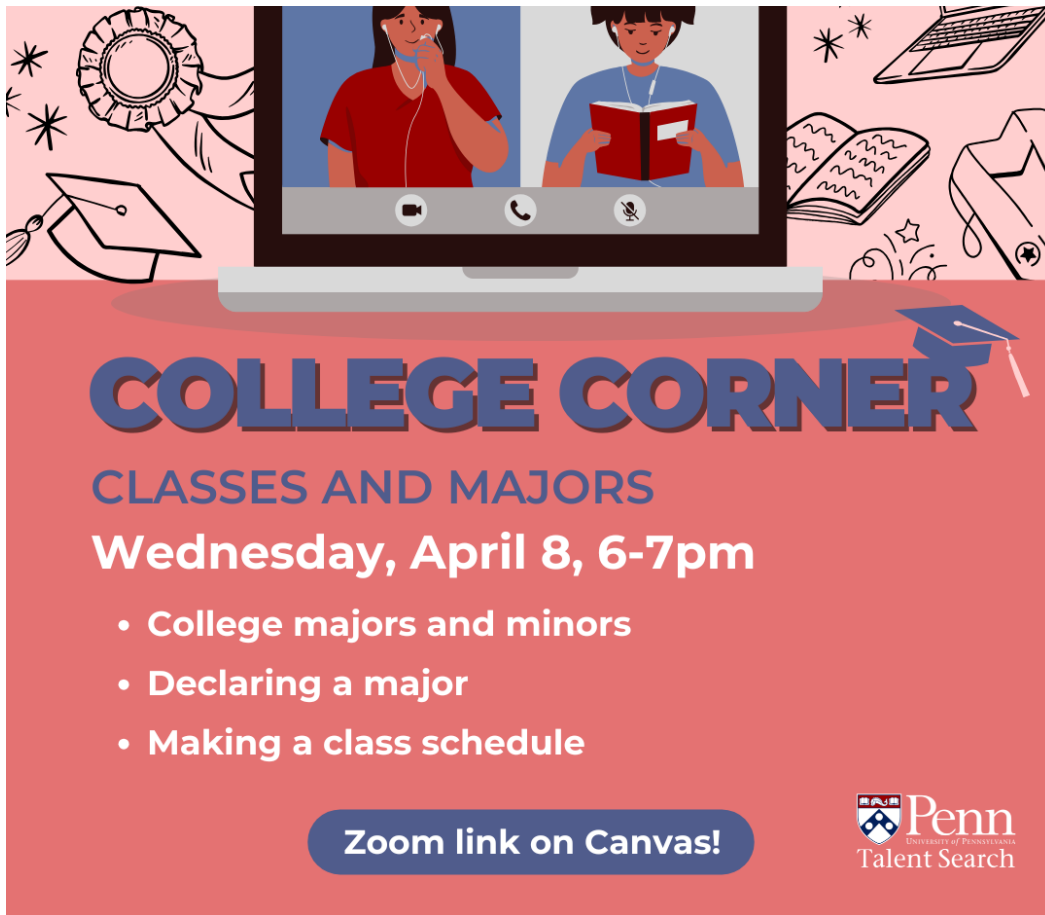
Greetings, Scholars and Families —

We had a great day at Community College of Philadelphia last month for CCP Discovery Day! Students toured campus and learned about a variety of opportunities, including dual enrollment and scholarships.

Read on for information about this month's College Corner sessions, advice for finishing the school year strong, upcoming opportunities, and more!

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




A graphic for a webinar titled "College Corner: Classes and Majors". It features a central laptop screen showing two people in a video call. The person on the left is wearing a red shirt and talking on a phone, while the person on the right is wearing a blue shirt and reading a red book. The background is light pink with various educational icons: a graduation cap, a diploma, a laptop, an open book, and a folder. Below the laptop, the text "COLLEGE CORNER" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath that, "CLASSES AND MAJORS" is written in smaller blue letters, followed by "Wednesday, April 8, 6-7pm" in white. A list of topics is provided: "College majors and minors", "Declaring a major", and "Making a class schedule". A blue button with white text says "Zoom link on Canvas!". In the bottom right corner, the Penn University of Pennsylvania Talent Search logo is displayed.

COLLEGE CORNER
CLASSES AND MAJORS
Wednesday, April 8, 6-7pm

- College majors and minors
- Declaring a major
- Making a class schedule

Zoom link on Canvas!



Are you a high school student getting ready to apply to college? Join our counselor, Ms. Sofia, for College Corner, a series of live webinars covering everything you need to know about the college application process.

We have not one, but TWO College Corner sessions this month. These are the final sessions for this school year, and seniors, especially, won't want to miss them!

On **Wednesday, April 8**, we'll cover **Classes and Majors** (including declaring a major and making a class schedule), and on **Wednesday, April 29**, we'll go over **Dorms, Meal Plans, and More!**

Join on Zoom:

<https://upenn.zoom.us/j/92100309823?pwd=x5LHaixCb1wn8EvSeieFjp7nPvwaNF.1>

College Corner meets on select Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Though sessions are geared toward helping 12th graders accomplish their college application goals, younger students are welcome to join for a preview of what's next.

Advice from Talent Search Scholars

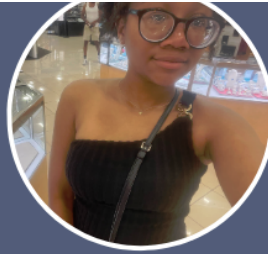
What's your best advice for finishing the school year strong?



Omnia

10th grade

"Make sure you're well prepared for all your spring testing, but also have fun and don't drain yourself only in studies."



Kadian

12th grade

"My advice is staying consistent and not slacking off, because once you get into college, you still do have to submit your final year report and your offer can be rescinded. So it's important to make sure that you're finishing the school year strong."



Sophia

10th grade

"My advice would be to focus on studying well for assessments, as well as take time to hang out with and show appreciation for graduating seniors."

Talent Search and TRIO Advocacy Update

Did you know that Penn Talent Search is a federal TRIO program?

TRIO programs operate in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the Pacific Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Collectively, **more than 3,400 TRIO programs nationwide** help nearly one million students enter and graduate from college each year. Penn Talent Search alone serves 583 students in Philadelphia.

Thanks to the actions of TRIO advocates like you, the Department of Labor released the grant competition notice that gives us the opportunity to continue serving students for the next five years. However, **we still need your support!**

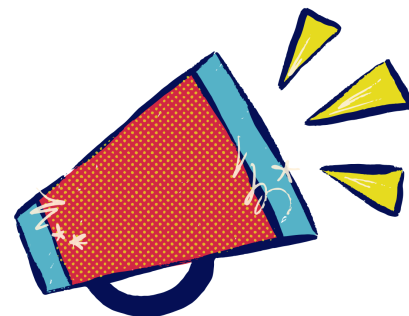
The future of the Federal TRIO Programs is at risk. Recent proposals from the U.S. Department of Education would fundamentally change TRIO—**shifting it away from its core mission of college access for low-income and first-generation students** and toward a workforce pipeline model.

If these changes move forward:

- Hundreds of TRIO programs could lose funding
- Entire regions could lose access to TRIO services
- Thousands of students could lose life-changing support

Policymakers in Congress need to hear from YOU — the TRIO students, parents, and families — about the importance of protecting Talent Search and other programs, so we can continue to serve every one of our participants along their educational journey.

[Click here for the most recent TRIO Community Call to Action.](#)



Thank you for being a TRIO advocate!

Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars

Hands on History: Adire Indigo Dying

Hands-on History is a series of **free workshops for high school students**. Meet professionals, gain experience in STEAM-focused workshops, and engage with resources at the Penn Museum. Lunch is provided, and two-way SEPTA ride cards available for transportation.

On **Saturday, April 18** from 10 am to 2:30 pm, teens can attend an Adire Indigo Dying workshop.

Indigo dye has a rich global history dating back thousands of years. In the traditional Yoruba art of adire, artists use stitching, wax, and tightly wrapped string to create intricate patterns on the cloth. When it is submerged in the dye vat, the exposed cloth soaks up the indigo dye, while the hidden designs remain their original color. The plants, animals, and geometric forms of adire have specific meaning for the Yoruba people.

In this workshop, teens will learn resist dyeing techniques with Philadelphia textile artist Yemisi Ajayi and **create their own indigo-dyed cloth to take home**. Yemisi bridges the gap between her traditional artistic skills and contemporary works that draw connections to the past. She creates pieces that symbolize her cultural heritage, manifesting her visions into tangible forms.

[Click here to get more information and register.](#)

TMCF/Enterprise Access HBCC Scholarship

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) and the Enterprise Mobility Foundation are proud to offer financial assistance to outstanding students attending TMCF's member schools that include publicly

I AM PHL Student Summit

Calling all Philly high school creatives! You're invited to attend a **free, one-day summit** on **Saturday, May 2** to build your skills and map out your future. If you make art, make music, write, perform—or if you're just starting to explore your creative side—the I AM PHL Student Summit is where you need to be.

Hosted by PhillyGoes2College at Thomas Jefferson University, this full-day experience brings together high school students from across the city to build skills, explore careers, and figure out what's actually possible after high school.

Choose Your Workshop Track:

- My Voice: Learn public speaking, performance confidence, storytelling, and how to get your unique message across.
- My Art: Get your portfolio right, learn how to present professionally, and prep your work for college apps, contests, and gigs.
- My Music: Cover songwriting, performance readiness, branding, and how your music translates into real-world opportunities.

Who Should Attend:

- **Philly high schoolers (Grades 9–12)**
- Artists, musicians, poets, and performers
- Students trying to figure out college, trades, or creative careers
- Families, counselors, and educators supporting creative students

[Click here to get more information and register today.](#)

Canine Handler Academy

Canine Handler Academy (CHA) is the perfect summer experience for **7th - 9th graders** who

supported historically Black community colleges (HBCCs). Thirty-four HBCC scholars will be selected to receive a **need-based scholarship of up to \$1,500** for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a full-time enrolled student at a **TMCF HBCC member school** during the 2026-2027 academic year
- Current cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher
- Must have the 2026-2027 FAFSA on file at your selected university/college by the time of selection
- Must be able to demonstrate a financial need
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551

Applicants must create a two-minute video responding to the following prompt: *What core principles or values do you believe are most essential to creating positive change in your community and future career field? How do you plan to embody them in both your educational pursuits and interactions with others?*

[Click here to get more information and apply no later than April 24.](#)

want to develop skills to train their pet dog or aspire to a career working with dogs.

Attendees will spend **a week immersed in the world of working dogs** and learn how dogs are trained to serve in search and rescue, law enforcement, medical detection, and conservation.

This summer program is for incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th graders (2026-2027 school year). Incoming 10th graders or older who have completed the prerequisites are eligible to apply for a Counselor or Counselor-in-Training position.

Scholarships are offered to applicants who qualify for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

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



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