

Class of '24 (Future Alumni Letter)

C&CC Newsletter

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A love letter to the Class of 2024

Dear Class of 2024: May I start off by saying, it has been an absolute pleasure working with the students and families graduating in the Class of 2024. This year has been a series of ups and downs, setbacks and victories, stressors and triumphs. I am immensely proud of some of the relationships I've built with this year's senior class, and immensely proud of where many of you will be heading off to this fall.

Please find some important information to hold onto for after you graduate - you may need it! Anything you may wish to find leading up to graduation, or as an alumni, will be below.

Thank you, all, for a wonderful year - and good luck on your future endeavors!

-Rachel Erikson, FHS College & Career Counselor



MANDATORY SENIOR SURVEY: DUE MAY 10th

The senior survey is a MANDATORY requirement for all Class of 2024 students. It must be completed by Friday, May 10, 2024. This is a graduation requirement so please let us know if you need help accessing the Class of 2024 Senior Survey.

HOW TO ACCESS THE SURVEY:

- Log on to your NAVIANCE account: <https://student.naviance.com/framingham> If you forgot your password, recover it by clicking "forgot password" and a new one will be emailed to you. Please contact your counselor, House Office Manager, or Ms Ramirez (School Counseling Dept Head) at iramirez@framingham.k12.ma.us, if you are unable to access your account.
- Click on the dropdown below your initials to open tab on the upper right side > Surveys > Surveys From Your School > Senior Survey: Class of 2024.
- Question #7 is where you write the college or university you are attending, if applicable. Colleges require a final transcript and this is how we will know where to send yours! If you have not made a final decision, you may wait to submit the survey until you do so.

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, and Colleges. On the right side, there is a user profile area with initials 'FF' circled in blue and labeled '#1'. Below this, there is a 'Documents and Notes' section with a 'Surveys' link circled in blue and labeled '#2'. Under 'Surveys', there is a sub-link 'Surveys from Your School' and a 'Game Plan Survey' link. Below the main content area, there are two sections: 'Quick Links' and 'My Surveys'. The 'My Surveys' section has a 'Filter by' dropdown set to 'All progress' and a survey card for 'Senior Survey: Class of 2024' with a 'NOT STARTED' button circled in blue.

Transitioning emails / losing FPSED email

- Go to takeout.google.com → This service will help you to transfer your files and other content to another personal Google account or will prepare it to be saved as a downloadable file. Follow the Takeout instructions to determine which of the services you want to transfer data from. (We would recommend, at minimum, your Contacts, Drive content, and Mail.)
- Your Google Drive storage space will remain available over this summer. It will officially expire on December 31st, 2024. Please email helpdesk@framingham.k12.ma.us if you are having difficulties with this or if you can no longer access your account.

Forward your @fpsed.org email to another address: You will likely not be using your @fps.org email daily after graduation. It's a good idea to set up email forwarding for that address to an email

address that you'll be using more frequently. You can [follow these instructions, created by Google, to automatically forward your school email to a personal email account](#), so that you don't miss any important information in the next 6 months.

Upcoming Events

Senior Service Sign Up & Service Day - June 3rd

As a graduating member of the Class of 2024, you will be required to participate in a community service project. This is a great opportunity to give back to a community that has given you so much. While every senior will be required to do some sort of community service, please take a moment to think of an activity that would be meaningful to you. For example, you can volunteer to tutor at an elementary or middle school, organize a clean-up day at a local park, or even help the elderly (whether it be carrying groceries for an elderly neighbor for a week or volunteering at a local nursing home). As you can see, there is a wide range of possible services you can provide that would fulfill this requirement. You can even partner up with friends to tackle a larger task, but every senior must submit an individual proposal.

Senior Service Sign Ups (Form Drop Off)

- Friday, May 24
- 8 AM - NOON
- Front gym lobby
- This is a mandatory senior obligation

Where do I get this form?

- Form is attached below
- Hard copies in House Offices

Senior Service Day

- Monday, June 3, 2024
- You are expected to fulfill your community service obligation

Senior Service Day Proposal 2024.pdf

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College Process - Important Links

RESEARCHING COLLEGES + POSTSECONDARY RESOURCES

Ms. Erikson has created Canvas pages to help you explore information and resources related to the college search + application process and answer commonly asked questions. Check them out below:

- [The College Search](#)
- [The College Application Process](#)

- [Mass Bay / community college](#)
- [Standardized Testing](#)
- [Military](#)
- [Alternative Pathways](#) --> e.g. gap years; trade/apprenticeship programs; internships



Upcoming College Fairs

Attending a college fair will allow you to see just how many different types of colleges and universities are out there! Exploring one place with lots of different schools in attendance will help you build and narrow down your college list.

Summer To-Do for Students Attending MassBay

1. Complete the senior survey so that your school counselor knows to send your final transcript to Mass Bay. To do this you will: Log-in to [Naviance](#) --> click 'about me' in top right corner --> click 'my surveys' on drop down --> click **Class of 2024 survey** and complete
2. Take an [Accuplacer](#) exam (placement test for math and English); this virtual test will place you in a math and English course at Mass Bay (it is not pass/fail). You can [sign-up here](#).
3. Register for a fall [Orientation](#) slot (via your Mass Bay **SOAR account**) - follow steps 1-4. Here are the dates you can take an orientation.



Orientations will be available through an online platform called [Launch Point](#).

We have 3 Summer Sessions as follows:

- Session 1 – 6 Weeks: May 20 to June 28
- Session 2 – 10 Weeks: May 20 to July 26
- Session 3 – 6 Weeks: July 8 to August 16

ACCUPLACER & ESL placement testing @ MBCC:

<https://www.massbay.edu/placementtesting>

Submitting Dual Enrollment Transcripts to Colleges

If you have earned college credits via Dual Enrollment classes through MassBay or Framingham State University, don't forget to send the official college transcripts for those classes to the college you'll be attending this fall. Use the respective links below to submit your official Dual Enrollment Transcripts.

- **MassBay Community College:**
<https://www.massbay.edu/transcriptmassbay>
- **Framingham State University:**
<https://www.framingham.edu/academics/registrar/requesting-your-academic-transcript>



College Application & Financial Aid Supports for Alumni

College Application Supports

MetroWest College Planning CTR: This is a great resource for students who are beginning to apply to colleges over the summer, or who need support after graduation.

- Drop-in Advising hours: Monday - Friday: 2:30pm-6:30pm
- Book an appointment: metrowestcpc@gmail.com
- Phone # +1(508)-215-5600
- Location: 1812 House, 13 Salem End RD, Framingham, MA 01701



Financial Aid - MEFA & uAspire

MEFA Events: Free, informative webinars and virtual community events offered on a range of topics. Recorded webinars can be viewed here: [MEFA Videos](#).



uAspire provides FAFSA assistance to students through a FAFSA Support Help Center. uAspire is a national nonprofit that ensures that all young people have the financial information and resources necessary to find an affordable path to and through college. As part of this partnership, your schools will receive assistance to help your graduating high school seniors complete their first step in postsecondary education. uAspire currently offers various types of support. These supports include:

- Advising through text message. Students can text (978) 216-5109 to receive individualized support from our advisors. (Zoom and phone calls are available).
- Individualized Direct Supports for schools. Students can directly sign up to virtually meet with an advisor over Zoom during the school day. If you are interested in this support please contact Leticia Reyes (E: LeticiaR@uaspire.org).

Summer Steps for Financial Aid via uAspire - E.g. Know how to understand and pay your college bill, apply for outside scholarships or additional loans, and complete other summer financial aid steps.

- [Thursday, May 16, 5 pm ET / 2 pm PT](#)
- [Tuesday, June 4, 4 pm ET / 1 pm PT](#)

Financial Aid & Scholarships

FAFSA & Fin Aid

Final May 2024 Scholarship Newsletter.pdf

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Scholarship Applications - How To.pdf

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uAspire FAFSA Walkthroughs

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education along with uAspire have partnered to provide **FREE** FAFSA support. uAspire is here to help you and your students navigate the FAFSA changes happening this year. uAspire is a national nonprofit whose singular focus is on college affordability and removing financial barriers so that every student has an equitable opportunity to attain a postsecondary degree. Get an overview of the FAFSA, the application required by all colleges nationwide in order to receive federal financial aid. We'll walk you through the new Better FAFSA available in December 2023 for 2024-25.



OTHER WEBINARS & EVENTS HOSTED BY UASPIRE:

Summer Steps: May 21, 2024 at 5:00-6:00 pm -ET

Here are some detailed resources about filling out the FAFSA and CSS Profile, both of which open in December 2023. The sooner you apply, the better!

- [FAFSA support](#)
- [CSS support](#)
- [Scholarships](#)



Need additional support? Check out upcoming [MEFA Events](#)! We offer free informative webinars and virtual community events on a range of topics. To register for an upcoming webinar, click a topic below. To view a recorded webinar, please view our [MEFA Videos](#) page.

OR view these awesome videos by College Aid Pro:

- [How to complete the 2024-2025 CSS Profile, a line-by-line guide](#)
- [What is IDOC and how do I complete it?](#)
- [CSS Profile & FAFSA Verification](#)
- [How does the Supreme Court decision on Affirmative Action affect college admissions?](#)
- [What FAFSA mistakes to avoid?](#)

Tuition Equity & MASFA

Massachusetts has now expanded eligibility for in-state tuition to students who have attended Massachusetts high schools for at least three years and earned a Massachusetts diploma, an expansion which will ensure that many non-U.S. citizens are able to access in-state tuition and financial aid rates at public higher education institutions in the Commonwealth.

Applying for need-based state financial aid as a "High School Completer" is a two-step process:

- Step 1: Complete the Student Application and Affidavit form ([click here](#) for High School Seniors or [click here](#) for all other applicants)
- Step 2: Complete the [MASFA](#)

The [MASFA](#) for the 2024-2025 academic year is now available! This form should be completed as soon as possible. Students can still complete the MASFA for the 2023-2024 academic year. This form should be completed by May 1 and no later than June 30, 2024.

NO Papers? NO Problem!
College for ALL!

- A new law in MA allows all students, regardless of immigration status, to receive financial help when enrolling in college!
- Eligible students will receive the in-state tuition rate at state colleges.
- Eligible students will also be considered for state financial aid.

To be eligible for in-state tuition & state financial aid, students must :

- Attend a MA high school for at least 3 years
- Receive a diploma in MA

For help applying & to learn more, visit your House Office!

ACCEPTED!

The infographic features illustrations of graduation caps, hands reaching up, a laptop, a smartphone, and an envelope. It also includes the Massachusetts state seal logo.

Standardized Testing

Standardized Testing Info & Resources

Be sure to look at Ms. Erikson's '[Standardized Testing](#)' Canvas page for detailed information on the following:

- SAT + ACT registration instructions

- Fee waiver information
- Testing accommodations
- TOEFL registration

Do you have free/reduced lunch and/or receive any financial assistance? If so, you qualify for a SAT fee waiver! A fee waiver covers the cost of up to two SAT tests and three SAT Subject Tests. It will also cover submitting college applications through the Common Application. If you need an SAT or ACT fee waiver please contact school counselor.

TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS: Test optional means that a school does not require SAT or ACT scores as a part of your application. Over 1,000 colleges and universities are test optional. Find a complete list at www.fairtest.org!

THE TOEFL EXAM: The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is a standardized test that measures English language ability for non-native speakers who plan to enroll in an English speaking college. The test evaluates listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills in relationship to academic tasks. Test costs range between \$150-\$225. Unfortunately, no financial aid is offered for the TOEFL test. Fee-based and free prep materials can be found on the TOEFL website, on Canvas, or in the College & Career Center (K007). To register and see test dates/locations visit www.toefl.org.

AP Exams

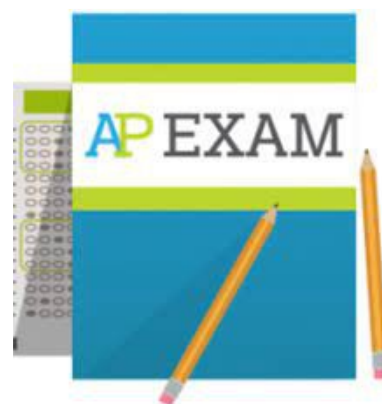
AP Prep with Revolution

Preparing for May AP Exams? *Revolution Prep can help!*

Revolution Test PRep is thrilled to introduce their latest AP Exam prep resources for educators, students, and families. Customize your support options to best fit your school community's needs and elevate your AP Exam preparation journey.

- **Mini-Readiness Quizzes:** Use our 10-min quizzes as a bell-ringer, exit slip, or homework to assess your students' progress towards achieving their target AP Exam score: [View Quizzes](#)
- **Practice Exams:** Choose from multiple dates and times for six free practice exams in popular subject areas to offer to your students and their families: [View Schedule](#)
- **FREE family webinar:** Families can join live or get a recording of our Unlocking the AP Exam webinar to uncover college preferences, recent exam changes, and effective student preparation strategies: [How to register](#)

For a complete overview of our AP exam preparation resources [click here](#).



AP Exam Prep_Family Flyer.pdf

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Work Permits

- 1) Take a form from your house/academy or access work permits online using the QR code below
- 2) Your employer should fill out the "Promise of Employment" Section
- 3) On page two, you can skip the "Physician's Certificate of Health" section if you are older than 15. If not, your doctor must fill it out.
- 4) Your parents/guardians need to fill out/sign #4
- 5) You sign #5
- 6) When all that is filled out, **please hand it in to your house/academy office assistant - please include your hair and eye color**

- English: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-application/download>
- Español: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-application-spanishspanol/download>
- Português: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-portuguese/download>

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Other Upcoming Events

A Second Chance. Earn Your Diploma & College Credits.

Begin a new chapter. Designed for students aged 16-21, QCC's Gateway to College program is for students who have disengaged from their high school, dropped out, or may be at risk of not graduating.

Earn your high school diploma and college credits at the same time.

QCC's Gateway program may be for you if you have:

- The ability to read at the appropriate grade level
- A genuine desire to finish high school
- Are committed to making a change

Gateway to College students benefit from a group of peers and instructors working toward a common purpose.

Register for an Info Session to get started on Fall 2024 enrollment!

Questions? Email gtc@qcc.mass.edu

[QCC.edu/Gateway](https://qcc.edu/Gateway)



GTC Info Sessions

- April 30 @ 6:00pm*
- May 13 @ 3:00pm
- May 20 @ 6:00pm*
- June 20 @ 4:00pm

*Zoom meeting

Interested students **MUST** attend an information session in order to apply to the GTC program.

GTC Info Session Flyer for FA24 Enrollment.pdf

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Volunteer & Community Service Opportunities

Project Just Because - Board Positions available!

PROJECT JUST BECAUSE
Helping families in need  from the Heart

PJB is the 3rd largest nonprofit in the greater Boston area and is based in Hopkinton, MA. We are dedicated to helping struggling families throughout Massachusetts. We are searching for driven and organized students from different schools for this leadership role. Responsibilities include...

- MANAGING FUNDRAISERS TO RAISE MONEY IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- MONTHLY VOLUNTEERING AT THE PJB BUILDING
- LEADING ANOTHER TEAM OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Students will also receive volunteer hours for their work! If you are interested in applying, fill out this form by March 8th: <https://forms.gle/ZMWP4eRbSwHitR8MA>

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Contact studentboardpresidents@projectjustbecause.org with any questions. Learn more about PJB at <https://www.projectjustbecause.org/>

PJB Lead Application.pdf

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Youth in Philanthropy

Looking for an exciting way to build leadership skills and engage with future leaders? **Youth in Philanthropy (YIP)** might be just the for you! YIP is a free experiential leadership development program for High School students living or learning in the MetroWest region, and is designed to empower and educate local youth to become our community's next generation of philanthropists.

In Sudbury, our program will kick off on Tuesday, January 16 and will be held at The Sudbury Foundation at 326 Concord Road, Sudbury.

In Wellesley, our program will begin on Thursday, January 18 and will be held at our offices at 3 Eliot St, Natick (right over the Natick/Wellesley line).

Our [application can be found here](#). *We have passed our priority deadline, but we will continue to accept students on a rolling basis until the spaces are filled.



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*Let's
Connect!*

Want to get in touch with me?

Mrs. Erikson, College & Career Counselor, K002

Monday - Friday | 7:00am-2:15pm

Should a parent/guardian wish to meet with me, I am available by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling/emailing the phone number and email below.

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