# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## REGISTRATION
VEC – 3rd Floor  
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

## WELCOME
VEC – RM. 201  
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

## A PREPARATION GUIDE FOR HIGHER ED
VEC – RM. 201  
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM  
Once the schools are selected, it is time to apply! This workshop provides parents with an overview of the college application. Receive information on the difference between the SAT and ACT and how to prepare for each exam. Learn when and how to ask for letters of recommendation. Explore what makes a personal statement standout to admissions committees and how to help your child prepare for interviews.

**PRESENTER:** Health Butts, JD, MPH, MA  
Co-Founder of H.E.A.L.T.H. for Youths, Inc

## FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR COLLEGE
VEC – RM. 201  
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM  
College is expensive but there are ways to minimize costs. There are many scholarship/financial aid opportunities available. This workshop will give you information on searching and applying for scholarships as well as submitting the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Additional resources will be provided to offer a financial management guide for students as they go throughout their undergraduate experience.

**PRESENTER:** David Dey  
Financial Aid Officer, Financial Aid  
Columbia University in the City of New York

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<td><strong>PRESENTER:</strong> Katherine Rojas, BS</td>
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Program Coordinator, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs  
Columbia University, Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons |

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## LUNCH BREAK
VEC – RM. 401  
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

## PARENT PANEL
VEC – RM. 201  
12:45 AM – 1:30 PM  
Will this be your first time going through the college admissions process with your student? Have you done it before, but feel that your experience may be dated? This panel presentation will include parents of college-level students who have taken the college transition journey a time or two before. Learn from them how you can prepare to offer your students the best support possible as they prepare for this major milestone in their lives.

## STUDENT PANEL
VEC – RM. 201  
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM  
What better way to know how to best support college-bound and current college students than hearing from the students themselves? This panel presentation will offer guidance on students’ needs from students’ perspectives and will cover a range of experiences across different stages of the academic trajectory.

## ADJOURNMENT
VEC – RM. 201  
2:30 PM  
Samantha McLaughlin, MA  
Director, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs  
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