



SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

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CHECK OUT OUR
DAILY BULLETIN

DATES

31 DECEMBER

📅 Thurs 5th
Environmental Studies at MCLA
3:00pm-8:00pm
MCLA

📅 Sat 7th
SAT Administration
7:00am Pittsfield High School

📅 Tues 10th
BCC Instant Admission Day
8:00am Taconic High School

📅 Tues 10th
Helping Undocumented Students
Pay for College Webinar
3:30pm Online Webinar (see link)

📅 Wed 11th
ASVAB Administration
8:00am Taconic High School

📅 Thur 12th
Laundry Love
11:00am-2:00pm
North Street Coin-Op

📅 Fri 13th
Progress Reports
Marks Close

📅 Tues 17th
College Planning Workshop
Presented by Todd Anthony
6:30pm Berkshire Athenaeum

📅 Mon 23rd - Jan 1st
Holiday Break
Pittsfield Public Schools

31 JANUARY
📅 Fri 24th
Report Cards
Marks Close

COMING UP...

★ ASVAB ADMINISTRATION

The ASVAB Test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be administered on December 11th at 8:00am to 11:00am at Taconic. Students interested in a career in the military should take this test. It is free for students to take, and students interested must sign up in the Student Services Office. For more information visit:

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com/how-to-join/asvab-test>

★ SAT/ACT DEADLINES

★ BCC INSTANT ADMIT

A representative from Berkshire Community College will be visiting Taconic on December 10th to meet with prospective students. They will discuss their programs, and also make an admissions decision "on the spot." Students interested in attending BCC in the Fall of 2020 should sign up in the Student Services Office for Instant Admission. Transcript Release Forms need to be completed and returned to the office by December 4th. Also, students must complete the BCC application by December 4th. Create an account at complete an application:

[BCC Application](#)

COUNSELOR
ASSIGNMENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Berkshire Community College works with Taconic High School every year to offer students access to free college courses.

There are a number of ways you can earn college credit while you're still in high school. In some cases, you might take classes taught by your high school teachers, when successfully completed, can earn you college credit at NO COST.

You might spend your junior or senior years at BCC taking classes in person or online. BCC's Bridge to College programs allows high school seniors to take one FREE course at BCC.

Apply to Early College:

1. Application

Speak with your school counselor and complete the Early College application.

2. Schedule

Schedule and complete the Accuplacer

3. Submit & Register

Submit your completed Application by emailing Shelly Armstrong at sarmstrong@berkshirecc.edu

WEBSITE

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

★Startup Weekend: Berkshire Economy

★College Planning Workshop with Todd Anthony

This workshop is designed to inform families about the ins and out of the college and financial aid process and the possibilities that exist that can help them better understand, navigate and complete it in a more advantageous and less costly manner. This is a free program offered at the Berkshire Athenaeum on December 17th at 6:30PM.

★Free BCC College Course

★Laundry Love

★How Can Undocumented Students Pay for College? Webinar Sign Up



MassHire Berkshire Workforce
Board

Upcoming **FREE** Certified Nursing
Assistant Training Programs!

Daytime Nursing Assistant / Home Health Aide Program

90 Hour State Approved Course
Berkshire Health Systems &
Berkshire Community College

Online Nursing Assistant Course

Approved course through the
American Health Care Association
(AHCA)
Berkshire Healthcare Systems

Applications will be posted on the
Berkshire Workforce Board's
website

<https://masshireberkshire.com> by
December 2, 2019!



**BERKSHIRE
WORKFORCE BOARD**

CAREER CORNER

Healthcare

*Did You Know – There is a growing,
critical shortage of Healthcare
workers in Berkshire County?*

★ There are currently 160 available jobs within
the healthcare sector in Berkshire County;

★ Over 4,000 jobs will be
available in Entry-Level
Healthcare Occupations /
Careers including Medical &
Nursing Assistants and Home
Health & Personal Care Aids;

★ Nearly 1,000 jobs will be available
in Technical-Level Healthcare
Occupations / Careers including
Licensed Practical & Vocational
Nurses, Emergency Medical
Technicians and Medical Record
Technicians

★ Nearly 2,800 jobs will be available
in Professional-Level Healthcare
Occupations/Careers including
Medical & Health Service
Managers, Registered Nurses,
Healthcare Social Workers,
Occupational Therapists and
Physical Therapists

★ By 2026 in Berkshire County:

★ There are a number of advantages of
working in the healthcare industry which
include increased industry growth, career
ladder opportunities, diverse work
environment, better pay and improved
benefits, a stimulating work environment,
flexible work hours and the opportunity to
help people!



**How Berkshire County
residents can help
address this need:**

• **Healthcare
employers** – host high
school students for
internships and job
shadowing, participate
in school Career Fairs,
visit classrooms to
speak to students,
host workplace tours,
provide teacher
externships, etc.

• **Students / youth** –
participate in
Healthcare career
readiness activities
and programs! Ask
your guidance
counselor about these
current opportunities.

• **Parents/guardians &
family members** –
encourage your
children to participate
in Healthcare career
exploratory
opportunities! If you
are a Healthcare
worker, please
encourage your
company to provide
these experiences to
local youth. Also, visit
Berkshire Career
Center's job listing at
<https://masshireberkshire.com/jobseekers/job-search/> to search
current entry and
technical level open
Healthcare jobs!

