

Curious About ACE?



Being part of this program has allowed me to have a feeling that I can succeed in a college setting and in my community.

LN, McGraw

Knowing that I am not alone with my uneasiness of leaving my parents and my school, I feel that the ACE program has allowed me to have the strength to face the challenges in the coming years of college.

KH, Cortland

I have always been one to procrastinate, so this program has helped me avoid putting off thinking about college.

TH, Lansing

You attend informative programs that help you in the future, but also other programs that are just for fun so as to not overload yourself from stress.

SS, Moravia

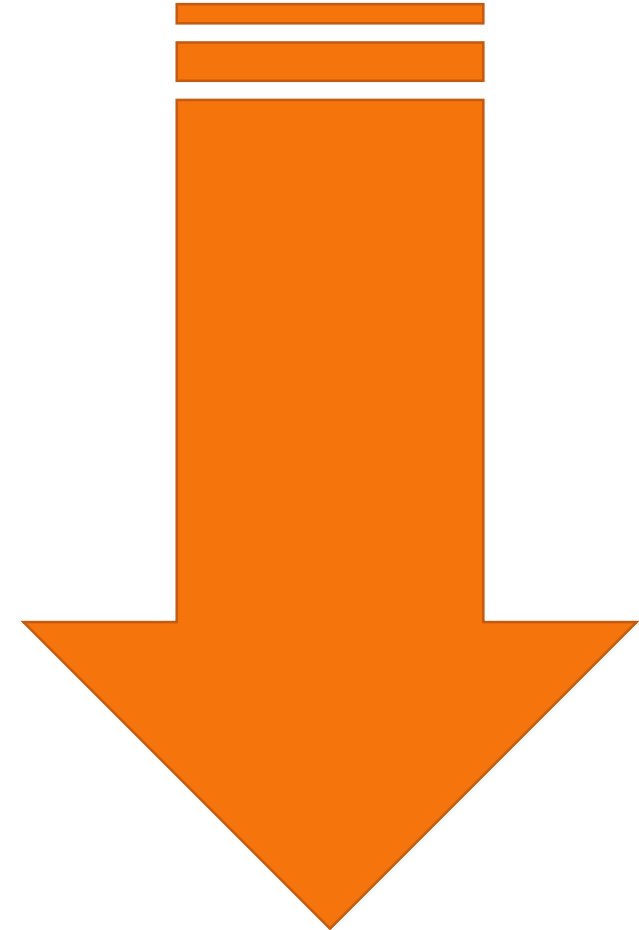
ACE equipped me with different learning techniques that will help me in college.

PR, Southern Cayuga

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What is ACE?



ACE = Access to College Education

Since 1989, ACE has been a sponsored collaboration amongst Cornell University, Ithaca College, SUNY Cortland, and Tompkins Cortland Community College, supporting thirteen local school districts.

The primary goal of ACE is to provide programs and resource connections that help local students and family members answer the questions:

- 1) Is college the right path for me?
- 2) How will a college experience impact my future?
- 3) What resources are available to make this goal a reality?



Who is ACE?

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Hi! My name is Erica, and we are excited to share this informational PowerPoint presentation, as you decide whether to join ACE.

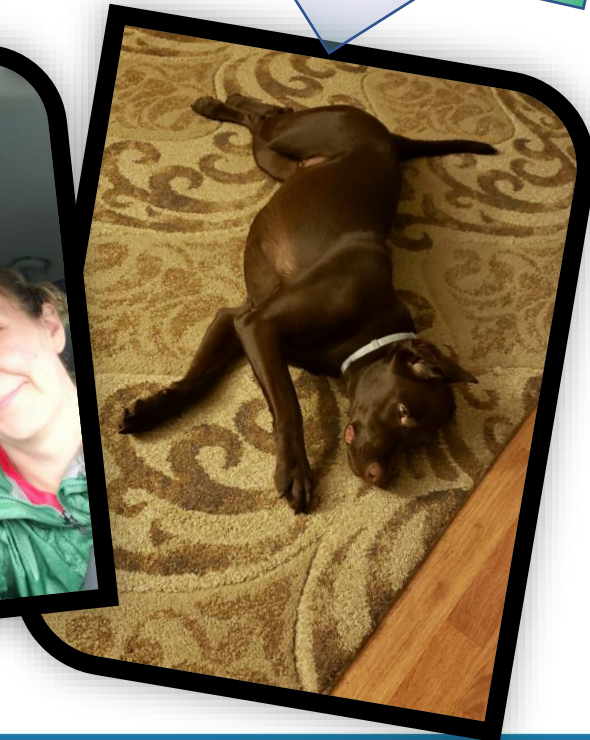
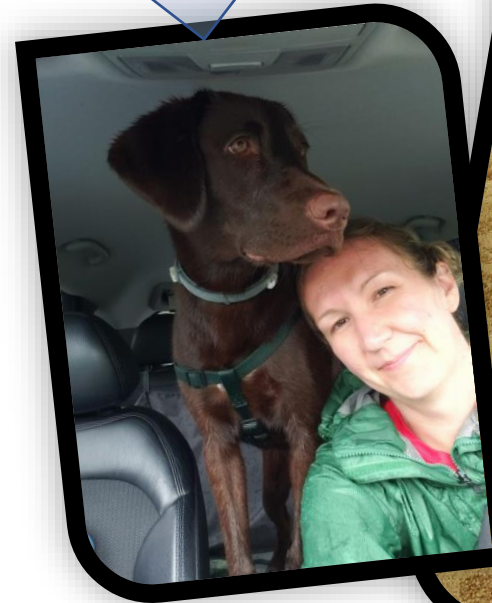
Erica L Shockley
(she/her pronouns)
ACE Coordinator



ACE is a pathway to answered questions and connection to resources. If you are questioning whether college is for you, I know this group of amazing educators can help you discover the answer!

When I'm not collaborating with ACE partners planning programs, I enjoy playing with my dog Nyssa.

This is her attitude while I am making this presentation! 😊



Who is ACE?

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Tiffany Hammond
ACE Administrator

Hello ACE families! My name is Tiffany, and I am a new member of the ACE office. I was recently hired as ACE's Program Administrator and look forward to supporting ACE students and their families in the beginning stages of their college and career readiness programming. I am an alumna of SUNY Cortland and enjoy reading, hiking with my family, and painting.



Laura May
ACE Counselor

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of the ACE families during my first year with the program. I am very honored to be part of your child's exciting journey of college exploration and transition, along with career readiness. In my free time I enjoy swimming on a Masters Swim Team.



Who is ACE?

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Participating High Schools:

Auburn	McGraw
Cincinnatus	Moravia
Cortland	Newfield
DeRuyter	Port Byron
Homer	Southern Cayuga
Lansing	South Seneca
Marathon	



Participants:

790 students

(and their family members)

ACE Staff:

Erica Shockley
Tiffany Hammond
Laura May

Supportive:

College faculty and staff, high school teachers and counselors, community members, business leaders, topic experts, former ACE students and family members, and current college student leaders

Who is ACE?

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Cornell University:

Founded in 1865, Cornell's mission is to discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge, to educate the next generation of global citizens, and to promote a culture of broad inquiry throughout and beyond the Cornell community.

Type: Private, Ivy League

Size: 15,043 undergraduate and 6,284 graduate students

Academics: 15 colleges and schools, including 8 undergraduate and 7 graduate professional units

Unique Fact: Founder Ezra Cornell's invention to mount telegraph wires above ground helped open long-range communication and the funds to open Cornell University



SUNY Cortland:

Established in 1868, SUNY Cortland is dedicated to diverse learning experiences and facilitation of students' growth as engaged citizens with a strong social conscience fostered by outstanding teaching, scholarship and service.

Type: Mid-sized, public college

Size: 6,300 undergraduate and 540 graduate students

Academics: 27 departments and 68 majors

Unique Fact: In 2013, SUNY Cortland became the first SUNY campus to operate all of its facilities using 100 percent renewable electric energy.

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Tompkins Cortland Community College:

Founded in 1967, TC3 services our community by meeting educational needs, creating an environment for student success, and preparing our students for citizenship in a global society.

Type: State funded community college

Size: Serving over 5000 fulltime and part-time students

Academics: 40 academic programs

Unique Fact: TC3 is one of thirty New York community colleges and was the first to offer on-campus housing.



Ithaca College:

Founded in 1892, IC is a residential, liberal arts college with a mission to educate, engage, and empower through theory, practice, and performance.

Type: Mid-sized, private college

Size: 6,200 undergraduate and 470 graduate students

Academics: Five schools and over 100 degree programs

Unique Fact: Ithaca College began as a music conservatory in downtown Ithaca.

Who is ACE?

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The four sponsoring ACE colleges provide a wonderfully diverse experience, while also highlighting some of the common perspectives and choices you can expect from almost any college or university you decide to attend.

Participating in ACE is an exploration and pathway toward your own college experience; you are not obligated to apply or attend any of the sponsoring schools.

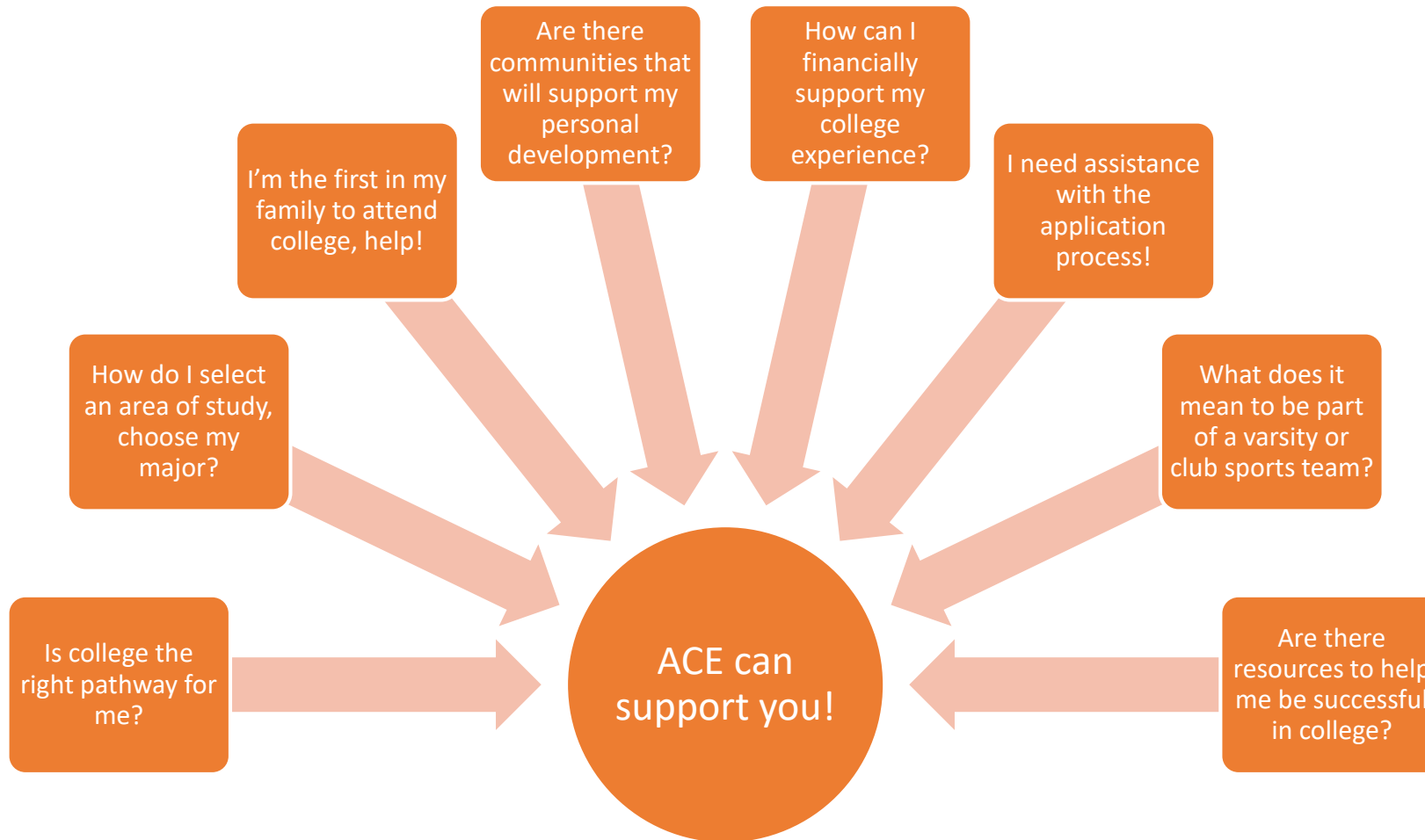
These four educational establishments are committed to supporting your inquiry, learning, and connection to resources that connect with your needs and interests. And as an ACE graduate, you would have had several years to make connections to staff and faculty within these campus communities. Additionally, if you do decide to apply, you are recognized as being part of this internally sponsored college preparation.

Why ACE?

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Why ACE?

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Whether you are just entering high school or preparing for your final year, ACE facilitates FREE experiences and resource connections that support students and family members as you:

EXPLORE passion areas that lead to academic exploration and career goals

LEARN academic and personal development skills you can apply now

MAKE informed decisions about your goals and pathway into college

CONNECT with financial and other college-prep resources

PREPARE for your college transition

Why ACE?

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There are several benefits to being part of the ACE program.

- 1) Regular participation in ACE events and maintaining a level of academic success qualifies you for a college application recommendation letter
- 2) Recognized application status at the four sponsoring colleges
- 3) Tailored college visits once a year, sponsored by the four ACE Colleges (*see program slides for more detail*)
- 4) Access to college resources, skill development for academic and personal success, and support on your journey toward college
- 5) Ability to apply for financial support toward college application and supplies
- 6) Connect with other students and family members asking similar questions and experiencing some of the same transition concerns and excitements



Types of ACE Programs

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Campus Visits: These field trips are designed for students, specific for each grade level, and occur during the school day. During the experience, students will hear from current college students, participate in educational workshops related to the college experience, go on a college tour, and eat in the campus dining hall.

Regional Institutes and Workshops: Open to students and their family members, these evening or weekend programs cover a variety of college-readiness topics. Presenters include faculty and staff from local colleges, high school counselors and teachers, and local community members.

Campus Connection Events: Students and their family members are invited to attend guest speakers, music, theater, and athletic events at ACE colleges and universities. These events are not planned by the ACE office; however, we strongly encourage these experiences as part of your college exploration.

Summer Programs: Students can participate in workshops designed to support academic success skills and college readiness. These events are hosted on the four sponsoring college campuses during the summer months.

**Students are also able to use their participation at external college events toward their ACE involvement expectation.*

Example Program Topics

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Academic Expectations in College

Academic Success Skills

Career Exploration

Choosing a Major

College Application Process

College Athletic Programs

College Music/Theater Programs

Family/Parent Role in College

Financing College

First-Generation College Experience



Learning Style Success Strategies

Making Connections in College

Getting Involved in College

Health and Safety in College

Preparing for Orientation

Spiritual and Faith Connections

Supporting Your Student In College

Stress Management

Taking Standardized Tests

Writing Workshops

You Are ACE!



Take a deep breath and ask yourself the following question.

Student: Do I want to go to college?

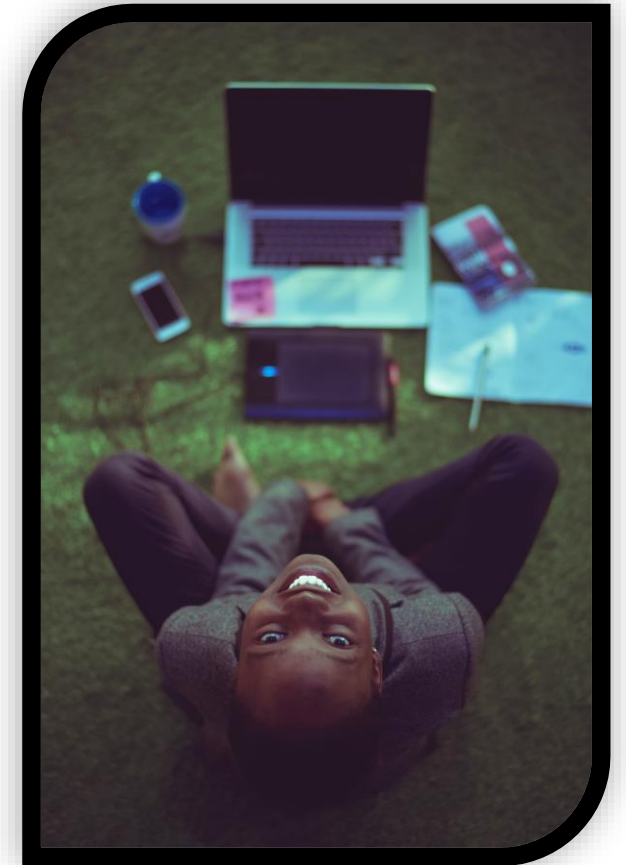
Family: Do I want my student to attend college?

If your answer is anywhere between **Not sure?** and **Absolutely!**, then ACE is for you.

This is an online application and should be filled out by the student and at least one parent/family member. Use the link below or contact your high school counselor.

APPLICATION LINK:

<https://sunycortland.formstack.com/forms/acecommitmentform>



Connect With ACE



ACE's Primary Communication Platforms:

- Website
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Email
- Information shared through your high school counselor



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Final Questions?

1) Do I have to attend one of the four sponsoring colleges to participate in ACE? No, you are not obligated to attend the sponsoring institutions; however, ACE is an excellent opportunity to start networking early on in your college search.



2) Is there a fee to participate in ACE? No, there is no fee for ACE participation. For some events, students and family members will need to provide their own transportation; however, ride sharing is part of the ACE tradition.

3) Can 8th graders participate in programming? Yes! During the summer, before your 9th grade year, ACE facilitates programs that all students are welcome to join.

4) What programs are offered for family members? Family members receive all ACE communication and are invited to follow us through social media. Specific programs are offered at Regional Institutes and Workshops, and you are invited to attend campus connection events with your student.

5) When can you join ACE? Students and family members can apply at the end of their 8th grade year or anytime during high school.

6) How do students travel to campus visits? This program counts as a field trip, and students travel via school bus or van.

7) Remind me how to apply for ACE? We encourage all students to discuss ACE with their high school counselor. Right now we are using an online registration form (link on slide 15). Students and at least one family member should fill the application out together.