

College Compass

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Yeshivah of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School • Al and Sonny Gindi Campus



Congratulations to our 2018 seniors on their acceptances to:

Arizona State University
Barnard College
Baruch College (Honors, Dean's Scholars)
Binghamton University
Borough of Manhattan Community College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College (Scholars)
City College
College of Staten Island
Cooper Union
Colorado College
Drexel University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Guttman Community College
Hofstra University
Hunter College (Scholars)
Indiana University at Bloomington
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Kingsborough Community College
Lehman College
Long Island University, Brooklyn
Macaulay Honors College at:
-Baruch College
-Brooklyn College
-Hunter College
-College of Staten Island
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Monmouth University

Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York City College of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
New York School of Interior Design
New York University
*College of Arts and Science * Tandon School of Engineering * Stern School of Business * School of Professional Studies * Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Northeastern University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Queens College
Rutgers University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Albany
Syracuse University
The New School
Eugene Lang College * Parsons School of Design
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Yeshiva University (Honors)

A Note from College Guidance

Welcome to the spring 2018 edition of College Compass.

We have so much to be proud of in this issue, particularly the successes of our Seniors who earned admission to over 50 different colleges and universities! We wish them the best of luck as they make the transition to college and Israel next year and know that they are well prepared to succeed in this next phase of their lives.

As the Seniors wrap up their application season, our Juniors have jumped into meetings with their College Guidance Counselors and a series of college workshops designed to help them navigate through the sea of great schools out there in order to find their best fit college. We look forward to guiding all of you through this exciting journey!

At a Glance: Class of 2018

151 seniors
so far have been...

admitted to **50** different colleges and universities

and were...

awarded over a **million** dollars in merit scholarships!

and...

30 Flatbush students will be spending a gap year in Israel

Why Should YOU Visit a College Campus?

What is the best way to decide on a college? Without a doubt, the answer is: visiting! Actually setting foot on a college campus is the most telling and accurate way to learn if it is the right place for you.

Many juniors have already begun taking tours and attending info sessions at their prospective colleges. Junior Albert Saad recently visited one of the schools he is considering and the experience was immediately valuable. He explained how “The information session gave me a sense of what Admissions Officers are really looking for in an applicant...so I can plan my classes and activities accordingly.”

Junior Joseph Kattan also visited several schools and believes it was important because he “...experienced the diversity of students and cultures represented on campus which helped me see the role I want to play as a member of a college community.”

The spring of junior year is the ideal time to visit as students explore what unique opportunities each college offers and refine their prospective college list. In order to schedule a college visit, check out the undergraduate admissions website; there will be info on how to register for a tour and info session. If the school offers interviews, speak to your college guidance counselor regarding scheduling one.

- Take a campus tour
- If available, schedule an interview (in advance!)
- Attend an information session
- Get contact information of admissions officers you meet with
- Visit the Hillel/Chabad
- Stay overnight if you can
- Sit in on a class
- Eat in the cafeteria
- Make a list of questions to ask a current student:
 - Why did they choose this college?
 - What are the classes like?
 - What is life like on the weekends?
 - What do they do for fun?

Living Jewish on the Secular Campus: OU-JLIC

College is the bridge between childhood and adulthood and there, many students learn to live their Jewish traditions and values within a very diverse community. In addition to Hillel and Chabad, a valuable resource available to help students maintain connections to their Jewish identity is OU-JLIC. Here is their mission statement:

The OU's Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (OU-JLIC) was created to help young men and women thrive in a campus environment and helps Jewish students observe key aspects of Jewish life, such as tefillah, kashrut, Shabbat, and chagim. The JLIC educators serve as teachers and Torah role models at 23 universities in North America, learning with students one-on-one, coordinating weekly classes, and organizing guest lectures and other events. Students' connection with a OU-JLIC educator will enable them to balance their Jewish life and provide avenues for spiritual development while attending a secular college.

The College Guidance staff are happy to help you connect directly with the JLIC educators on individual campuses. For more information and a list of campuses where JLIC educators are available, visit: <https://oujlic.org/>.

Careers on the Rise

When choosing a career it's important to find a path you'll enjoy and find success in -- but it is also important to think about what the future holds for these fields. Below, we have compiled a list of 'uncommon' careers in a variety of fields expected to have the most significant growth through 2026. Please bear in mind that some of these careers require graduate school.

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics is an extremely helpful resource for learning more about potential careers; its Occupational Outlook Handbook provides summaries, salary info, job outlook, and required education needed for specific fields.

If your favorite subject is _____ consider _____:

Math - Actuary (22% increase) Actuaries calculate and analyze risk and often work for insurance companies.

Science - Audiologist (21% increase) Audiologists diagnose, manage, and treat a patient's hearing, balance, or ear problems.

English - Technical Writers (11% increase) Technical writers prepare instruction manuals, how-to guides, journal articles, and other supporting documents to more easily communicate complex and technical information.

History - Archivists (13% increase) Archivists appraise, process, catalog, and preserve permanent records and historically valuable documents.

Arts - Web Developer (15% increase) Web developers design and create websites. They need knowledge of both programming and graphic design.

Foreign Language - Interpreters and translators (18% increase) Interpreters and translators convert information from one language into another language. Interpreters work in spoken or sign language; translators work in written language.

Freshman College Guidance Program

On Monday, March 26th College Guidance and Pathfinders met with the freshman grade. In the assembly, we displayed a sample senior transcript, and explained to the students how each class they undertake during their high school career is displayed with equal weight. Several current YOF seniors shared with the 9th graders what they "wish they had known" about the college admissions process and how to use their time in high school productively. The seniors urged the students to get involved in activities beyond their comfort zones and to take advantage of the Pathfinders opportunities offered to them.

The assembly was very productive in helping the freshman class to understand that yes, freshman year does matter!



Your College Prep To-Do List: A Year-by-Year Review

9th grade

- Everything counts!
- Challenge yourself:
- Participate in academic clubs
- Research subjects that interest you outside the classroom
- Work hard in school
- Read!
- Register with Pathfinders to find your passion
- Get involved in the school community - join clubs, commissions, and sports that you enjoy

10th grade

- Build on 9th grade +
- Take PSAT and PACT seriously to see which standardized test works best with your learning and testing style
- Choose electives for junior year thoughtfully
- Attend Sophomore College Night on May 9th!
- Continue to work with Pathfinders to secure internship opportunities

11th grade

- Build on 9th & 10th grades +
- SAT or ACT exams
- Identify key deadlines!
- Find a meaningful summer activity
- Form list of possible colleges
- JUNIOR COLLEGE NIGHT on May 2nd!
- Visit campuses
- Begin thinking about essay topics
- Ask for recommendations
- Create a resume
- Pay attention to Junior College Seminars run by College Guidance in your classes

12th grade

- Build on 9th, 10th, & 11th grades +
- With your CG counselor:
- Finalize your list of schools
- Decide if you want to apply Early Decision or Early Action
- Prepare applications for admission and financial aid
- And on your own:
- Follow up with recommenders
- Visit campuses
- Keep performing to your fullest!
- Deposit on May 1 to the college of your choice

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