



# **PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**WELCOME  
FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**JUNE 23, 2022**

SPECIAL GUEST

**"Made In NY" Production Assistant Training Program  
AND  
NYC Financial Empowerment Centers**



# OUR PARENT COORDINATOR MS. MELODY PINK



I'm available to you  
Monday - Thursday  
9am- 2pm. I'm available  
to meet with families via  
Google Meets. Just  
email me & I will  
schedule an  
appointment.



My email address is  
[mpink@thewcs.org](mailto:mpink@thewcs.org)



# PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PLC



**Contact the PLC**  
**plc@thectwcs.org**

**PLC PRESIDENT**  
**CHERYL MCFADDEN**



# Virtual Housekeeping



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**•Please Do Not Click Present or Hook your Screen to the TV  
( It Interferes with the Presentation)**

**•Please Type your Name, Scholar's grade in the Comment Section for Attendance**

**\*\* Families on the phone please email Ms. Pink your name, scholar's name & grade**

**•Please type any Questions in the Comment Section relating to the Meeting**

**•NOTE: This PLC Virtual Meeting will be recorded & posted on our school website**

**Please do not interrupt Guest Speaker's Presentation . You will be given and opportunity  
to ask questions**



Courtanie saved for her very first apartment on her own.

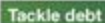
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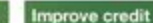
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We can help you, too.



**Michelle Veliz**

**Community Affairs Associate**

New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection

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DO MORE WITH YOUR MONEY

## Consider a 529 Plan

### Common Features of a 529 Plan Account

- Administered by a state government agency or educational institution
- Money grows tax-free
- Tax-free withdrawals for qualified education expenses such as tuition, room and board, books, fees, supplies

**Important:** Withdrawals beyond your principal (the amount you put in the account) that are not used for a given year's qualified education expenses will be subject to income taxes and a 10 percent penalty.

### What is a 529 Plan?

A 529 plan is a savings account offered by state governments and colleges and universities to encourage saving for future education costs, including costs to attend:

- four-year colleges and universities
- two-year associate degree programs
- trade schools
- vocational schools
- graduate schools

You can even use savings to pay for elementary, middle, or high school.

### How Does a 529 Plan Work?

The money you contribute to a 529 plan is invested, usually in some kind of mutual fund that is a mix of stocks and bonds. You'll have the opportunity to choose how your money is invested when you open the account. There are tax advantages.

Depending on the stock market and the investment option you choose, the money in your 529 plan may increase in value over time. If it does, you will not have to pay federal income taxes on those earnings when you withdraw the money, as long as you use the money for tuition at a college or technical school or for other education-related expenses such as dormitory costs, books, and school fees. However, if you use the money for any other purpose, any increase in the account's value will be subject to income taxes and you will pay a 10 percent penalty on the money you withdraw.

### Who Can Benefit from a 529 Plan?

You can open a 529 plan account for yourself, your own children or grandchildren, or even the children of friends and other relatives. When the student is ready to attend school, you can withdraw the money and apply it to tuition and other expenses such as room and board, books, supplies, and fees without paying taxes on the money you withdraw.

### Questions to Ask if You're Considering Opening a 529 Plan Account

- ✓ What is the time frame for saving (i.e., when do I or my children plan to go to school)?
- ✓ How much can I afford to save each month?
- ✓ Is there a minimum balance requirement to open a 529 plan account?
- ✓ How can I add money to the account?
- ✓ Am I willing to leave my money in the account alone to give it an opportunity to grow?
- ✓ What investment choices do I have for the money in the account?
- ✓ What is the potential for growth and loss with each investment option?
- ✓ What are the fees I will have to pay?
- ✓ Will investing in a 529 plan affect my public benefits or financial aid eligibility?

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### Where Can I Get More Information about a 529 Plan?

- For New York's 529 College Savings Program, call 1-877-697-2837 to speak to an education savings specialist.
- You are not obligated to use the New York State plan. Most other states offer 529 savings plans.
- For tax treatment questions, consult a tax professional.

### Contact Us Today!

- Call 311. Ask about free financial counseling at an NYC Financial Empowerment Center.
- Visit [nyc.gov/dca](http://nyc.gov/dca)
- Email [OFE.Outreach@dca.nyc.gov](mailto:OFE.Outreach@dca.nyc.gov)
- Follow us @NYCDECA

NYC Financial Empowerment Centers are in all 5 boroughs.



DO MORE WITH YOUR MONEY

# Open a Checking Account

## Common Features of a Checking Account

- Allows you to write checks for expenses like rent and utilities
- Comes with a debit card to withdraw cash at an ATM or to make purchases in person and online
- Allows direct deposit of your earnings
- Allows you to transfer money to another person's account
- Allows bill payment

## What is a Checking Account?

Checking accounts are transaction accounts at banks or credit unions. Some credit unions refer to checking accounts as "share draft accounts."

A key feature of a checking account is the option to have your earnings and other payments directly deposited into your account. This saves you from getting a paper check or a payroll (prepaid) card from your employer. Many banks and credit unions will waive account maintenance fees if you have your pay directly deposited to your checking account.

New York State law requires banks operating in New York to offer consumers a "basic banking account" with features such as a minimum starting deposit of no more than \$25 and a monthly maintenance fee of no more than \$3. Ask bank staff to tell you which of their accounts meets this requirement.

New York State law also protects the first \$2,640 in a checking account from being used to pay a judgment, with some exceptions such as student loan debts or child support arrears. Certain types of funds (Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), child support, retirement savings, etc.) are always exempt from debt collection.

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- Email **[OFE.Outreach@dca.nyc.gov](mailto:OFE.Outreach@dca.nyc.gov)**
- Follow us **@NYCDCA**

## Questions to Ask if You're Considering Opening a Checking Account

- ✓ Is there a monthly maintenance fee?
- ✓ Is there a minimum balance that I must keep to avoid fees?
- ✓ Which ATMs can I use to avoid being charged a fee?
- ✓ Will I be able to overdraw this account? If yes, will I be charged an overdraft fee? Can I opt out of overdraft protection?
- ✓ Can I open this account if I have a negative banking history in ChexSystems?

*The NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) protects and enhances the daily economic lives of New Yorkers to create thriving communities. DCA's Office of Financial Empowerment (OFE) educates, empowers, and protects New Yorkers and their communities so they can improve their financial health and build assets.*

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Empowerment  
Center



## Instructions for Sending a Cease Debt Collection Communication Letter

Under New York City and federal law, consumers may request at any time that a debt collector stop communicating with them permanently about a debt or alleged debt. In addition, if you are facing financial hardship due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, you can request that debt collection agencies stop contacting you temporarily about the debt\*.

Please complete the form letter on the next page and mail it to the debt collection agency that contacted you. Keep a copy for your records. Upon receipt, the debt collector cannot contact you until the State of Emergency covering New York City has ended, except in limited circumstances. If they continue to contact you, please file a complaint (include a copy of the letter you sent) with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) by calling 311 or visiting [nyc.gov/consumers](http://nyc.gov/consumers).

### \*Important:

- If you don't know the name or address of the debt collector, check past statements, ask the debt collector who calls you, or look up the name of the company in any voicemails they leave.
- Learn about your rights when a debt collector contacts you in DCA's [Debt Collection Guide](#), available at [nyc.gov/consumers](http://nyc.gov/consumers).
- If you are contacted by a debt collector about an alleged debt that you do not recognize, do not think you owe, or that you had already paid in full, you should request that the debt collector send you written verification of the alleged debt.
- Certain debt payments are suspended without penalty because of the COVID-19 crisis; contact your creditor or loan servicer (NOT the debt collector) to understand the status of the debt.
- Requesting that a debt collector stop contacting you about a debt or alleged debt does not mean the collector must stop collecting it, including by working with the creditor to file a lawsuit about the debt or reporting it to a consumer reporting agency.
- If you need help with managing your debt or drafting letters to creditors, book an appointment for free financial counseling over the phone at [nyc.gov/TalkMoney](http://nyc.gov/TalkMoney)

Note: This letter is not legal advice.

Lorelei Salas  
Commissioner

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[nyc.gov/dca](http://nyc.gov/dca)



\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address Line 1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address Line 2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Debt Collector Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Debt Collector Address Line 1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Debt Collector Address Line 2)

Re: Ceasing Debt Collection Communication \_\_\_\_\_  
(Account Number for Debt, if available)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Debt Collector Name)

By signing this letter, \_\_\_\_\_ is formally  
(Your Name)  
requesting that you cease all debt collection communications during the COVID-19 crisis, as required by the Rules of the City of New York, title 6, section 5-77(b)(4) and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. section 1692c(e).

You are directed to stop all communication with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Name)  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Address)

about this account until the State of Emergency covering New York City has ended. Any further communication beyond what is legally allowed will be a violation of the law and the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs will respond accordingly.

This letter is not meant in any way to be an acknowledgment that the consumer owes any money.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

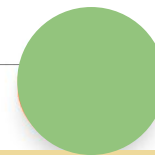
NYC Department of Consumer Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature





# MADE IN NY PRODUCTION ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

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Assistant Training Program

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## TODAY'S AGENDA

Intro: Brooklyn  
Workforce Innovations

TV & Film Industry

Is the PA position a fit  
for you or your  
family/friends?

Closing & Next steps



#### BWI PROGRAMS

High-demand training programs to give you the skills you need to thrive.

#### EMPOWERING NEW YORKERS TO ESTABLISH FAMILY-SUSTAINING CAREERS

##### Brooklyn Networks

Brooklyn Woods

["Made in NY" PA Training Program](#)

"Made in NY" Post Production

New York Drivers

NYCHA Resident Training Academy

Red Hook on the Road

Special Training Opportunities

The "Made in NY" PA Training Program is a collaboration between BWI and the New York City Mayor's Office of Economic Development. The program is designed to give underemployed and low-income New Yorkers the chance to work in New York City and build careers in the dynamic field of film and television production.

[Learn more](#)

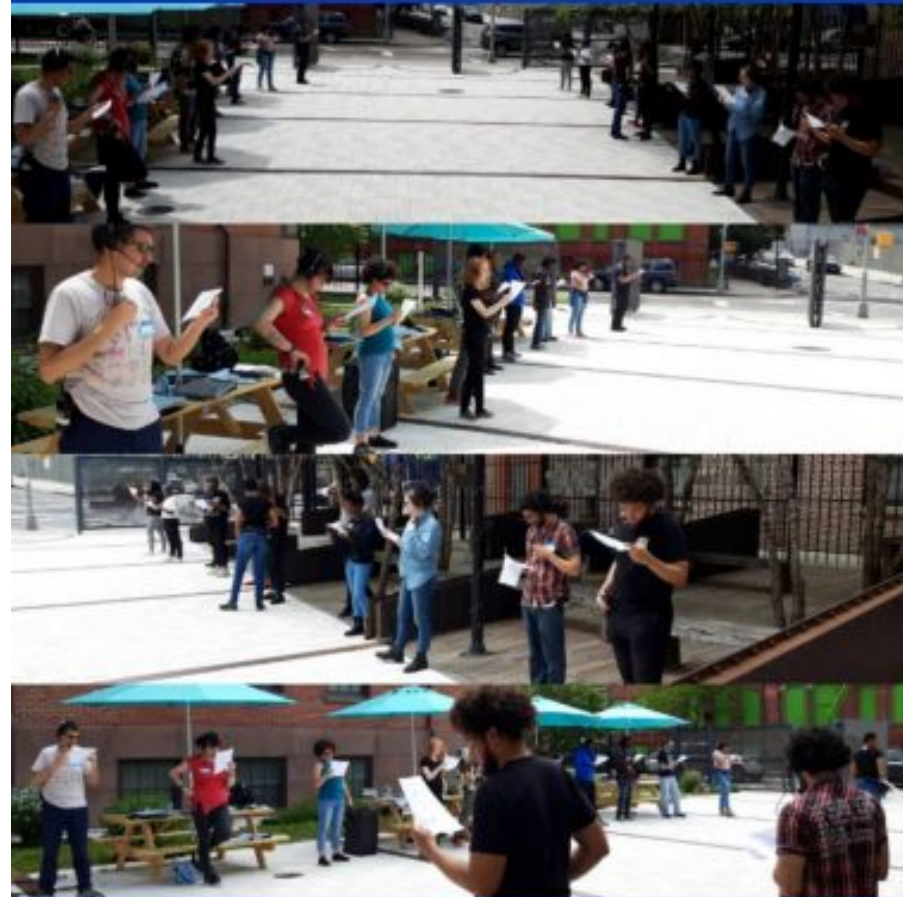


Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI) helps low income New Yorkers access careers through skilled training, access to employer-recognized credentials, job placement, and career development support.

For more info visit: [www.bwiny.org](http://www.bwiny.org)

BWI offers free training and job placement assistance:

- Commercial truck driving-CDL (Red Hook on the Road)
- Low voltage cable installation (Brooklyn Networks)
- Custom woodworking techniques (Brooklyn Woods)
- Television and Film Production (Made in NY PA)
- Post Production (Made in NY Post Production)
- The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Resident Training Academy)



THE OFFICE OF FILM,  
THEATRE AND BROADCASTING  
I want information about...

- Home
- About
- News

**Jobs & Training**

- + PA Training Program
- + Reel Jobs List
- + "Made in NY" Training for Media Employees + Executives
- + Career Panels
- + Opportunities at the Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting
- + Glossary of Film Terms

**Permits**

**Production Resources**

**For Residents**

**For Fans**

**PSA**



**"Made in NY" PA Training Program**

Welcome to the "Made in NY" Production Assistant Training Program, developed in partnership between the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and Brooklyn Workforce Innovation!

**The "Made in NY" Production Assistant Training Program is designed to:**

- Provide unemployed and low-income New York City residents with training and placement into entry-level positions in film and television production.
- Promote diversity within New York City's entertainment production workforce.
- Provide an additional resource as an incentive for attracting new production to New York.

**Mission Statement**

To provide individuals from diverse communities with training for entry-level positions in film production and access to employers in New York City's production industry, and to teach production assistants how to work collaboratively with local communities when they shoot on location throughout the five boroughs.

**For Job Seekers :** Click here to learn more about how to apply for this opportunity.  
**For Employers :** Click here to learn more about hiring graduates of the program.

**Quick Links**

- + Filing a Permit
- + Insurance Requirement
- + Incentives for Production
- + Stage and Studio Space



Entry Level film industry training. [More >>](#)

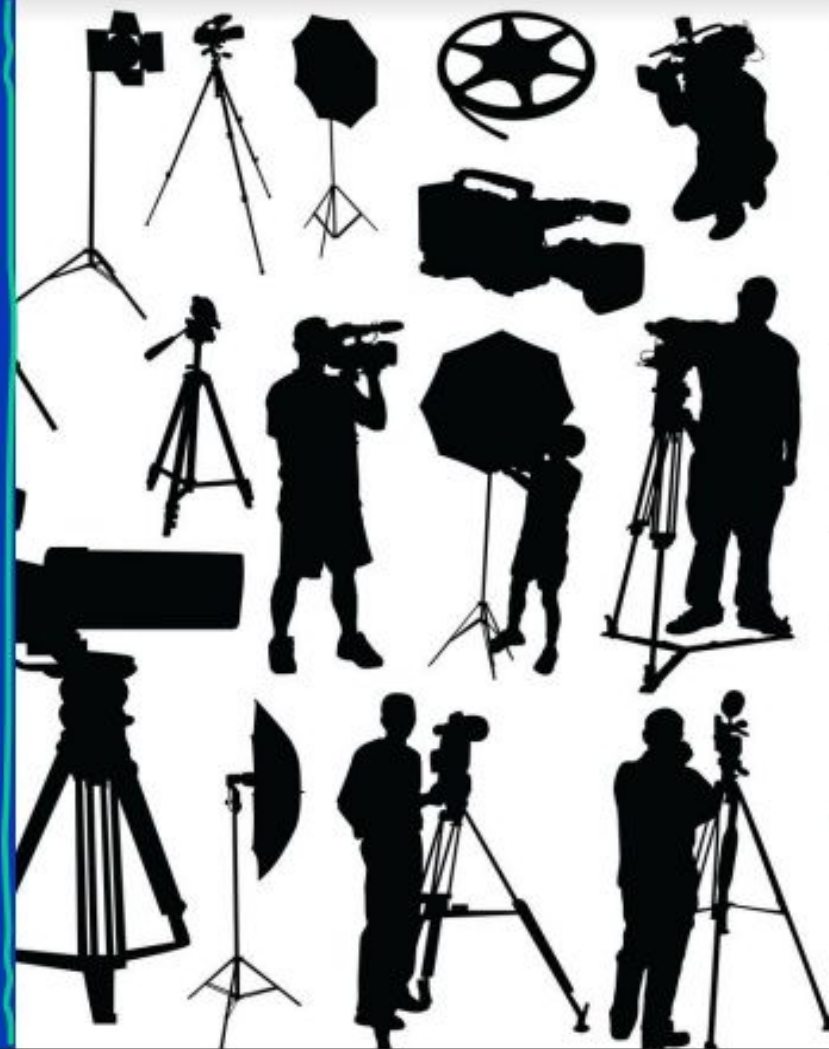


Info about the New York State tax credit. [More >>](#)



# TV & FILM Crew

- How do you get a job in production?
- Pre-Production vs. Production & Post-Production
- What does a Production Assistant do?
- Career Advancement







# LEARN ON THE JOB





# Training & Career Development



## SET PA

Security for the set i.e. "Lockups"  
Coffee & equipment runs  
Driving crew & talent



## Office PA

Administrative duties  
Receptionist & runs  
Internet research



## Location PA

Set up and break down  
Putting up signs  
Permits (low-budget gigs)

*Brooklyn Navy Yard In-Person Training Location*

# PRODUCTION ASSISTANT TRAINING

**SKILLS  
TRAINING,  
TAUGHT BY  
INDUSTRY  
PROFESSIONALS**

**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

Watch on  YouTube

Entertainment  
Lifestyle  
Freelancer  
Hours  
Pay



"Made in NY" certification from the NYC Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and 2 years of paid job placement assistance.

# 5 weeks of full- time training



## Eligibility Requirements to apply:

- Be at least 18 years old & legally eligible to work in the US
- Currently living in New York City [must be able to prove residency within 5 boroughs of NYC for past 6 mnths+]
- Be available full-time during training  
M-F 7:30am-6pm
- Be available to work full-time; on-call freelance production hours in TV/FILM production immediately after training and for the next two years
- Valid Driver's License (Out-of-State Accepted)

- Hybrid Training Model: Online & In-person classes
- Full vaccination or at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine required
- Weekly Covid Testing for In-Person Training

No Driver's License? You can still apply without one to be considered for future training (Learner's Permit required/18-29.\*)

# Next Steps:

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT BWI WEBSITE  
[BWINY.ORG](http://BWINY.ORG)

TO APPLY, ATTEND AN ONLINE INFO SESSION  
REGISTER FOR A FREE INFO SESSION AT  
[BWINY.ORG/CALENDAR](http://BWINY.ORG/CALENDAR)

INTERESTED IN THE "MADE IN NY"  
PA TRAINING INFO SESSION?

EMAIL [PA@BWINY.ORG](mailto:PA@BWINY.ORG) TO HAVE  
INFO SESSION DETAILS SENT TO  
YOU.

## BROOKLYN WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS

We help low-income New Yorkers secure training that leads to meaningful careers.  
[bwiny.org](http://bwiny.org)



### RED HOOK ON THE ROAD

Trainees earn their Class B/BPS Commercial Driver's Licenses and prepare for careers driving school buses, paratransit vehicles, and small trucks.  
718-237-4846



### BROOKLYN NETWORKS

Trainees earn their RICS1 certifications and prepare for careers as low-voltage cable installers for data, voice, security, and broadcast cable systems.  
718-237-2017 x 140



### BROOKLYN WOODS

Trainees prepare for careers as woodworkers and fabricators through hands-on, project-based learning and skill-building in the classroom.  
718-389-3656



### "MADE IN NY" PRODUCTION ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

Trainees learn practical skills and networking know-how to prepare for careers in TV and film production.  
718-237-2017 x 345



### "MADE IN NY" POST PRODUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM

Trainees increase their technical skills with editing and visual effects software to prepare for careers in post production.  
347-470-9231



### NYCHA RESIDENT TRAINING ACADEMY

Trainees (must be public housing residents) prepare for careers as Caretakers at NYCHA developments.  
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Most of our programs require applicants to attend an info session as a first step. To browse current info session dates, visit [www.bwiny.org/calendar](http://www.bwiny.org/calendar).

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Attend a BWI All Program  
Info Session online.

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- Woodworking
- TV/Film Production & Post Production
- Commercial Driving
- Customer Experience in Tech
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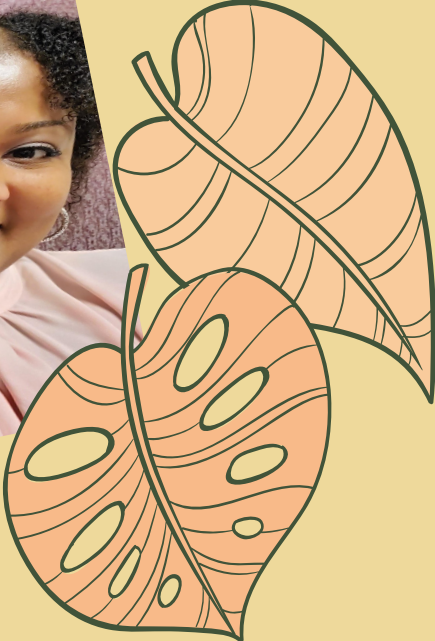


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<https://bwiny.org/calendar/>

**PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
MS. CHERYL MCFADDEN**



# DATES TO REMEMBER



**JUNE 28TH**

**CLASS OF 2022  
GRADUATION AT 11AM**



**AUGUST 29TH**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**



CHECK THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR CHANGES

**JUNE 27TH**  
LAST DAY  
OF  
SCHOOL



**JULY 11TH - AUG 3RD**  
**SUMMER SCHOOL**



CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION





# OVER SUMMER BREAK

With PLC President Cheryl McFadden

- **WORK ON YOUR SCHOLAR'S RESUME ( WRITE THEIR RESUME).**  
Visit Resume Genius for Teen Resume Template and Video on how to write a resume for teens  
<https://resumegenius.com>
- **LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR SCHOLAR TO BUILD THEIR RESUME..**  
ORGANIZATION, VOLUNTEERING, CHARITIES, JOBS ..ETC....
- **MAKE SURE YOUR SCHOLAR IS ON TRACK TO GRADUATE ON TIME. CHECK THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS THEY HAVE AFTER T3. IF THEY FAILED ENGLISH OR SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY ANY TRIMESTER. THEY ARE OFF TRACK AND MAY NEED TO GO TO SUMMER SCHOOL.**
- **CURRENT 11TH GRADE SCHOLARS SHOULD WORK ON THEIR PERSONAL ESSAYS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.**
- **CURRENT 10TH & 11TH GRADE SCHOLARS/PARENTS SAVE SAVE SAVE . SENIOR YEAR CAN BE EXPENSIVE. PROM TICKETS/ PROM ATTIRE/SENIOR DUES/ SENIOR TRIP/SENIOR SHIRTS/ PICTURES/COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES. EXPECT TO SPEND OVER \$500.**
- **CURRENT 9, 10 AND 11TH GRADE. WRITE YOUR SCHOLAR'S COLLEGE LIST - 10 COLLEGES YOUR SCHOLAR MAY WANT TO ATTEND. GO TO YOUVISIT.COM FOR VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS**

# **PREPARING FOR COLLEGE STARTS IN THE 9TH GRADE** *WEBSITES YOU AND YOUR SCHOLAR SHOULD VISIT OVER THE SUMMER*

## **College Board**

AP, SAT, College Search and Admission Tools

<https://www.collegeboard.org>



## **Federal Student Aid**

The largest provider of financial aid for college in the

U.S. Understand aid, apply for aid, and manage your student loans today.

<https://studentaid.gov>



## **YOUVISIT**

Virtual college tours

<https://www.youvisit.com>



## **NY's 529 College Savings Program | NY 529 Direct Plan**

<https://www.nysaves.org>



## **Upromise®**

A free service that helps families save for college

<https://www.upromise.com>

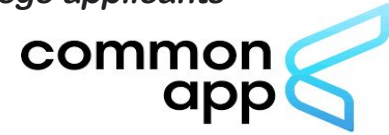


# BUILDING YOUR SCHOLAR'S RESUME WITH EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*It gives them the best opportunities to stand out among other college applicants*

The screenshot displays the Common App user interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. Below these is a 'Common Application' sidebar with a list of menu items: Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities (highlighted), Writing, and Courses & Grades (0 College(s) Require). The main content area is titled 'Activities' and includes a 'Preview' button. A 'View Activities Tutorial' link is visible. A section titled 'Activity 1' is expanded, showing a form with the following fields: 'Activity type' (a dropdown menu with 'Art' selected), 'Position/Leadership description and organization name, if applicable' (a text box containing 'Published Illustrator, [insert book name here]'), and 'Please describe this activity, including what you accomplished and any recognition you received, etc.' (a text box containing 'Featured as the primary illustrator of an internationally-acclaimed').

Example of the common app



## COMMON APP

Apply to college with Common App

<https://www.commonapp.org>

The Common Application is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of more than 950 member colleges and universities

### What counts as an extracurricular activity?

Also known as extra-academic activities, extracurricular activities include **sports, student government, community service, employment, arts, hobbies, and educational club**

# Scholar Volunteership Opportunity - Earn Volunteer Hours Virtually



Sign up at  
<https://luvmichael.com>

## BECOME A VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER

THE LUV MICHAEL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IS A GRASSROOTS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAM THAT IS ONE PART LEARNING ABOUT AUTISM, ONE PART ADVOCATING FOR AUTISM ACCEPTANCE, AND ONE PART CREATING MEANINGFUL WORK. WITH VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE WORLD, OUR VIRTUAL SERVICE PROGRAM ALLOWS FOR PARTICIPATION BY ANY STUDENT WHO IS SERVICE-MINDED.

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TODAY**

100% ONLINE.



For more information

Contact  
**(646) 669-7263**

# FAMILY RESOURCES WITH MS. MELODY PINK





## Explore the Bronx Zoo for Free

The Bronx Zoo spans 265 acres and is home to more than 6,000 animals. From Tiger Mountain to World of Reptiles, there is plenty to see. Don't forget catch the penguin and sea lion feedings twice a day.

– Free all day each Wednesday. Advanced tickets are required. The Wednesday Ticket Store will open on Monday at 5:00pm for that Wednesday's reservations: [Wildlife Conservation Society :: Ticket Selection \(wcs.org\)](https://www.wcs.org/ticket-selection)

– Use your **IDNYC** to sign up for a free one-year membership to the Bronx zoo and other attractions.

# Free Events

There are many free and low-cost kid-friendly events across all five boroughs of New York City. Here's where to find them...

## Libraries

New York City's public libraries offer a huge variety of virtual and in-person events. Try **The New York Public Library** ([Events](#) | [The New York Public Library \(nypl.org\)](#)) which serves the Bronx, Staten Island, and Manhattan, **The Brooklyn Public Library** ([Events Calendar](#) | [Brooklyn Public Library \(bklynlibrary.org\)](#)), or **the Queens Public Library** ([Calendar](#) | [Queens Public Library \(queenslibrary.org\)](#)).



## Parks

**New York City Parks** ([Free and Low-cost Events : NYC Parks \(nycgovparks.org\)](#)) host many free and low-cost events throughout the boroughs. You can filter results by “Best for Kids” and “Free Events”.

## Arts and Culture

Many museums and cultural institutions have family days and kid-friendly events, like the **MoMA**, the **Jewish Museum**, the **Morris-Jumel Mansion**, the **National Museum of the American Indian**, **The Rubin Museum**. **The Brooklyn Museum** even hosts monthly Salsa dance parties for all ages!

JUNE IS

LGBTQ

PRIDE MONTH

fastweb

Deadline: June 30



  
\$1,500 COLLEGEEXPRESS  
SHOW YOUR PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

How to enter: Answer one question, in honor of Pride Month: What is something about yourself that makes you proud?

Visit: [Complete Your Profile | CollegeXpress](#)



# Ms. Pink's Tips for Incoming College Freshmans & their Families.

## 1. Time Management

Students are in class much less in college than in high school, therefore, you will need to manage your time better with studying during your down time. You will also need to manage your time with personal, work, athletic, and academic responsibilities with more free time between classes. Use a planner, calendar or app to help stay organized.





## 2. Meet People

The first people you meet will not necessarily be your best friends. Keep meeting people throughout your first year on your floor, dorm, cafeteria, campus events, at the gym and in the classroom. The more people you meet the easier it will be to find 'your people.'



## 3. Use the Tutoring Center

You will have less daily homework and more long-term assignments, like essays, more significant projects, and more extensive tests. Utilize the tutoring center on campus to help prepare for tests and use the writing center to help write articles and papers.



## 4. Join Clubs

Join clubs that are of interest to you. You will meet people with common interests and you will gain experience in a field that you are interested in.



## 5. Exercise

Get your rest and make sure to take care of yourself. Students need to balance their lifestyle with exercise and getting enough sleep. A short nap is a good idea for many. Hydrate too!

## 6. Meet with Faculty

Make use of faculty office hours. The better you get to know your professors, the better you will do in the class. And you never know if/when you may need a letter of recommendation from a professor! Go to faculty office hours!

## 7. Don't Overpack

Bring what you need and that's it. You do not need to bring everything all at once unless you are traveling far to college. Regardless, do not buy extra stuff for your dorm room that you do not need.



## 8. Go to Career Services

Go to the office of career services early! Don't wait until senior year to visit this office. Go early and get help with your resume. Learn about internship and job possibilities. You can prep for interviews there as well.



## 9. How Often to Call Mom



At first you may FaceTime or call on a daily basis. Yes, always check in with your mom but set a day & time to catch up. Create a safe word too, when texting & phoning so your family would know that you need help or that something is wrong. Building independence is vital during those first few weeks of freshman year. You are going to be ok. You've got this!

## 10. Be Kind to Yourself

You will have a period of adjustment during your first semester. You will feel homesick at some point. Be kind to yourself and seek out someone to talk with, like an RA, if need be.



# How to Pack for College: Ms. Pink's Tips

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## Label away.

With a jumbo sharpie and FrogTape, label all the various moving boxes, containers, boxes, and bags with student's name/room/dorm name. This tape sticks to everything and leaves no duct tape adhesive behind.



## Wash and pack all clothes and bedding.

Pack clothes in **Blue IKEA bags ( it's the #1 must have dorm item for move in day)**. Hanging clothes can be grouped in similar length, by small bundles and tied together with a trash bag /garment bag.



# Fill plastic storage bins and drawers with lightweight clothing and misc. items.

Tape drawers shut when each space is filled completely.

## Pack shoes together.

Wines Boxes are perfect to pack shoes (empty boxes stored in front of stores for the taking), I scored a couple of heavyweight case boxes with built-in dividers for my college student. These make fantastic shoe holders.



**SPECIAL PACKING NOTE: PACK: EXTRA LONG TWIN SIZE SHEETS, COMFORTER, MIRROR MATTRESS COVER ( CHECK MATTRESS FOR STAINS AND BED BUGS) GET TO YOUR ROOM EARLY TO SELECT YOUR SIDE OF THE ROOM. CHECK WITH YOUR COLLEGE ON ACCEPTABLE ROOM DECOR AND APPLIANCES**



# College Move-In Day: Ms. Pink's Pic's That Will

## Save Your Life!

### 1. Ikea Storage Bags

These bags are THE secret to move-in success. Lightweight, durable, and easy to stack in the car, these bags can be used for under-bed storage, can function as a laundry bag, or can be folded and ready to be packed up when you move out your kid next spring.



### 2. Four Wheel Folding Platform Cart

A platform cart or a dolly, they're enormously helpful for getting your stuff where it needs to go. This will make college move-in day go so much smoother!



### 3. Surge Protector

You can never have enough power in a dorm room and many do not allow extension cords. This surge protector has a 6-foot cord, 12 outlets, and 2 USB ports.



### 4. Fan

August is a very hot month and many dorms are not air-conditioned. Bring a fan and set it up first to keep all of you a little cooler during the move-in. This one is the #1 recommended fan.



## 5. First Aid Kit

I recommend putting together your own, with all the first aid and cough/cold medicines your family prefers. But if you want to be covered with the basics, getting a set this like will do the trick.



## 6. Water bottles and snacks

These will come in handy, too. Since college students need to have water bottles, think about packing a new Hydro Flask water bottle that offers a wide selection of styles and sizes that are perfect for your students. For long days on campus, studying at the library, sports practice, bike rides, workouts, hiking, or walking to class, Hydro Flask water bottles are excellent for your teen — keeping drinks cold or hot for the entirety of the day.



## 7. Command Hooks and Strips

Command strips and hooks for “hanging” things on walls are very popular; they peel off easily without ruining the walls. Note: Check the “residence life” section of the college website to see if these are allowed.



## 8. Cleaning supplies / Facemasks

Fill a bucket with cleaning supplies such as Clorox wipes, trash bags, and shelf liners because you may want to wipe everything down.

**P.S. Don't forget to pack Facemasks, the Pandemic is not over.**



# The Legal Documents You Need When Your Child Turns 18

## What You May Need In A Medical Emergency

### **1. Health Care Proxy (also referred to as a healthcare agent or medical power of attorney, a healthcare power of attorney, or durable power of attorney for health care)**

This authorizes someone to make medical decisions on your teen's behalf and it gives you access to your medical records and the ability to converse with their medical health care providers. By signing a healthcare proxy, your teen is appointing you to act on your behalf in making medical decisions in case you cannot make those decisions for yourself.

Each state has different laws that govern the execution of a healthcare proxy (state laws differ on whether a medical proxy has to be notarized or merely witnessed). And, therefore the legal form you sign will be specific to the state where it will be used. In many states, the HIPAA authorization is rolled into the standard medical proxy form. In addition, a healthcare proxy can include a Living Will or you can execute a separate document stating your wishes for end-of-life medical treatment.

### **2. HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) authorization (also called a HIPAA release)**

This is a more narrow document in that it permits healthcare providers to disclose your teen's healthcare information to you or anyone they specify.

This document alone will often suffice for you to get information from the health care institution treating your child. In a HIPAA authorization, a young adult can stipulate that they don't want to disclose information about sex, drugs, mental health, or other details that they prefer to keep private.

## When You Should Get These Documents?

You should prepare these documents ahead of time because it may take time to get everything in order including notarization (although not every state requires notarization.) Once kids take off for school it may be hard to get their attention, so be mindful of that.

## What Else Changes When Your Teen Turns 18?

**When your teen reaches the age of 18, even though you may still think of them as children, under the law they have now achieved adult status.** That status allows them to vote, serve in the military, serve on a jury, sign a contract, and get married without your consent. Although they still can't do certain things, like drink alcohol or rent cars, their legal status is decidedly different than it was at 17.

1. All males with US citizenship (with very few exceptions) **must register for the selective service** upon reaching the age of 18.
2. Although not required, this is a great time for your kids to **register to vote**.
3. When your children turn 18, you no longer automatically **have the authority to make healthcare decisions** for them. And this is true even if they are still covered by your health insurance and you are paying the bill. This means that if your child has an accident or illness and is temporarily disabled, you may need court approval to act on their behalf or even to be informed of their medical status.
4. Despite the fact that you are paying for their education, **the FERPA law says you no longer have access to your child's grades once they turn 18**. That's right, you can call the registrar and ask to see your 18-year-old's transcript and they will not share it with you even though you're the one signing the tuition checks.
5. You can no longer manage money for your children once they turn 18.

# Off to College Checklist



## DORM ROOM

- Complete all housing information, deposits, and surveys.
- Coordinate with roommates or suitemates on who brings what (mini fridge, microwave, coffeemaker)? Is there a theme to the room?
- FaceTime roommate before move-in.
- Purchase dorm necessities, leaving optional items until after move in.
- Find dimensions of housing (on university website) and what items are provided (eg, desk chair, floor lamp...) to students, find out if the beds are loft or bunk beds.
- Find out what items are banned in the dorm.
- Read over the housing agreement to learn about the dorm rules.
- Get dorm or apartment insurance, if required.



## LEGAL

- Complete medical and financial power of attorney and HIPAA forms.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Find local mental health providers, if needed.
- Find local health care providers, if needed.
- Will prescriptions need to be changed if they are out of state?
- Contacts/glasses prescriptions.
- Complete any health care forms.
- Check about opting out of college health insurance by providing proof of family's health insurance (missing this opt out can mean unnecessary insurance costs).
- Health and dental insurance documents.
- Check that all vaccines are up-to-date.
- Have physical and dental exams before leaving home.
- Locate the closest ER and urgent care facility and put phone numbers into phone.
- Create an Uber/Lyft account in case they need a ride to a doctor.
- Create a complete First Aid kit.

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**Deadline to enter June 21th**

You must be at the entire meeting on June 23rd to win and answer if your name is called

# SUMMER TIME RAFFLE

camping in the Poconos with family and friends

Hershey Park, Legoland, beach and some amusement parks.

Scholar will be working summer youth and before returning to school vacation in JA to see family

Mother is working and daughter is going to be working at her internship

Mexico or Puerto Rico vacation

Ocean City Maryland

Going to Chili to see his aunt/godmother

working summer SCG and days off gym for scholar and stay home. Start Católic religious classes

spending time with my daughter doing any activities



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In my experience, students at this school feel excited about what they're learning

DISAGREE      AGREE

## Teaching

In my experience, teachers at this school are respectful, supportive, and motivate their students to learn

DISAGREE      AGREE

## Social-emotional support

In my experience, this school supports students' mental health and emotional well-being

DISAGREE      AGREE

Your relationship with this school:



Parent/guardian >

## Special Education

This school provides students with disabilities the support and accommodations they require

DISAGREE      AGREE

## Safety

In my experience, this school provides an environment safe from violence, discrimination, and harsh punishment

DISAGREE      AGREE

## Family Engagement

In my experience, the school welcomes and includes families as partners in their children's learning

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Parent Involvement



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IF YOU MISSED A PLC MEETING. YOU MISSED A LOT

- Made in NY Production Assistant Training Program
- NYC Financial Empowerment Center
- The Animation Project (TAP)
- Building Beats
- Girls Rise Up / Stem from Dance
- Target / HR Recruiter Ms. C Howell
- The Brooklyn Cinderella Project
- Neighborhood Safety Coalition, The Wick Against Violence Program Lossures
- The State University of New York Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center (BEOC)
- NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Health
- Growing Up NYC / Generation NYC NYC Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity
- Believe & Inspire (3x)
- The Brooklyn Public Library Macon Branch –
- NYC Children: The Division of Youth and Family Justice / The Family Assessment Program
- ACE Mentor Program of Greater New York
- The Marcy Lab School
- The U.S. Navy/Navy Recruiting Station Do
- One Hundred Black Men Of New York Inc, Junior One Hundred
- RiseBoro Community Partnership
- El Puente
- Restoration Plaza
- Girls Who Code
- Weeksville Heritage Center
- Professor Dane Peters Adjunct Lecturer at Brooklyn College and BMCC
- Medgar Evers College of The City University of New York-Evening and weekend program
- THE HOPE PROGRAM
- NYC Department of Education Adult Education Program
- Black Mental Wellness
- New York State Charter School Association
- United States Census Bureau 2020
- Boulevard Home Care Associates
- FDNY Fire Education Unit
- OBT Opportunities for A Better Tomorrow
- Year Up
- Job Corp
- Medgar Evers College School of Professional & Community Development
- Legal Hand
- Body and Soul Tattoo
- Chop & Chops Mixed Martial Arts

# FAREWELL



**FROM PLC PRESIDENT CHERYL MCFADDEN**

**THANK YOU TO WCHS FAMILIES AND STAFF FOR SUPPORTING THE PLC**

**IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE SERVING AS YOUR PLC PRESIDENT**

**I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN THE FUTURE**

# COMMUNITY TABLE

Open Parent Discussion



The background is a light yellow-green color with a pattern of various tropical leaves. Some leaves are solid colors (orange, green, yellow), while others are white outlines. The leaves include monstera-like leaves with holes, ferns, and other broad-leafed plants. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

**THANK YOU**

**HAVE A GREAT  
SUMMER**