Greetings Talent Search scholars, parents, & guardians -

This month we are excited about the start of SPRING and offering all of the following to our students:

- **STEM Coding course (begins March 8)** - Applications are now closed for our upcoming Coding course. Enrolled students will receive a separate email about accessing the virtual course.

- **Food Science workshop (coming soon)** - Stay tuned for more details about this upcoming informative virtual workshop.

- **Virtual live tutoring, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.** - Our tutors can help with math, science, and other classes. The Zoom link is on Canvas. Please email us at vpse.talentsearch@upenn.edu if you need more info or assistance with virtual tutoring.

**ETS Seniors and Families!**

**College Deadlines**

**May 1, 2022, is recognized as College Decision Day.** Most colleges and universities require students to accept their top offer of admission before, or on this day. Please check with your prospective schools and be sure to follow up with any next steps they provide.

**Financial Aid Applications**

Have you completed your **2022/2023 FAFSA** yet? **Please let us know by filling out this short survey.** If you indicate that you have not yet completed the 2022/2023 FAFSA, or do not respond, we
will be following up with materials to support your completion of the FAFSA application. All ETS seniors must complete the FAFSA application.

Are you interested in growing your leadership and communication skills? Are you naturally driven and want to seek out additional experiences to grow your resume while still in school? **If you answer yes to these questions, you should apply to be a Student Ambassador for Educational Talent Search.**

Student Ambassadors will serve as a liaison between ETS’s full time staff and their peers, assist with recruitment, selection of field trip and tours, and identification of topics of interest for students in their school.

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**Virtual Programming for ETS Scholars**

**The Road to Financial Literacy**

Congratulations to our scholars who completed their first month of our online programming! March starts us off with a whole new month and topic on the Canvas learning platform.

This month we will focus on **gaining an understanding of financial literacy.** You will learn everything from how to budget properly to building an entrepreneurial mindset. Be sure to set up your Canvas account to take part in this fun learning experience!

**Week 1: The World of Money**

Students will learn about international currency, money in action, and the role of banks.

**Week 2: Earning and Budgeting**

Students will learn how to properly budget the money they earn.
Week 3: Investing
Students will learn about making investments and the pros and cons of investing your money.

Week 4: Building an Entrepreneurial Mindset
Students will learn key aspects of being an entrepreneur.

Ready to dive into the world of financial literacy? Watch this short video with tips for those who have trouble sticking to a budget.

*All enrolled Talent Search participants have been sent an email to set up a Canvas account. Please sign up for Canvas if you have not done so already. (You will only receive an invitation to Canvas if you have submitted this year’s Talent Search program application. Still need to complete your 2021-22 application? Click here!)

For help accessing Canvas or any other questions, please email Jalaneya Marrero-Golden, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Assessment, at jmgolden@upenn.edu.

Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars

Penn Law Pre-College Academy Scholarship
Are you a high school sophomore or junior interested in learning about law? The Penn Law Pre-College Academy is a rigorous

Covid-19 Free Ambassadors and Representatives (COFAR) Initiative
The Women's Campaign Initiative, in partnership with Temple University, offers high
an academic program that gives high school students the opportunity to experience law school at a world-class university. This three-week intensive academy provides you with a well-rounded introduction to the American legal system and how law is practiced in the United States.

A limited number of program scholarships are available for qualified students based on need, academic merit, and interest in studying law. These scholarships cover all program fees, housing, meals while on campus, access to Penn’s fitness centers and other recreational facilities, and all activities and trips associated with the program.

Submit your application by March 18.

PMAY Artists' Initiative

The PMAY Artists' Initiative supports 5th-12th graders from communities that are underrepresented on the symphony orchestra stage and those who encounter hardships to realize their musical potential and ultimately pursue their dream of becoming professional classical musicians.

This program offers students financial support to make lessons, music classes, youth orchestra participation, and summer music camps affordable. Students will be able to attend free college and career preparation workshops, and PMAY teachers and staff will work with each family to make sure each musician has a strong plan to be accepted into a music conservatory, college or university music school majoring in music.

Apply by April 1 for Fall 2022!

Microsoft Disability Scholarship

The Microsoft Disability Scholarship will be awarded to promising high school seniors with disabilities who plan to attend a vocational or academic college and target a career in the technology industry. Each winner who continues to meet the criteria is eligible to receive an annual award of $5,000 for up to four consecutive years for a potential total $20,000 scholarship.

In addition to other criteria, applicants must:

- Be a current high school senior living with a disability, whether that be visual, hearing, mobility, cognitive, speech or other disability.
- Plan to attend an undergraduate program in a 2 or 4-year University/College or Technical College in the fall of the academic year following high-school graduation.
- Declare an approved major in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, law, business, or a related field.

Learn more and apply by March 15.

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