

LOOKING FORWARD

The official newsletter of the
York Early College Academy program at York College



**DISTANCE LEARNING
CONTINUES FOR THE
FALL**

Student Resources for
Distance Learning - 2

WELCOME BACK

Reginald Madden

I am glad to welcome you to another academic year as a York Early College Academy student. I hope that you have been able to enjoy the summer and that you are returning refreshed and ready for the fall semester. The fall 2020 semester begins on August 26, 2020, and distance learning will continue for all York Early College Academy college courses. YECA students will not report to York's campus.

This will be the first time that York Early College Academy juniors will be taking a full course load and participate in Health Education and Economics courses. This is also the first semester for seniors to explore potential career paths through new course offerings in Accounting, Biology, History, and Physics among many others. (*continued on pg. 2*)

STUDENT RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

How to get technology devices

Students that need electronic devices should submit their request to the New York City Department of Education: <https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>. Families can also call 718-935-5100 and select option 5 for to complete the survey over the phone.

How to navigate CUNYfirst

CUNYfirst provides essential student, human resources and finance administration across the University via an integrated enterprise technology solution. Students will find course schedules and grades in their student center in CUNYfirst: <https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/cis/cunyfirst/>

As we all continue to adjust to these challenging and uncertain times, I want to reaffirm my commitment to providing a quality learning experience for York Early College Academy students, even in the remote environment. This edition of the newsletter shares information that will assist students in navigating the platforms and resources that are available at York College.

I encourage each student to communicate often with me, your instructors, and the administrators at the high school. Though we may be distanced, we are still within reach. I wish you all the best for a healthy and successful academic year.



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How to navigate Blackboard

Getting Ready for Online Courses and Blackboard Support

<https://www.york.cuny.edu/academics/academic-affairs/ctlet/for-students/bbstudent-main-page>

- Over 15 tutorials to assist students prepare for online courses and troubleshoot common challenges associated with distance learning.
- Access to Live! Online Support offers walk-in or call-in support for both course-specific and how-to questions related to Blackboard

How to claim your Yorkmail account

While students may use many email addresses, the official mode of communication is through the York College Yorkmail email account. For information on how to access your Yorkmail account use the following link: <https://www.york.cuny.edu/it/webteam/live>

I need software for papers and presentations

YECA students have access to the Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook) for free through the City University of New York:

<https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/cis/technology-services/office-pro-plus/#1559834140538-db553c2f-9810>

You will need your CUNYfirst login information for this:

firstname.lastname##@login.cuny.edu



Can I still get tutoring?

Due to the present situation the Collaborative Learning Center will ONLY be offering ONLINE TUTORING through Blackboard using Collaborate Ultra until further notice.

To make an appointment students should go to www.yorkcollege.mywconline.com and click on the link for students. All online appointments will be synchronous (in real time) through Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, therefore, any student who hasn't signed up for Blackboard needs to do so before making an appointment.

Once the student has made an appointment in WOnline:

- The tutor will send the student an invite to the tutoring session via the student's appointment in WOnline approximately five to ten minutes before the session begins.
- Students will need to click on the link, which will take them to the session where they will have to log into their Blackboard account.

Once in Blackboard, students will click on Collaborate Ultra (located on the left-side of the computer screen), which allow them to enter their online tutoring session. If students have any issues with making an appointment or accessing their tutoring sessions they should contact Ms. McDonald (cmcdonald@york.cuny.edu) or Ms. Glenn (jglenn@york.cuny.edu).

I have a lot going on and need to talk to someone

Mr, Madden (718) 262-2778 or rmadden@york.cuny.edu
YECA Guidance Team (718) 262-8547

NYC Well Mental Health Referral and Crisis Resource

Text WELL to 65173 Call: 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355)

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Text HELP to 741741 Call: 1-800-273-8255

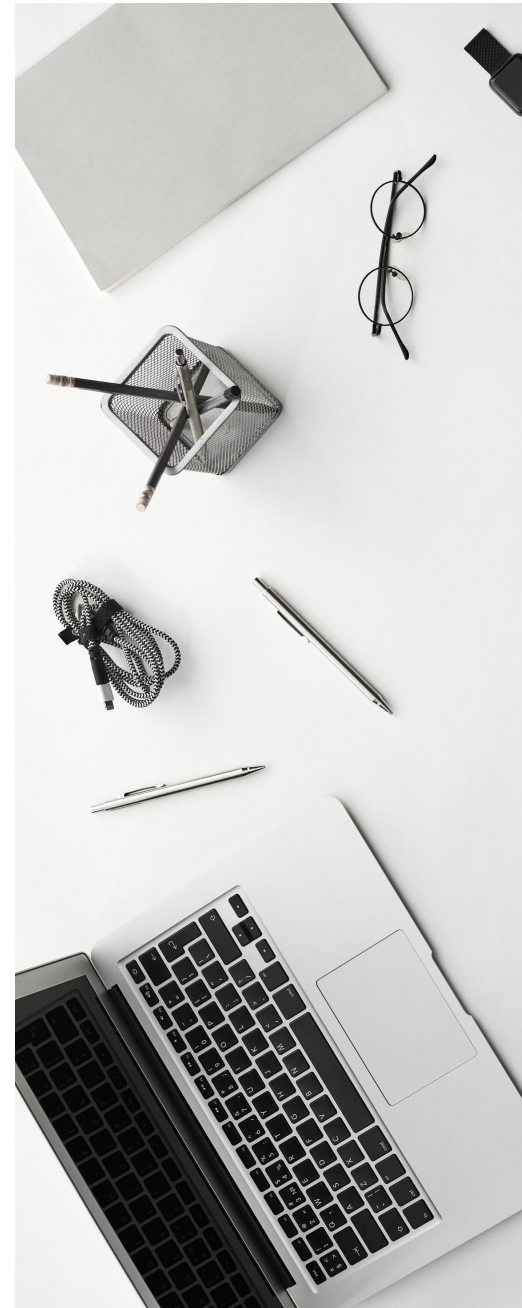
The Trevor Project Lifeline (LGBTQIA+ Support)

Text START to 678678 Call: 1-866-488-7386

For International students (by country):

<http://www.suicide.org/international-suicide-hotlines.html>

In the event an emergency, please call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room



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