



March 6, 2024

Dear Families:

Black Child Development Institute – Albany NY (BCDI Albany) cordially invites you and your child(ren) to our ***Entering the College Zone (ECZ) Student Conference*** on **Saturday, April 27** from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at **Hudson Valley Community College**, 80 Vandenburg Ave., in Troy. The City School District of Albany will provide free bus transportation to and from this event (schedules for the bus pick-up times and locations are attached along with registration materials). Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. The event is FREE for students and parents/guardians.

The ECZ Student Conference is a pre-college program designed for underrepresented middle and high school students to engage with their peers and role models, learn more about college, and start planning for their future. The ECZ Student Conference is an opportunity for students to learn what's needed to attend and succeed in college and to experience a day on a college campus. During this engaging and interactive event, students will hear from current college students and learn from a variety of professionals who have succeeded in college and their careers. The day will begin with light breakfast and a welcome session. The conference will include informative breakout sessions. The day will conclude with a luncheon and a college tour.

If you and your child(ren) would like to participate in this event, please complete the attached registration/permission form and email it to programs@bcdialbany.org or mail the form to the address listed below no later than **Friday, April 12**. You may also return the application to your child's school counselor or home school coordinator. If you need additional information, please contact me at ybennett@bcdialbany.org or Larry Mauldin at programs@bcdialbany.org, or call us at (518) 888-7890.

Sincerely,

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