

# Hartford Post-Secondary Support Program Descriptions



*Prepared for Hartford Public Schools Leadership and the ALL IN! Post-Secondary Supports Network*

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# ConnCAP (CT Collegiate Awareness & Preparation program)

UConn

**McDonough Middle School (8<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Bulkeley High School**  
(North & South campus -10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)  
**Hartford Public High School**  
(10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>)

About 70 students between  
all three targeted schools

**Middle School Program:** Students are introduced to the program at the start of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year and followed through high school (HPHS) and we'll continue providing them support as 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

**High School Program:** 9<sup>th</sup> graders from McDonough will continue in the program; 10<sup>th</sup> graders are recruited from Bulkeley and HPHS and will continue with the program until they graduate.

Student must be the following:

- Low Income and/or First Generation
- 8<sup>th</sup> grader at McDonough Middle School or Rising 10<sup>th</sup> grader attending Bulkeley High School or Hartford Public High School
- Be college-bound and willing to make a commitment to an intensive year-round program

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## High School Program

### **Academic Year Component (10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade):**

Tutoring & Mentoring, Academic Enrichment Workshops, Cultural and Social Activities, College Trips, SAT Preparation, College Visits, Assistance with college application process (Common App, FAFSA, Scholarships), Academic Advising

### **Summer Component (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade):**

Attend a five-week residential program at UConn-Storrs, Visit colleges, Attend a college course and earn 3 college credits per summer, participate in courses to prepare for following academic year

## Middle School Program

### **Academic Year Component (8<sup>th</sup> grade):**

Tutoring & Mentoring, Academic Advising, Academic Enrichment Workshops

### **Summer Component (8<sup>th</sup> – as rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade):**

Attend a 2 week commuter program at UConn-Hartford, Attend workshops on skills to prepare for the transition into high school, college visit



## College Advising Corps

National College Advising Corps & UConn

Entire Senior Class at  
Bulkeley High School

Will support School  
Counseling Office in  
working with all Seniors

Start in August  
End in June  
(Advisers will follow BHS  
Staff Schedule)

Eligibility: n/a

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CAC Advisers will deliver personalized, knowledgeable guidance on college admission, enrollment, and financial aid to high school seniors and their families through various services. Advisers will engage parents, meet with students 1:1, prepare students for college, help students and families complete FAFSA and navigating the college admission maze, and collaborate with teachers, administrators and school counselors.

College  
Advising  
Corps

**UConn**  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT



# Career Beginnings

Hartford Consortium for Higher Education

## Population Served:

Juniors & Seniors  
attending Bulkeley and  
Hartford Public HS

## Number of Program Slots:

Seniors: 150  
Juniors: 150 (spring start)  
Bridge: Recent graduates

## Program Dates:

Serves students all year

## Eligibility:

Serving college-aspirational students  
No residential, income or academic requirements

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Career Beginnings is a free, in-school program designed to discuss each student's career goals and the educational requirements to meet those goals. Career Beginning College Advisors guide students through the application, scholarship and financial aid process. The four principal components are Individualized Advising, Mentoring, Workshops/Webinars, and the First Year Bridge Program, offering a 12-month seamless-counseling model.



# College Access Program

Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs

Any High School  
student in grades 9-  
12

Program accepts up  
to 100 students per  
year

October 2021-May  
2022

Students need to simply be enrolled in high  
school with the goal or aspiration to obtain  
any postsecondary education or training

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Our students receive full school year postsecondary planning support including assistance with FAFSA, the college essay, and applications. Our students also are exposed to schools, programs, and scholarships through information sessions, fairs, and campus visits.



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# Integrate College Success Model

Hartford Promise

Serving 12 Hartford Public High Schools, grade 9-12 and in the 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition. We have 6 classes of Promise Scholars.

All students that are on track to satisfying our requirements are eligible. There are currently 489 Promise Scholars attending over 80 colleges across the country.

Supports for students start junior year and continue through college

To qualify for a Hartford Promise Scholarship, students must meet 4 criteria – live in Hartford, attend a Hartford Public High School all 4 years, earn a 3.0 GPA, and achieve 93% attendance throughout high school

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Qualifying Hartford Promise Scholars earn up to \$5,000 a year to attend any 4-year college in the country (\$2,500 for 2-year colleges). Through our Reaching Back Services, we work closely with Hartford Public Schools, ensuring that students are college aware, college focused, and on track for college admission and success. Hartford Promise collaborates with college access, college prep, and support services available through the Hartford public school system, as well as those provided by local Community Organizations and other institutions. With our Reaching Forward programming, we connect our Scholars with important resources on college campuses, host Promise Scholar Day to orient our Scholars to college, provide services to ease the transition from high school to college, and provide robust career readiness to prepare our Scholars for internships and full-time employment.



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# Project Ready

Urban League of Greater Hartford

Ages 14-18

50

October 2021 – June 2021

Any Hartford high schoolers who want to get ready for college, work and life (national Urban League curriculum particularly suited for students in the middle of the pack who need extra connection, motivation & support)

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Project Ready helps students to progress academically and intellectually, to benefit from college culture enrichment and support opportunities, and to develop important skills, attitudes, and aptitudes that position them well for success during and after high school. Students participate in empowerment sessions, attend college tours/field trips, experience service learning/civic engagement, and recreational activities to help prepare them for college, work and life. Additional features include: monthly Parent Empowerment Series; Project Ready Mentor; and internship options. Stipends, snacks and bus passes available.



Urban League of  
Greater Hartford



**PROJECT READY**  
*Ready for College, Work, and Life*



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# College & Career Success Center

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford

Serving all schools in the greater Hartford area

Unlimited Capacity

- Rolling admission  
- Clubs programs running October 7 - June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Summer program - TBD

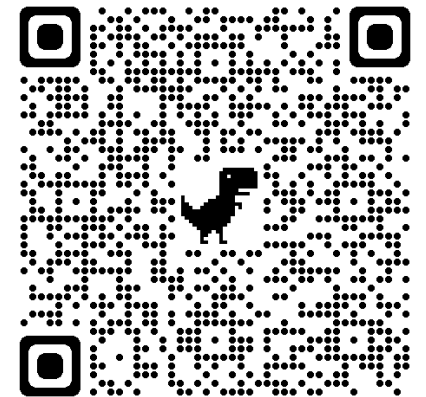
All members enrolled in the club house have a chance to participate in programs and events. We offer virtual and in person services. \$1 membership – Through October and \$10 membership – June

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Through the College and Career Center, Club members have access to hands-on workforce experiences through programs such as corporate partnerships and summer internships. The Center gives Club members opportunities to tour companies, visit colleges, receive assistance with college and employment applications, participate in mock interviews, career fairs and develop the technical and soft skills to compete in the 21st Century workforce. With additional support from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Club teens have an opportunity to serve as Junior Staff or Counselors-in-Training during the Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Fun Club. For many teens, it is their first job



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF HARTFORD**



# ENGLISH LEARNER SUCCESS

Hartford Public Library

English Language Learners  
in Grades 9-12 from  
Bulkeley High School and  
Hartford Public High

Capacity: 50

October 5, 2021-May 31,  
2022

Target population: newcomer immigrant and refugee youth  
who have recently arrived in Hartford

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Students come to Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St., after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for supplemental instruction in English and to gain a sense of belonging with students who share similar experiences. Students receive academic and social support as they learn a new language and adjust to a new culture. In addition, students are actively assisted in making post-secondary plans, whether that be college or career.



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# Our Piece of the Pie, Inc.

Youth Ages 17-24 attending school in the Greater Hartford Area with an emphasis on Hartford Residents

Rolling Enrollment

Ongoing

*Youth must have one of the following barriers:*

No high school diploma or basic skills deficient

Foster care/aging out

Justice involvement/returning citizens

Low-income

Unemployed/under-employed

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## Services Received:

**Personal:** Habits of Success, Financial Literacy, Cognitive Behavioral Development (TEB skills), Relationship with Caring Adults

**Academic:** District Aligned Diploma Granting Schools, Targeted Tutoring, Vocational Credentials, Post-Secondary Bridging and Support

**Workforce:** Career Competency Development Training, Service Learning, Entrepreneurial and Business Skills, Internships, Job Placement, Retention



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# Legacy Exposure and Access Program (LEAP)

Legacy Foundation

## Population Served:

Grades 3-12  
Hartford and Bloomington  
area public schools

## Spots Available

## Year Round Program

**Eligibility Criteria:** Commitment, engagement, and participation with goal of pursuing higher education; currently seeking engaged middle school students

## Primary Contact Info:

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**Description:** After school instruction/tutoring in math, science, English, and social justice. College preparation and success program includes \dedicated college counselor to assist with entire college search and application process, including financial aid. Fun and educational enrichment field trips for those with strong attendance and commitment. College success program includes monthly check ins and continued, as needed (tutoring, financial aid assistance, career counseling)



# Young Women's Leadership Corps

YWCA Hartford

YWLC serves young women ages 13-18 from the Hartford region.

YWLC's goal is to serve a minimum of 50 Hartford youth.

YWLC school programs run concurrent to the academic school year;  
YWLC Summer Institute runs for 5 weeks during the summer.

YWLC is free and open to young women ages 13 to 18 who live in the Greater Hartford area.

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During these extraordinary times, YWCA Hartford Region reimagined the YWLC program to create an immersive experience for young women and girls to support, teach, connect, and convene future leaders in a safe place to learn and explore. Young Women's Leadership Corps (YWLC) is a year-round program dedicated to empowering young women, ages 13-18, to identify and achieve educational and personal goals. The program provides critical lessons in leadership development, life skills, financial literacy, college preparation, and career discovery. As the program evolved, introducing young women to racial and social justice and gender equity has also been embedded to spark civic engagement, leadership, and advocacy on issues impacting their lives and communities. The Young Women's Leadership Corps program is part of YWCA Hartford Region's commitment to eliminating racism and empowering women. YWLC continues to infuse fun, learning, empowerment, digital skilling, and college and career exposure throughout its programs.



eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
Hartford Region



# Hartford Student Internship Program [HSIP]

Blue Hills Civic Association

[Student **Population Served:** 12th graders graduating seniors]

**# of Program Spots:**  
[~100]

**Start & End Dates of Program:**  
[January-June]

**Additional Eligibility Criteria:** No post-secondary plans, On-track to graduate in 2022, Attend a Hartford Public School, Live in the North Central Workforce Region, Low-Income, Proof of address, Current school status, Work authorization and Proof of age documentation

## Primary Contact Info:

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A career and college development program that prepares seniors for success after graduation. This program provides students with career competency training, mentorship and paid internships to ensure post-secondary success in college and/or career. Students will receive paid training and a paid internship.



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# Greater Hartford Student Internship Program [GHSIP]

Blue Hills Civic Association

**Student Population Served:**  
[14-23 years old]

**# of Program Spots:**  
[~20 participants]

**Start & End Dates of Program:**  
[February-June]

**Additional Eligibility Criteria:** Active DCF case, Live in the North Central Workforce Region, Proof of address, Current school status, Work Authorization and Proof of age documentation

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A career and college development program that prepares DCF involved youth for success. This program provides youth with career competency training, mentorship and paid internships to ensure post-secondary success in college and/or career. Students receive paid training and a paid internship.



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# Extended Student Hours [ESH]

Blue Hills Civic Association

**Population Served:**  
[8th to 12th graders]

**# of Program Spots:**  
~50 Students

**Program Timing:**  
February-June

**Additional Eligibility Criteria:** Attend a Hartford Public School,  
Enrolled in grades 8-12

**Primary Contact Info:**

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Afterschool programming combining academic support and enrichment. This program includes homework support, math, reading and writing tutoring, career competency development, college prep, community service projects, financial aid workshops, job shadowing and more. Student receive gift cards for active participation.



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# ENGAGE! (Extended School Hours Program)

Center for Latino Progress

**Population Served:**  
Students in grades 9 to 11

**# of Program Spots Available:**  
20

**Start & End Dates of Program:**  
January-June

**Additional Eligibility Criteria:**  
Attending Bulkeley High School

**Primary Contact Info:**

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**Description:** An enrichment/career development programs with academic support included, focused on youth engagement with peers, school and community. Program elements can include: Advocacy & leadership skills training, homework help/tutoring, career exploration, mental health/wellness workshops, career & college prep skills development, college tours, community service projects, social-emotional learning/activities, financial aid workshops & coaching, and incentives for participation (stipend and field trips)



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# Hartford Student Internship Program (HSIP)

Center for Latino Progress

**Population Served:**  
Graduating High School Seniors

**# of Program Spots Available:**  
100+

**Start & End Dates of Program:**  
January-June

**Additional Eligibility Criteria:**  
Attending a Hartford Public High School, Living in the North Central Workforce Region, Authorized to Work in the U.S.

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**Description:** A career and college development program that prepares seniors for success after graduation, focusing on providing post-secondary options and developing an individualized plan and placement for each participant. Program elements include career competency training, mentorship, career exploration, mental health/wellness workshops, financial literacy training/coaching, stipends to attend training, and paid internship/work experience.



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# Youth in UNITY After-School Programs

Center for Latino Progress

**Population Served:**  
Students in grades 7 to 12

**# of Program Spots Available:**  
60

**Start & End Dates of Program:**  
October-June

**Additional Eligibility Criteria:** Hartford Residents

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**Description:** Various enrichment/career development programs with academic support included, focused on the interests of the student. Programs elements can include: STEAM-related learning/activities, advocacy & leadership skills training, homework help/tutoring, career exploration, career & college prep skills development, college tours, community service projects, social-emotional learning/activities, financial aid workshops/coaching, and incentives for participation (gift cards, stipends, or other items.)



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# STUDENT 5.0

ReadyCT

- Recent high school graduates from Classes of '20, '21, '22, '23
  - Statewide

For the Classes of '22 and '23, the program capacity is up to 500 students/year

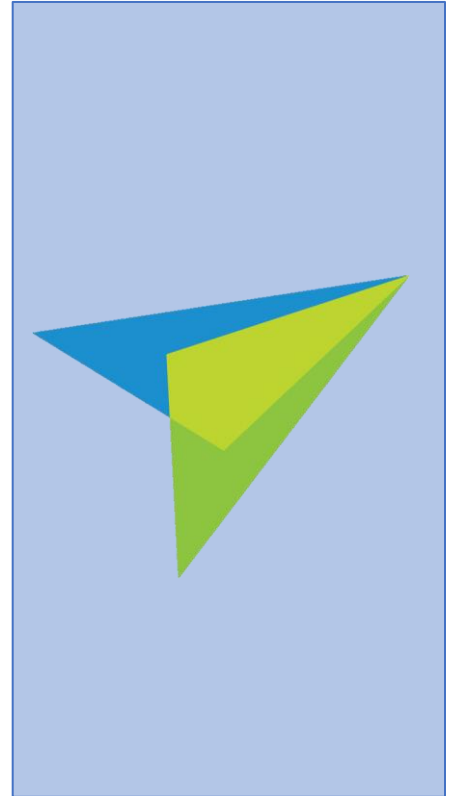
For recent graduates of the HPS Class of '21, the application deadline is 10/15.

Priority is given to graduates from the 33 Alliance Districts. A high percentage of students receive free/reduced lunch, are students of color, and/or are first-generation students.

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Student 5.0 Program Manager  
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A near peer mentor-based program focused on developing postsecondary career and learning knowledge/skills; centered on “**Career Launch**” planning and implementation, inclusive of:

- 1:1, dedicated peer mentor relationship
- 6- to 12-months of programmatic support (post-graduation)



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# Summer Transition Program

Achieve Hartford

Serves graduating seniors who have applied to Capital or Manchester Community College for the fall following their graduation.

Largest cohort: 597 students from Hartford and 5 towns.

No hard capacity cap; can expand at low marginal cost to meet projected needs.

Runs early/mid-May to late August, exact dates TBD

Participants must be graduating seniors from a high school in one of the six public school districts served by the program (Hartford, Bloomfield, East Hartford, Manchester, Vernon, and Windsor).

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Through this program, an applicant to Capital or Manchester Community College is assigned a peer to assist them with completing the application, financial aid, and enrollment processes. These peers are current/recent students at the college in question. Assistance is provided even if the prospective student indicates that they have decided to attend a different college.



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