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Cornell University

Ithaca College

SUNY Cortland

Tompkins Cortland Community College



Seasons Greetings ACE Community!

We are closing out fall 2020 with a short newsletter update and a heartfelt happy end of the semester to you! You all have done an amazing job balancing a changing schedule, increased demands on your time and energy, limited social connection, and a call for large-scale social change WITH the sometimes daunting task of waking up every day and just doing the best you can. If anyone deserves a break, YOU DO!

Resiliency is one of the top success indicators for life - career, relationships, family, and college! By just showing up, everyday, during this tumultuous time, you have demonstrated your resiliency capacity. Remarkable!

We also want to take a moment to congratulate all of the 2020-2021 ACE Senior Scholars! Your progress through ACE is commendable, and we wish you all the best in your college search.

Warm Regards,
Erica

Erica L Shockley, ACE Coordinator



ACE NEWS:

We are excited to welcome Colleen Hamilton to the ACE team. Learn more about her on page 2.

Dates for next semester's "Deconstructed" Campus Visits will be finalized in January. As a reminder, each institution will host a virtual college tour and discussion, open to both students and family members. Grade-specific workshops will be hosted by the institutions below and open to students.

9th Grade - SUNY Cortland
10th Grade - TC3
11th Grade - Ithaca College
12th Grade - Cornell University

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Information & Updates

Senior Application Tips: Admissions Follow-Up

- Use a general email that you will have access to after high school.
- Review the application instructions for communication preferences with your chosen institutions.
- Confirm that your common application is complete, including supplemental information, before reaching out.
- Contact the admissions department if you have new information like a major change or award to add to your application materials.
- Post your questions and show your excitement on the admissions social platforms. Colleges do monitor "demonstrated interest."
- Remember that admissions staff are reviewing a lot of applications, so be courteous and succinct in your communication.

Meet Colleen Hamilton

Colleen is joining the ACE team with a strong background in project management and customer relations.



When she is not playing with her dogs, Mulligan and Fletcher, Colleen is bundled up outdoors hunting or downhill skiing. In the summer, you can find her serving up unique flavors of ice cream (including wine flavors) as the owner of Lake House Creamery in King Ferry.

Colleen shared that she is most excited about joining ACE, "To meet you and the entire ACE community. I look forward to learning about your experiences and expanding opportunities for resource connection and program opportunities."

WHY ACE?

Whether you are just entering high school or preparing for your final year, ACE facilitates experiences that support students and family members as they:

EXPLORE passion areas that lead to academic exploration and career goals

MAKE informed decisions about your goals for and pathway into college

LEARN academic and personal development skills you can apply now

CONNECT with financial and other college preparation resources

PREPARE for your college transition and life after high school