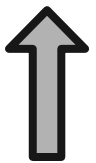




# Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy

## Postsecondary Planning for 11th and 12th Grade Students

### October 24, 2023

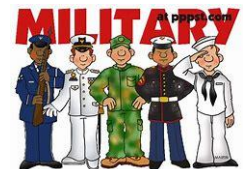


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ACCES-VR

Bridges to Work

College of Mount Saint Vincent, Bridge Program  
CUNY Leads at Lehman College





Attend College?

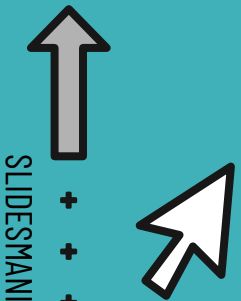
Trade School?

Employment?

Military?




What do you  
want to do  
after you  
graduate from  
RKA?





# COLLEGE

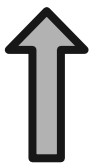
✕ 2 Year (Associate Degree) or 4 Year (Bachelor's Degree) 

✕ CUNY/SUNY/Private Colleges- See One Stop Shop below  
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[College One Stop Shop](#)

[Certificate Programs \(CUNY\)](#)





# Scholarships For Students With IEPs

**\*Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Students with Disabilities Scholarship for Students at CUNY Schools**

**\*Melvin and Sally Mooty Scholarship**



**\*Sensitive topic, scholarship if student loss of parent/guardian or sibling to suicide**

**\*Must already be enrolled in College. Apply as a freshman in college**



# Scholarships Continue

## Scholarships for students interested in Nursing-

Summer Internship Program to develop the next generation of leaders with disabilities: Paid summer internships with Congressional offices, federal agencies, nonprofit and for-profit organizations within the Washington, DC area.

The Fannie Lou Hamer Leadership Program is designed for young Black disabled advocates (ages 18 – 30) who are committed to the social, political, and economic issues surrounding the intersections of the Black and Disability communities.

The scholarship is available to students of any age, with any type of disability, including but not limited to physical disabilities, medical conditions, mental or psychiatric conditions, speech and language, learning disabilities, behavioral conditions, and all other conditions. 11th grade only, deadline passed for Seniors

The AAHD Frederick J. Krause Scholarship on Health and Disability- Must already be in College

Study Abroad Scholarship 1, Study Abroad Scholarship 2

Scholarship for students with ADHD or other learning differences

Baer Reintegration Scholarship- Bipolar, - Be diagnosed with bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder

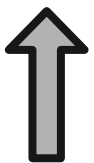




# Additional Programs



- The School for Cooperative Education (Coop Tech) hands on training Trade School, completely free for NYC residents Ages 17-21.
- Year Up is a free, non-profit program that help students gain experiences & opportunities at companies such as Meta (Facebook/IG), Comcast Corporation and Capital One Bank.
- City Year is an AmeriCorps program where members work in schools with school age students. Ideal for students who take a gap year or for those interested in working with children.
- Per Scholas is a non-profit, tuition-free technology training program.
- Fullstack Academy is a Software engineering coding Bootcamp.





# Every College including ALL private, SUNY and CUNY schools have an Office of Accessibility

Which we will learn a little about this evening

## Office of Accessibility Contact List

## Office Of Accessibility

The Office of Accessibility  
collaborates with and empowers  
college students who have learning  
differences and physical disabilities.

They work with students in  
coordinating support services and  
accommodations in classes to  
ensure equal access to education  
and college life.



# What is Acces VR?

- ✕ Adult
- ✕ Career
- ✕ Continuing
- ✕ Education
- Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation

ACCES-VR assists individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment and to support independent living through training, education, rehabilitation, and career development.

**ACCES-VR is all About going to Work**







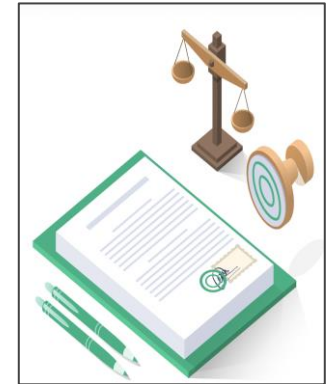
- ✕ Provides
- ✕ individualized
- ✕ services to eligible individuals with disabilities to reach an agreed upon employment goal.

**What Does  
Acces VR  
Provide?**



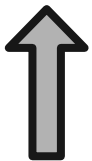
## ● ● ● ACCES-VR can help with:

- ✕ • Planning for your career
- ✕ • Assist in obtaining job coaching
- ✕ • Training to achieve your work goals
  - Find a job that matches your abilities, interests & needs
  - Work with your employer or college to make sure you receive reasonable accommodations when you need them



# ACCES-VR Counselor can help with?

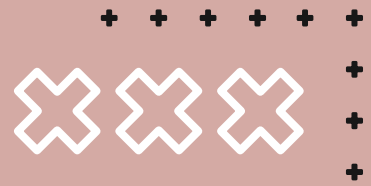
- ✕ • One on One support and guidance
- ✕ • Provide information about careers and job opportunities to help you decide on a job goal.
- ✕ • Suggest ways to find out about your abilities, interests, and needs for help.
- Helps you choose a work goal that fits your choices, needs and abilities.
- Help you find a job and follow up to make sure it is the right job for you.
- Answer all questions and/or direct to the appropriate resource



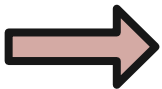
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# College?



- ACCES-VR is not a Financial Aid Program
- College acceptance does not guarantee Acces-VR financial support
- ACCES-VR may only consider supporting college when it is required for your work goal that will lead to a job

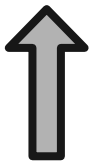


- \* Students must be enrolled in non-remedial accredited courses.
- \* Need to be accepted into a matriculated program.
- \* Students need to maintain a 2.0 GPA (or the college's academic standards) & send verification of grades, class schedule & costs for each semester.
- \* Provide funding toward tuition, fees, books and in some cases room and board, but only up to the SUNY/ CUNY rates.





**Bridges work with young adults individually and in groups to identify career goals, develop interviewing skills, connect with employers, create a résumé, apply for jobs, get a job, and succeed in a job.**



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TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF  
YOUNG ADULTS  
THRU

## THE POWER OF A JOB



## READY FOR A JOB?

### CONTACT BRIDGES IF YOU:

ARE BETWEEN  
18-24 YEARS OLD  
(Or turning 18 soon)



HAVE AN IEP  
OR 504 PLAN



ARE MOTIVATED  
TO WORK

### BRIDGES WILL:

- connect you to jobs that match your strengths and interests
- guide and support you through the application and interview process, and
- help you keep your job once you're working!



847-533-8931



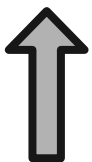
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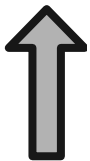


COLLEGE OF  
MOUNT SAINT VINCENT

## BRIDGE PROGRAM



The Bridge Program is a two-year, non-degree certificate program offered at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. The program provides an immersive college experience for young adults between the ages of 18-24 with various learning abilities.





## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

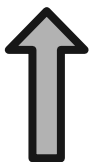
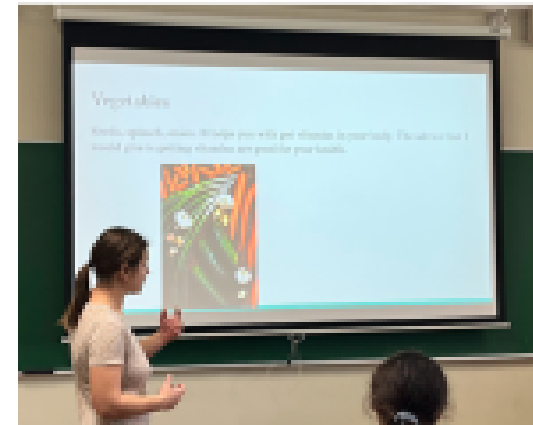
Students will participate in non-credit bearing community classes offered through the Bridge Program curriculum. Bridge Program community classes are open to the larger community and are non-credit bearing.

Bridge class topics include: Introduction to College Life, Mindfulness, Nutrition, Intimacy & Relationships, Introduction to Technology, Employment Readiness, etc.

In addition to Bridge Program community classes, all Bridge students are encouraged to participate in college-level courses for college credit or audit (non-credit bearing).

Bridge students have participated in classes in the following areas of study:

- Communication and Media
- Fine Arts and Music
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages and Literatures
- Natural Sciences
- Psychology
- Sociology & more





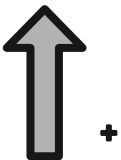


## RESIDENTIAL LIVING

Residential students will live in an integrated residence hall with peers. Each student is placed in a suite-style room where they have 1 direct roommate and share a private bathroom with 2 suitemates. All students share common areas, including lounges and a kitchen.

Staff assist and encourage students as they improve their independent living, time management, and social skills.

Residential and commuter students are encouraged to participate in campus-wide activities, clubs, and events.



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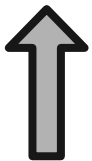


## CAREER EXPLORATION

Students are placed in internships beginning the Spring semester of their first year in the Bridge Program. These internships allow students to practice skills transferable to any profession and to further develop their career preferences. We expand these foundational skills through placements that encourage each student's interests.

Industry areas that our students have explored through past internship placements include:

- Athletics/Sports Management
- Campus Events
- Customer Service
- Facilities and Maintenance
- Information Technology
- Nonprofit Management
- Office Administration
- Pet Grooming and Supply Shops
- Retail





## CAMPUS LIFE



Bridge students are encouraged to get involved within the greater Mount community. Bridge students are also paired with a Peer Mentor. Peer Mentors are the foundation of our social support network and participate in a variety of activities with the students, from goal-setting to sharing a meal together to attending clubs & campus events.

Students in the Bridge Program have been a part of countless student activities, including:

- Attending Mount athletics events
- Displaying their musical talents at club showcases
- Joining various clubs and organizations, such as the Student Government Association (SGA), the Campus Activities Board (CAB), and the Anime and Video Game Club
- Volunteering in the local community through the Office of Mission and Ministry

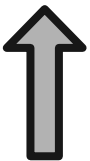




## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Contact Information:

- Email: [bridge@mountsaintvincent.edu](mailto:bridge@mountsaintvincent.edu)
- Phone Number: (718) 405-3241







# The Office of Student Disability Services (SDS)

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# The SDS Mission

- SDS works together with the entire Lehman community to ensure access to all areas of campus life and provides appropriate academic adjustments, programs and services to individual students with disabilities both permanent and temporary.





## Access and Technology Center (ATC)

- The ATC located in the Library is available to students registered with the SDS. The ATC provides access to assistive technology such as Kurzweil 3000, ZoomText, and JAWS assistive software as well as notetaking apps and audio recording devices.
- Students can receive one-on-one training on all assistive software and hardware available through the SDS. Training is also available to help students access Blackboard, Lehman email, CUNYfirst and use library research tools. Students can also receive training in the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- The ATC hosts workshops training students on how to use assistive software and introduce new technology.





## SDS Services Provided

- The SDS Office is responsible for coordination and provision of academic accommodations for any student with a disability who requests such services
- SDS also provides other supports including:
  - Advocacy assistance
  - Equipment loan
  - Connecting to college resources





## Registering with the Office, Requesting Accommodations and Testing Procedures

- To register:
  - Submit documentation of a disability and an SDS application directly to the SDS Office in SH 238 or email to [disability.services@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:disability.services@lehman.cuny.edu)
  - You will then be scheduled to meet with a staff person from the SDS Office
- After registering:
  - EVERY SEMESTER notify the SDS Office of your course schedule and professors.
  - Letters will be drafted and sent to your professor notifying them of the accommodations you have been approved for





## CUNY LEADS

CUNY LEADS is an innovative program created to meet the individual needs of CUNY students with disabilities as they prepare for careers after college. LEADS facilitates successful academic and career outcomes and provides services such as:

- Career counseling
- Resume preparation
- Interview preparation
- Internship preparation
- Job seeking assistance
- Job Placement assistance
- Advocacy skills





# State Agency Resources

Contact the SDS Office for more information on these Agencies:

- VA Vocational Rehab
- ACCES-VR
- CAP (Client Assistance Program)
- NYS Commission for the Blind



## Conclusion

- The Lehman College Office of Student Disability Services is excited to begin this upcoming semester with you!
- Contact us at:
  - Phone: 718-960-8441
  - Email: [disability.services@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:disability.services@lehman.cuny.edu)



