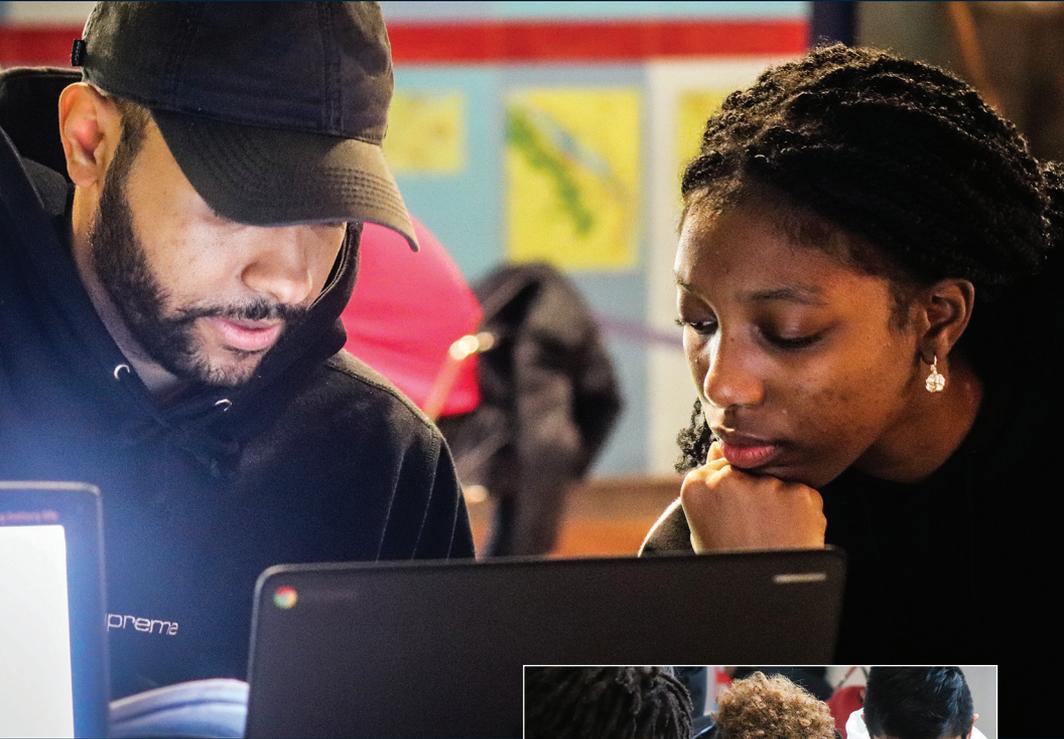




A COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM FOR GRADES 5-12



- ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
- HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE COUNSELING
- DISCOVERING STUDENT VOICES



KEEPING KIDS ON TRACK

Founded in 2002 by The Armory Foundation, Armory College Prep was originally conceived as a way to help students who were training at The Armory attain a college degree. The program began as an annual guidance session on the college process. In our first year, there were over 100 participants.

Seeing an opportunity to further support students in the track and field community, Armory College Prep transformed the program to offer our students robust academic advancement, individualized college counseling, essay writing guidance, paid summer jobs, and career exploration. Today, our program is a comprehensive college prep curriculum serving grades 5-12 and beyond.





A TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

Now in our nineteenth year, Armory College Prep's middle and high school programs have served thousands of students. We are proud that ACP has helped students earn more than \$10 million in college scholarship funds and earn recognitions that include *The New York Times* Scholarship, Gates Millennium Scholarship, Bonner Scholarship, QuestBridge Prep Scholarship, LEDA Foundation Award, POSSE Foundation Scholarship, and more.

ACP College Acceptances include:

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| Amherst | Haverford | Rochester Institute |
| Binghamton | Hofstra | of Technology |
| Brandeis | Howard | Rensselaer Polytechnic |
| Brown | Ithaca | Institute |
| Buffalo | Kentucky | Sophie Davis |
| Cornell | Macalester | Stony Brook |
| Dartmouth | Morgan St. | Swarthmore |
| Denison | Mt. Holyoke | Syracuse |
| Dickinson | United States | Temple |
| Drexel | Naval Academy | Vermont |
| Earlham | NYU | Union |
| Emory | Ohio Wesleyan | Wake Forest |
| Fordham | Penn State | University of Washington |
| Guilford | Pittsburgh | Washington & Lee |
| Hamilton | Queens College | Williams |

“Since joining ACP, my daughter has learned self-confidence and discipline, and she has possessed a motivation I didn’t know she had.” - M.J., Parent



Armory College Prep is a rigorous after-school program that puts students from underserved communities on track for lifelong success by helping them realize the dream of a four-year college degree.

Meaningful access to high quality after-school programming can have an extraordinary impact on young people. Regular participation can lead to significant gains in academic achievement, improved work habits, and more opportunities. However, these programs are not always easy to find for the students who need them most. That’s why we developed Armory College Prep.

As a world-renowned track and field facility, The Armory hosts more than 150,000 visits by middle and high school students during a regular year for athletic training and competition in an inspirational New York landmark. ACP offers young people a multi-faceted educational after-school program at no cost, in a convenient and familiar setting.

ACP helps students gain the skill sets they need to overcome academic challenges, navigate the high school and college application processes, and conquer life’s hurdles.

Our goal is to help students discover not only who they are and where they want to go, but how to get there.

THE NUMBERS

155 points

The average Armory College Prep student's PSAT to SAT growth. The national average growth is 47 points.

94

Average number of hours of hands-on academic and college counseling each student receives from ACP staff.

78%

Of the total cost of attending a four-year college: average financial aid package earned by ACP students in 2020. This number has been consistently more than 70% for the last 5 years.

100%

The percentage of ACP students that have graduated from high school vs. the New York City student average of 74%.

100%

The percentage of ACP students that have graduated and been accepted into a four-year college program since 2016.

10

The number of college visits ACP takes its students on each year.

THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Armory College Prep's high school program is offered to any student in grades 9-12 who trains at our facility. We have a unique program that includes on-site classes twice every week, access to standardized test preparation, and in-class and online coaching resources to assist students in advancing their math and language skills. Our team of instructors provides remote support outside of session hours throughout the week.

We go beyond building math, reading, and writing skills. We help freshmen and sophomores choose courses that will challenge them and produce well-rounded, college-ready transcripts. Juniors participate in small groups that concentrate on understanding the college application process. Seniors work with ACP instructors to build strong college applications and essays, prepare for college interviews, and research best-fit scholarships. Our goal is to have all students submit compelling applications to at least 4 four-year colleges or universities by December 31 of their senior year.



During the last five years, ACP students have come from close to 50 NYC high schools and 17 Washington Heights, Inwood and Harlem middle and elementary schools.



Before they reach high school, students can join Armory College Prep if they participate in CityTrack & Little Feet, our track & field programs exclusively for nearby community members.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Since its beginning in 2013, our curriculum for grades 6-8 is designed to set up students for lifelong success by focusing on STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We also provide high school application guidance.

GREAT MINDS

Our 5th grade Great Minds programming is centered around teaching children to love literature, fostering collaboration through technology projects, and having fun!

Both programs feature:

- **LEGO Mindstorms** to compete in robotics competitions organized by FIRST LEGO League. Students learn coding through MIT's Scratch software.
- **Games for Change Student Challenge**, a national game design program that combines students' passion for games with digital learning and civic engagement.
- **Stock Market Game**, a nationwide contest that gives students virtual money to invest and helps students gain financial literacy.

ACP Middle School Growth vs. the National Average*



* Based on the Nationwide Evaluation Association's MAP exam



“My experience has been amazing.

A new day here is another day to challenge and learn more about myself. College research through ACP helped me understand what colleges want from me and what I should want from them. I’m glad to have started this process early and to have amazing and caring mentors.”

- E.K., *Armory College Prep High School Program, Class of 2022*



**“ACP is a second home for me,
and it always will be.**

We have a community and a work ethic like no other, and each student is a clear reflection of that. I wouldn’t be where I am without ACP, and I’m sure plenty of others would say the same.”

- C.M., *Armory College Prep High School Program, Class of 2020 / Brown University*



**“The Great Minds Program and
The Armory College Prep Summer
Program have allowed my daughter an
opportunity to learn and participate**

in educational and physical activities right in our own community, while making friends and gaining self-confidence in herself and her capabilities.”

- J.N., *Parent*



The Armory has a storied history of public service and athletic grandeur. Built in 1911, the building was created as a housing center for the New York State Military's 22nd Regiment and was later used by the National Guard. In the mid-20th century, as track and field gained popularity in the U.S., The Armory was converted into an indoor arena and quickly became known as the top destination for the sport's New York area athletes. Amid the city's housing crisis in the 1980s, the facility was repurposed into a homeless shelter, but by the mid-1990s, it was once again one of the best track and field facilities in the country. During the recent pandemic The Armory was honored to become a large community vaccination site where over 200,000 covid vaccines were given by New York-Presbyterian Hospital from January to May 2021.

Today, The Armory is known as the fastest indoor track in the world. It hosts more than 100 professional and amateur competitions each year for thousands of athletes and spectators. In recent years, competitions held at the facility such as the Millrose Games, The Dr. Sander Columbia Challenge, and the New Balance Games saw no less than 220 Olympians competing on its fabled track. More records have been set on the Armory track than any other track in the world.

The growth of Armory College Prep would not have been possible without the loyalty and generosity of our supporters.



The Armory Foundation is dedicated to serving youth by promoting fitness and education through a broad range of athletic, educational, and community programs. As part of our mission, the foundation oversees both The Armory, where student and professional athletes come to train and compete in track and field, and the Armory College Prep program, which helps keep kids on track to a four-year college degree. The Armory Foundation believes that a strong future is built from a solid base. That's why we are proud to be the home of the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, giving young athletes a glimpse into the lives of people who helped create the sport as it stands today.

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