


O.H. Platt High School

Career Center Newsletter





November 13, 2020

Celebrating Community College Month!




Gateway Community College
Located in **New Haven, CT**
25 Minutes from Meriden by car, 25 minutes by train + 7 minute walk to campus
Campus Style: Expansive new building in downtown New Haven
Popular Majors: Health Sciences including Nursing | Business Studies
Computer Science | Engineering Science

Naugatuck Valley Community College
Located in **Waterbury, CT** with a second location in **Danbury, CT**
25 Minutes from Meriden by car, not easily accessible by public transportation
Campus Style: Open campus with outdoor space and several gardens
Popular Majors: Business Management | Nursing
Human Services & Pre-Social Work | Psychology



Middlesex Community College
Located in **Middletown, CT**
25 Minutes from Meriden by car, 50 minutes via bus
Campus Style: Suburban campus with multiple buildings and grassy outdoor space
Popular Majors: Manufacturing | New Media
Computer Engineering | Criminal Justice

Capital Community College
Located in **Hartford, CT**
25 Minutes from Meriden by car, 25 minutes by train + 10 minute walk to campus
Campus Style: City location in historic downtown Hartford
Popular Majors: Nursing | Criminal Justice | Cybersecurity
Social Service | Management



Tunxis Community College
Located in **Farmington, CT**
25 Minutes from Meriden by car, not easily accessible by public transportation
Campus Style: Small campus with two modern buildings, lots of outdoor space
Popular Majors: Business Administration | Criminal Justice | Engineering Science
Dental Hygiene | Early Childhood Education | Psychology

Platt is celebrating Community College Month in December, offering a variety of activities and learning opportunities for students. The month will kick off with a week of Virtual Meet & Greets with local admissions representatives. Students will learn about career ready certificate programs, as well as options to earn an Associate's Degree. Meriden's central location in Connecticut gives Platt students a variety of choices when choosing a Community College. Check out the event flyer linked [here](#) for more information.

Register for a Virtual Meet & Greet here:

<https://bit.ly/ccmonth>





Education Matters 5K Scholarship

Who: Any student 14 years or older

Requirements: Answer the question: *"What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?"*
(250 words or less)

Award Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: Monday, November 30, 2020

Click here to Apply: [Education Matters Scholarship](#)

Freshmen, You're Invited!

Thankful Tuesday

Freshman families, we want to meet you! Join us at our freshman family event on **Tuesday, November 24th**. Parents and students can meet 9th grade teachers and counselors and learn about important academic supports!

- Students will receive a customized Class of 2024 t-shirt.
- Every family will take home a Thanksgiving pie.
- Win gift card prizes!

Please let us know if you will be able to attend, check **ParentSquare for RSVP information**.

RISE NETWORK

WE WANT TO MEET YOU!

THANKFUL TUESDAY MEET & GREET

An event for Platt 9th grade students and their families

**NOVEMBER 24TH
3:00-6:00
MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY**

There will be...

- Gift card prizes
- Class of 2024 t-shirt for each student
- Thanksgiving pie for each family

Most importantly, families can meet 9th grade teachers and counselors and learn about important academic supports!

*Safety measures will be in place. Please wear a mask.

Safety measures will be in place, face masks are required to attend.

Seniors Mid-Year Check In Survey



Senior Mid Year Check-in

* Required

First Name *

Seniors please take a minute to complete the Mid-Year Check in Survey. This information is helpful to your counselor as we continue to support you in your post high school planning. If you have not yet completed the survey, please use the link below to complete it now.

Senior Mid-Year Check in Survey:

<https://bit.ly/Platt2021>



Take College Courses Now at MxCC@Platt!

Juniors and seniors can take FREE Middlesex Community College courses at Platt High School. You're invited to join us and learn more about this opportunity and spring semester course offerings. *(5 open seats per course)*

MxCC@Platt Information Session

Thursday, November 19th - 6:30 PM

Virtual, Google Meet

Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/mxccplatt>

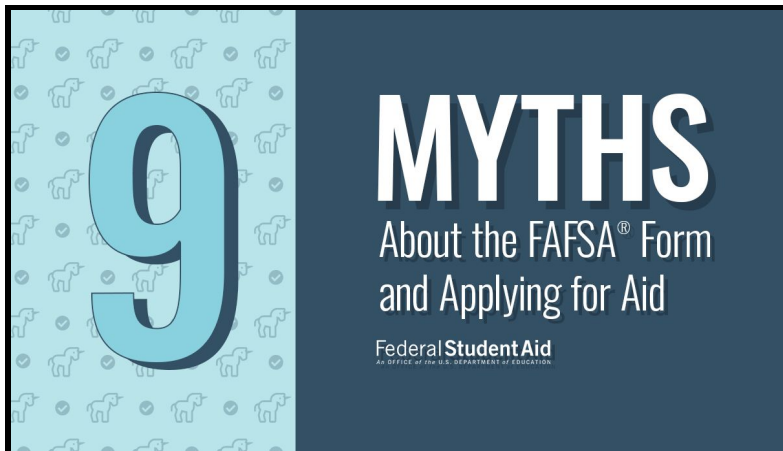
Senior Checklists

Planning for after graduation can be an exciting and an overwhelming task for seniors. The senior checklists were created to support students as they complete milestones related to their post high school planning; help them stay on track. No matter what your intended pathway is after graduation, we've got you covered! Click on one of the post high planning checklists below:

- ❖ [Four Year College Checklist](#)
- ❖ [Two Year College and Technical Programs Checklist](#)
- ❖ [Apprenticeship and Trades Checklist](#)
- ❖ [Military Checklist](#)
- ❖ [Workforce Checklist](#)



Two-Year College and Technical Programs Checklist	
Milestone	Completion Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your counselor to discuss interest in the two year college path and draft initial college list during <i>junior planning meeting</i>	March-April
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your counselor to confirm interest in the two year college path and review checklist requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Application requirements<input type="checkbox"/> SAT Scores exemption or should you consider taking the SAT?	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Create FAFSA account and FSA ID <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> To be eligible for free community college through the PACT program you must complete your FAFSA by July 15, 2020	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore local Community College and their program offerings to determine which will be the best fit for you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Capital CC - Hartford, CT<input type="checkbox"/> Gateway CC - New Haven, CT<input type="checkbox"/> Manchester CC - Manchester, CT<input type="checkbox"/> Middlesex CC - Middletown, CT<input type="checkbox"/> Naugatuck Valley CC - Waterbury, CT<input type="checkbox"/> Touxis CC - Farmington, CT	October-November
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit applications to community colleges and/or technical schools	



MYTH #1:

My parents make too much money, so I won't qualify for any aid.

FACT: The reality is there's no income cut-off to qualify for federal student aid. It doesn't matter if you have a low or high income; most people qualify for some type of financial aid, including low-interest

federal student loans. Many factors besides income—such as your family size and your year in school—are considered to determine your aid package.

TIP: When you fill out the FAFSA form, you're automatically applying for funds from your state, and possibly from your school, in addition to federal student aid. In fact, some schools won't even consider you for any of their scholarships (including academic scholarships) until you've submitted a FAFSA form. Don't make assumptions about what you'll get—fill out the application and find out!

Visit [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) for more helpful information on the FAFSA a complete list of common myths about financial aid.



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid opened on October 1st. The FAFSA is required for students to qualify for federal and/or institutional aid. No matter what path you choose after graduation, completing the FAFSA will open doors for education and training. Below are a few resources that can help you with your FAFSA completion!

FAFSA Checklist

Linked [here](#) is the FAFSA Checklist, it will list important next steps and share what you will need to complete the FAFSA.

FAFSA Tutorial Slides

Although the FAFSA might be a little intimidating, it is something that students and families can complete on their own. The FAFSA Tutorial Slides linked [here](#) will guide you through each step of the process. Go ahead, give your FAFSA a try!

FAFSA Expert Appointments

A CONNTAC Representative will provide seniors with one on one support with FAFSA completion. In person and virtual appointments are available - seniors are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment.

Request an appointment: <https://bit.ly/phsfafsa>

Connecticut FAFSA Days - Virtual Events

In collaboration with New Haven Promise & Higher Heights Youth Empowerment

Connecticut FAFSA Days are a collaborative series of workshops designed to connect students with trained facilitators in order to complete the FAFSA.

Upcoming Dates:

November 18th, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

December 16, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Register: <http://newhavenpromise.wufoo.com/forms/zqcswzh190ynoe/>

FAFSA Breakfast Celebration

All seniors who complete the FAFSA by February 15, 2021 will be invited to a special FAFSA Breakfast Celebration.

Make sure to tell your School Counselor when your FAFSA is complete!



Make an Appointment with your Counselor

Use your cell phone camera to scan the QR Code for your Counselor or visit the link provided!

<p>Mr. Guidone Director of School Counseling</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/Mguidone</p>	<p>Mrs. Mona School Counselor</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/mrsmona</p>
<p>Mrs. Ojeda School Counselor</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/RMorgan</p>	<p>Mr. Frederick School Counselor</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/Bfrederick</p>
<p>Ms. LaPlante School Counselor</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/Mlplante</p>	<p>Mrs. Melnik School Counselor</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/Jmelnik</p>
<p>Mr. Strumski School Counselor</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/strumski</p>	<p>Mrs. Marcantonio College & Career Coordinator</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/plattccr</p>