

# College Compass

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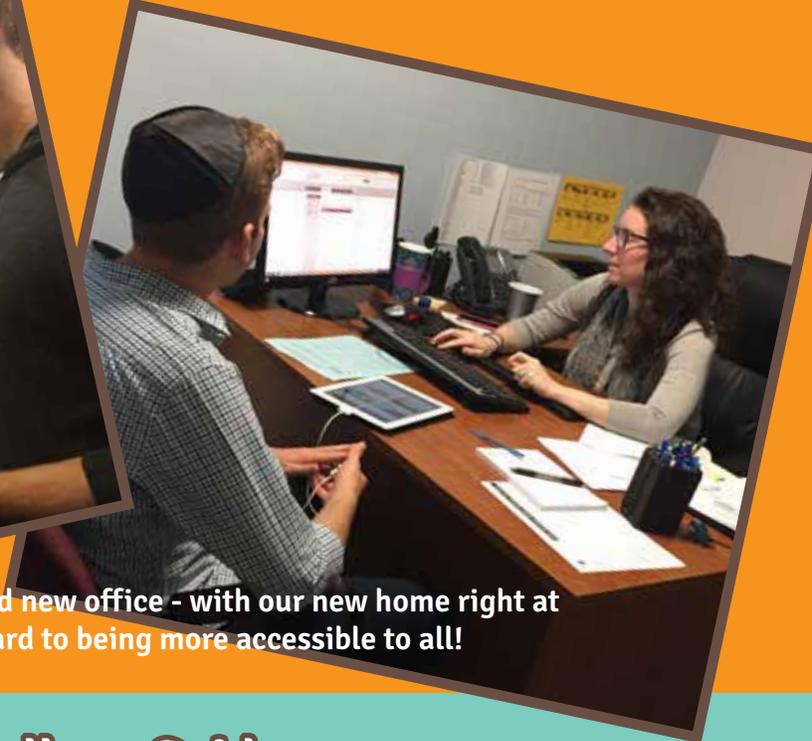
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## Come Visit the New College Guidance Office



We are so excited to have moved into our brand new office - with our new home right at the front of the building, we look forward to being more accessible to all!



## A Note from College Guidance

Welcome back from what we hope was a productive and enjoyable summer! Fall semester is an exciting time in College Guidance as we settle into our new office, seniors prepare their college applications, representatives from over 30 colleges visit our school and juniors prepare for the PSAT/pre-ACT. As many juniors and seniors take on their most challenging course load to date, we wish you all much success.

Our colleagues in College Admissions always say, “Everything counts!” Please keep that fact in mind since the effort you put into your classes now will pay off later, the time you put into investing in extra-curricular activities will enrich your daily high school experience and the relationships that you form here will last a lifetime.

We encourage you to peruse this edition of the College Compass to gain insight into what’s ahead for all of you, no matter what grade you are in. As always, we welcome you to stop by our office (it’s more convenient than ever!) for more information. We wish each of you and your families a Shana Tova; a meaningful year ahead filled with success and joy.

# Class of 2016: Where are they now?



Top Left: Sari Esses, Barnard College  
Top Right: Emily Waingort, Erica Tawil, Jeanette Mosseri, Denise azrak, and Lenore Tawil at Midreshet Eshel in Jerusalem, Israel  
Bottom Right: Albert Aini, Brooklyn College

## In the News: The PSAT

Throughout their time in high school, all students will be given annual opportunities to take the PSAT and pre-ACT exams. These tests provide students with practice for the actual SAT and ACT exams, enabling them to determine which exam matches their testing style. Most colleges require some form of standardized testing and accept either exam.

- The PSAT is administered by College Board and is designed to reflect the SAT which is divided into two parts: reading/language and math
- Students who score in the top percentiles on the PSAT in junior year can be eligible to receive the National Merit Scholarship
- The ACT has 4 sections: English, math, reading and science
- Both SAT and ACT have an optional writing section. Many colleges no longer require this portion of the exam.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The College Guidance Department will be presenting Junior College Kickoff Night for Juniors and their parents on December 20th. The program will include a review of PSAT and pre-ACT scores as well as an overview of the college search and application process.

# Summer Experience: Frieda Eskenazy

How many Flatbush students spent their summer surrounded by exotic fish and Ornithischian dinosaurs? Frieda Eskenazy, a Flatbush senior, did exactly that. She participated in the selective SALTZ Internship program for high school students at the Museum of Natural History in New York City.

**What was your role at the museum?**

I worked as an educator and tour guide, leading groups of all ages through the various halls as I explained the exhibits and artifacts. Along with the 49 other high school students selected for the internship, I spent almost two months working there.

We spent the first two weeks doing an intensive training where we had to learn and memorize a tremendous amount of information. We also had to structure how we would speak and practice speaking clearly and loudly.

**How did you learn of this program?**

Last year, during a school trip to the museum, I was working with a museum staff person who suggested that I look into SALTZ. She handed me an application and since I was looking for a summer job and am fascinated by science, I decided to apply.

**What were the challenges you faced and what did the experience teach you?**

Initially, it was daunting to learn and memorize such a large volume of information. I spent hours studying the entire museum and digesting the information so that I would be equipped to explain it to museum visitors of all ages. It was challenging to simplify complex ideas for younger children, but I learned how to engage with them to better understand what they already knew. I was the teacher, the person leading visitors throughout the museum. I would ask questions and then expand on their knowledge. I also improved my public speaking skills, how to project and communicate clearly. I learned that I am capable of being a leader.

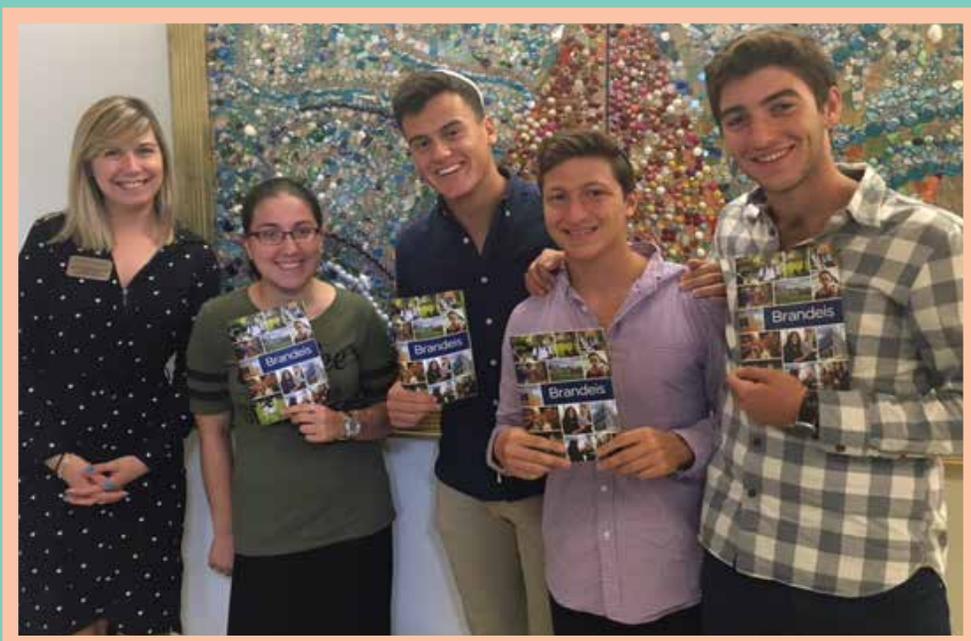
**Would you recommend this internship to others?**

Absolutely! For those students who are motivated and dedicated to learning, I would highly recommend this program. My experience was incredibly rewarding and I hope to continue interning at the museum as a college student through the MEEP program.

Interested in finding an internship? Contact the Pathfinders office: [bayonne50@aol.com](mailto:bayonne50@aol.com)

## College Representatives come to Flatbush

This fall, college admissions representatives from over 30 colleges are visiting Flatbush to meet with seniors and present on the college's academic offerings, student life, and admission process. Our students have the chance to learn more about their prospective schools and ask questions. Often, the college rep visiting is the person who reads Flatbush applications so it's a great opportunity to make the process more personalized.



Students with Annie Chiorazzi, Assistant Director of Admissions at Brandeis

# Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

## Upcoming Standardized Testing

### Diagnostic Testing

#### PSAT:

9th Graders: November 2, 2016

10th Graders: March 20, 2017

11th Graders: November 2, 2016

#### Practice ACT:

10th Graders: February 24, 2017

11th Graders: November 18,  
2016

### Standardized Testing for College Admission

#### SAT I & Subject Tests

October 9, 2016

November 6, 2016

December 4, 2016

January 22, 2017

March 19, 2017 (no Subject Tests)

May 7, 2017

June 4, 2017

#### ACT

October 23, 2016

December 11, 2016

February 12, 2017 (not in New York State)

April 9, 2017

June 11, 2017

## Key College Guidance Events

### “Financing College” presentation with

Mr. Bob Friedman

September 29, 2016

Thursday Application  
Help Center for Seniors  
1st Lunch in Room 205

### Parent Teacher Conferences (CG available to talk)

November 16 & 21, 2016

### Junior College Kickoff Night

December 20, 2016

### Junior College Night & College Fair

May 10, 2017

### Sophomore College Information Night

May 23, 2017



## College Admissions Officers Visiting YOF

Princeton University  
University of Pennsylvania  
Macaulay Honors College of CUNY  
State University of New York at Albany

Drexel University  
Pace University  
Boston University  
Columbia University  
Northeastern University  
Johns Hopkins University  
New York University  
Yeshiva University  
The Cooper Union

Washington University in St. Louis  
University of Maryland  
Hofstra University  
University of Connecticut  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Barnard College  
Rutgers University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Syracuse University  
LIM College (Laboratory Institute of Merchandising)

Seniors must register via Naviance in order to attend these meetings.

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