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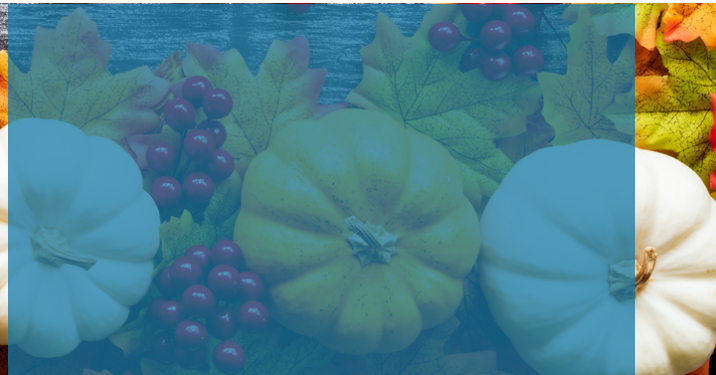
ACE NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2020

Cornell University

Ithaca College

SUNY Cortland

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Greetings!

To begin I would like to recognize each high school counselor, college faculty and staff member, family member, and student for showing up every day, doing the best you can in the middle of another transitional and uncertain semester. You are amazing!

We have been focused on finding creative ways to connect you with resources and experiences that support your college exploration process. Two program are happening next week, and the new deconstructed campus visit details are outlined on page two.

This semester we are working with a rolling calendar as program opportunities at the sponsoring colleges have been posted as they are finalized. Checking the ACE website and following ACE on Facebook and Instagram is the best way to learn about new connection opportunities.

Warm Regards,  
Erica L Shockley



## ACE NEWS:

Upcoming Programs - Starting Next Week!

Title: Exploring College Majors and Career Choices with SOS  
Date: Monday, November 16

Title: Living Resilient  
Date: Thursday, November 19

Title: Deconstructed Campus Visit:  
SUNY Cortland Tour and Panel  
Date: Wednesday, December 2

Staffing Update:

We are currently searching for a new ACE Clerk, and we look forward to introducing you by December!

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# 20-21 Deconstructed Campus Visit

ACE's pinnacle program series includes the annual Campus Visit field trips for each grade hosted at the four sponsoring colleges and universities. As we are unable to visit the campuses this year, the colleges have creatively "deconstructed" the Campus Visit into a virtual experience for you. Outlined below is the new, virtual program structure, and you can register for all programs on the ACE website as they are publicized. Remember, to be considered for the ACE Senior Scholar recognition, students must demonstrate continued participation throughout their time with ACE and regular attendance at the annual Campus Visit programs.

- **Campus Connection Experience:** Four campus tours and student panels will be hosted by the sponsoring institutions. Each experience will focus on the student experience at that particular institution and provide an opportunity for you to consider your own college search process. This program is open to all students and family members, regardless of your grade. You are also invited to attend as many of these as you like.
- **Student Success Workshop:** An important component of the Campus Visit includes a college success workshop that is facilitated by college faculty, staff, and students. In this new model, specific grade levels will be invited to the same virtual workshop they would have experienced if we were hosting these in person. At this time, we are unable to accommodate family members during the workshop. However, we are planning supplemental family programs to compliment the student's experience.

ACE sponsored campus visits are open to all ACE students, whether or not you are interested in attending the hosting institution. The goal is to provide helpful information and diverse perspectives that will assist you in making the best decision about your individual college (or post-high school) experience.

The Deconstructed Campus Visit modifications are a temporary program adjustment, and we are hopeful for a safe return to in-person experiences next year.

## Senior Scholar Recognition

Upon receiving overwhelming feedback that moving the ACE Scholar timeline to the fall semester would better serve your search processes, we are gearing up to launch the process in November.

New this year, we are adding a reflective application form, so that we can include specific information about your goals and experience for the recommendation letter.

Please know that we are taking into account the continued transition you have experienced with this program due to pandemic expectations.

Seniors who are eligible for this recommendation letter will receive more details via email.



# Additional ACE Details

## Spring Semester Program Focus:

We will continue to offer virtual connection opportunities; register for programs on the ACE website as they are publicized.

### Part 2: Choosing a College PPT Series

Financing College

Deconstructed Camps Visits

Career Exploration

Athletics in College

First Generation Experience



## Meet SOS: Students Onto Scholars

We are excited to announce a partnership with SOS, a Cornell student organization dedicated to supporting local high school students on their educational journey. They will be presenting a series of workshops - starting with a Career Exploration program this coming Monday!

Register on the ACE website now.



## 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