



Important Dates

Monday, January 10
STEM Courses Begin

Monday, January 17
**Schools Closed for
Dr. Martin Luther King Day**

Friday, January 21
**Professional Development
Half Day for Students**

Tuesday, January 25
Term 2 Ends



Greetings Talent Search scholars, parents, and guardians -

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful Winter Break. We are aware that many of your schools switched to virtual learning this week and want to offer our support in any way we can. **If you are in need of guidance or assistance, please reach out to our team at vpse.talentsearch@upenn.edu, and be on the lookout for more emails in the weeks to come as we plan to offer additional resources and services.**

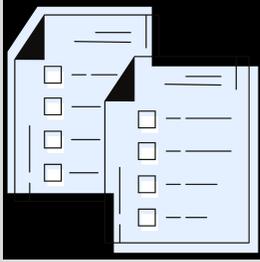
In the meantime, we are excited to start the new year with some great virtual activities, including:

- **January 10: STEM Courses Begin -** Applications are now closed for our Gaming and Digital Media classes. Enrolled students will receive a separate email about accessing your virtual course.
- **January 17: Virtual College Admissions Workshop** hosted by Penn's African American Resource Center, 1:15-2:30pm. All are welcome! **[Click here to register.](#)**

We'll be in touch via email about future trips and activities. In addition, you can follow our announcements on social media @upennnts.

We look forward to seeing you, virtually or in person, soon!





Last-Minute College Application Tips

As the application season begins to wind down, and many of you are now patiently awaiting acceptance letters, ETS wants to remind you that there is still time to get in some last-minute applications. Below are some resources you will find useful as you think about wrapping up your application process:

- When selecting your college or university, you want to make sure you've covered all your bases. Do you want a big campus, or a smaller campus? Do you want to be in a city, or a rural setting? Do you want to attend a two-year college, or a four-year institution? **College Board's Best-Fit College Search** helps you work your way through many of these questions and more and might help you identify another school or two you'd like to apply to.
- Many schools now also have *rolling admissions*, meaning they will review your application when you submit it, without the stress of deadlines. We encourage you to check out this **list of schools** with rolling admissions. While this list is a great reference, we also want you to do your own research if you have a school in mind! For example, Community College of Philadelphia is a school with rolling admissions, but it's not listed on this website - which is why we say a quick Google search never hurts.

If you need any support with your college applications, please reach out to Sam Horchos, horchos@upenn.edu.

Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars

Student Voice Advisory Board

Scholars in **grades 9-11**: Do you want to share your voice? Are you interested in an exciting leadership position? Do you enjoy advocating on behalf of yourself and your peers?

If you answered "Yes!" to any one of these questions, you're encouraged to apply for the Office of Strategic Partnership's Student Voice Advisory Board (SVAB). The Office of Strategic Partnerships helps connect schools and outside organizations - like Talent Search! - that offer programs to students. This is your chance to give input on how the OSP and these partner programs can improve the work they do on behalf of students like you.

Visit the website to get more info and apply by January 28.

Drexel Liberty Scholars Program

Are you a high school senior who applied to Drexel University? (Or do you plan to apply by the **January 15** admissions deadline?)

The Drexel Liberty Scholars Program **provides 65 high school graduates with a renewable scholarship award that covers 100 percent of tuition and fees.** The program fosters student success through a dedicated faculty or staff mentor, a Living Learning Community in which all scholars live during their first two years, extracurricular and developmental programming, and active engagement with campus life.

The Liberty Scholars application and essay must be submitted by February 1.

CCP Octavius Catto Scholarship

The Octavius Catto scholarship is a new initiative designed to put more Philadelphians on the path to success at Community College of Philadelphia.

Eligible first-time, full-time students will receive:

- **FREE tuition after financial aid**
- Success coaches and advisors to help you stay on track
- Connection to city services like housing assistance and child care
- Support for food, books, and more

All new admission applications to CCP will be reviewed for eligibility for the Octavius Catto Scholarship.

[Visit the CCP website for more information.](#)

[Visit the Drexel website for more information on the application process.](#)

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Eligible high school seniors can apply to the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship to receive **college scholarships up to \$30,000** over four years.

Aside from generous financial support, scholars benefit from a comprehensive, four-year program that includes career guidance, internship and permanent job placement, travel abroad, and leadership and practical life skills training.

[Visit the Jackie Robinson Foundation website to get more info and apply by January 12.](#)

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