

NYSACAC Virtual College Fair Guide

Check out what schools will be joining and read some useful tips.

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Welcome from the College Fair Committee!

Since March 2020, we have witnessed the incredible resilience of the human spirit, rising in triumph over trauma, even as the nation has marked terrifying and sorrowful milestones of loss due to COVID-19. You have the tenacity and resilience necessary to continue your path forward.

We know this hasn't been an easy journey. And we hope that this college guide and college experience will provide you with support and guidance as you embark on this journey. As much as we would like to meet in person please know that our college partners, secondary school counselors, and support members are here to support you in whatever path you choose.

Please use this guide to help you explore the many options available to you. Our intention is to provide you with a central area to help you navigate our virtual fair. Please use the resources within this guide to help you find your best-fit college.

Step out of your comfort zone. Ask questions. Our college partners are here to help you navigate this process. The college committee will be there to help you throughout this entire process. Should you have any questions while participating, stop by our Help/Solution Center and we will be available to assist you in navigating the college fair.

We can't wait to see where your journey takes you!

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Participating NY Schools by Region



Capital Region

Albany College of Pharmacy Russell Sage College University at Albany, SUNY

Central New York

Cayuga Community College Cazenovia College **Colgate University** Le Moyne College SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry SUNY Oswego Syracuse University

Finger Lakes

Hobart and William Smith College **Rochester Institute of Technology** St. John Fisher College University of Rochester Wells College

Long Island

Adelphi University Farmingdale State College, SUNY Hofstra University Long Island University St. Joseph's College - Long Island



Mid-Hudson

Iona College Marist College Mercy College Mount Saint Mary College **Pace University** Sarah Lawrence College St. Thomas Aquinas College **SUNY New Paltz** SUNY Westchester Community College

Mohawk Valley

Hartwick College SUNY Cobleskill **SUNY Oneonta**

North Country

St. Lawrence University **SUNY Plattsburgh SUNY Potsdam**

Southern Tier

Binghamton University, SUNY Cornell University Ithaca College St. Bonaventure University

New York City

Barcuh College, CUNY **College of Mount Saint Vincent** College of Staten Island, CUNY **Columbia University** Fordham University Hunter College John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY LIM College Long Island University Manhattan College Manhattan School of Music Marymount Manhattan College New York Institute of Technology New York School of Interior Design Queensborough Community College, CUNY St. Francis College St. John's University St. Joseph's College - Brooklyn SUNY Maritime College The Cooper Union The New School Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology Wagner College

Western New York

Alfred State College, SUNY **Alfred University Canisius** College D'Youville College Erie Community College, SUNY Hilbert College Niagara County Community College, SUNY University at Buffalo, SUNY

Participating Out of State Institutions

Colorado

University of Colorado, Boulder

Connecticut

Central Connecticut State University Post University Sacred Heart University University of Connecticut University of New Haven Western Connecticut State University

Delaware

University of Delaware

Florida

Nova Southeastern University University of South Florida

Illinois

Columbia College Chicago

Indiana

Butler University

Louisiana

Tulane University

Maine

University of Southern Maine

Maryland

University of Maryland



Massachusetts

Emmanuel College Hampshire College Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Merrimack College Smith College Suffolk University University of Massachusetts, Lowell Western New England University

Michigan

Lawrence Technological University

Minnesota University of Minnesota Twin Cities

New Jersey

Georgian University Kean University Monmouth University Ramapo College of New Jersey **Rutgers University, New Brunswick**

Oregon

University of Oregon

Pennsylvania

Carlow University Drexel University Elizabethtown College **Point Park University** Washington & Jefferson College

South Carolina

Coastal Carolina University

Tennessee **University of Tennessee**

Vermont

Bennington College Champlain College

Virginia **George Mason University**

West Virginia West Virginia University

Participating International Institutions and Vendors

Canada

Brock University Ryerson University University of British Columbia

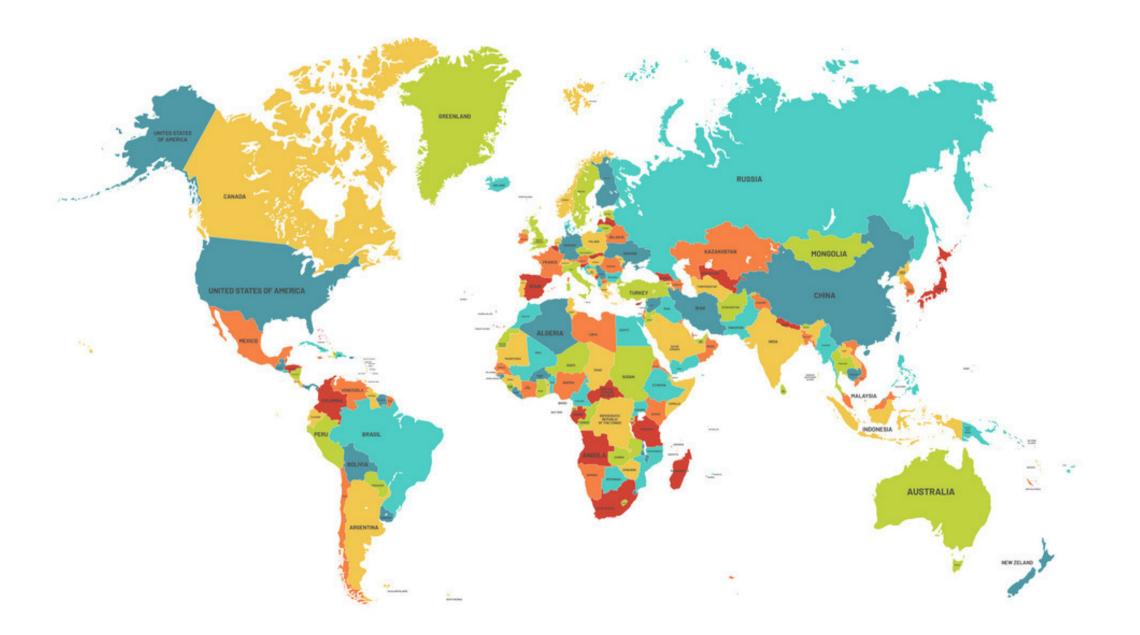
England

London Metropolitan University

Ireland University College Dublin

Japan Temple University, Japan Campus

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Top Four Ways to Optimize the Virtual Fair Experience



Create a List.

There will be many colleges from across the state and country attending the fair. Think about what you are looking for in a college or university. Once you know what is important to you, use these factors to create the list of schools you want to speak to during the fair.

Do a Tech Check!

Make sure your audio and sound are working on whatever device you plan on using for the college fair. Use your full name (do not use any nicknames) so the admissions representative knows who they are speaking to. Check to make sure you can access the chat box!

Be Active in the Chat.

Don't be shy! This is your time to ask questions! You might not be able to answer all your questions from looking at the website, so use this time wisely. Come prepared with questions to ask all the colleges you plan on meeting with. This will also help the admissions representative remember you!

Follow up.

After the fair is over, make sure you follow up with the college admissions counselors you met with during the fair. Even though we are in the virtual world, you can still create a meaningful relationship with your admissions rep and this is one way to achieve that.

Questions for the College Fair

- What is the average GPA that you accept?
- How are you using test scores this year?
- Are first-year students given priority for picking courses?
- What programs are the most popular?
- What should I know about competitive majors? Does "competitive" mean there are extra considerations for acceptance, or that there are limited spaces?
- Are there any students I can talk to about their experience?
- Are there any program-specific financial aid or scholarship programs I should know about?
- What opportunities are available for international, underrepresented, or other students with special circumstances?
- What kind of restaurants and activities are near campus?
- What kind of safety measures are there on campus?





