



Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2021,

Senior year has finally arrived. While this marks an exciting year of achieving your high school diploma, there are many things students and families can be doing now to prepare for opportunities *beyond* high school. In addition to working to your academic potential and co-curricular involvement, we encourage you to continuously research careers in preparation for opportunities in your future.

**I Am College Bound/I Applied College Application Day** will take place at Pembroke Academy *virtually* on Wednesday November 4, 2020. Since 2014, this initiative has helped more than 2000 students file over 3700 college applications. Fifty five seniors participated in last year's event!

Please encourage your student to participate. They will receive expert assistance from knowledgeable volunteers in submitting their college applications. Students can ask questions, receive essay feedback and have their materials reviewed before submission.

Participating students can apply for FREE to ALL NH colleges and universities during our event and will be entered to win a \$500.00 college scholarship toward the college of their choice!

School counselors will be meeting with seniors during the week of October 20th to share the information students will need on **I Am College Bound** day. Please contact your counselor about signing up for this event or with any questions.

On Thursday, November 5th, Pembroke Academy will host an Informational Financial Aid Webinar sponsored by NHHEAF. Information for this event will be sent home to families via a One Call Now. Students applying to college may file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1, 2020. This is the first step toward receiving federal student aid for college. Students may submit the FAFSA before they complete their college application, but they need to know which schools they wish to apply to. For free assistance filing the FAFSA, contact the Center for College Planning at NHHEAF in Concord, NH at 888-747-2382 x119 or visit their website at [nhheaf.org](http://nhheaf.org).

Remember, there is a post-secondary school and program for every high school graduate interested in continuing his or her education. Financial aid is available to help make college more affordable. We look forward to working with your student!

Sincerely,

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