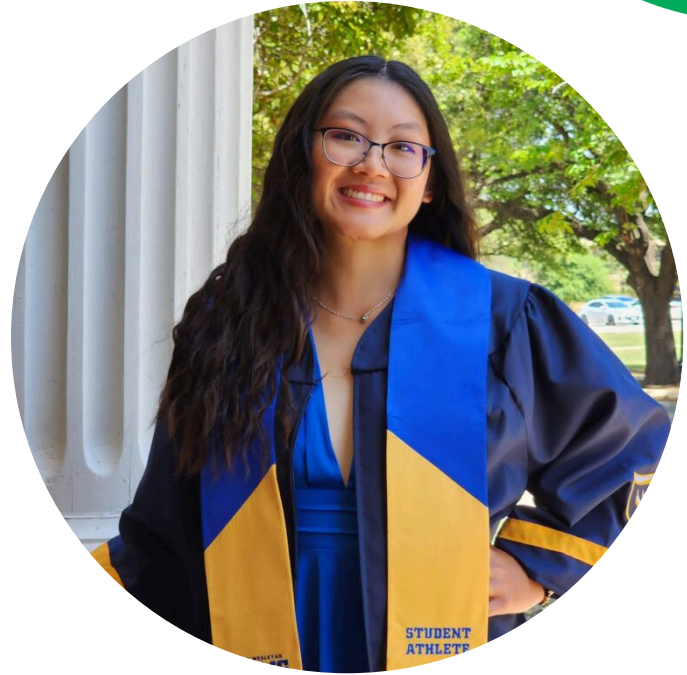




2024-2025 Path to College



In the competitive environment of Metropolitan New York, our First Tee chapter provides something truly special: A supportive and holistic environment for our participants' development. We're not just about golf; we're about changing lives.

A standout strength is our Path to College program, which blends real-world education with elite golf training, empowering participants academically, socially, and athletically. It's a holistic approach that transforms lives, creating well-rounded individuals ready to conquer any challenge.

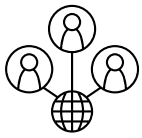
Continue reading to discover the incredible impact our Path to College programs had on our participants in 2024, and what's on the horizon for 2025!

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin

Path to College propels kids to build the strength of character that empowers them for a lifetime. It is especially crucial to the historically under-served populations who make up over **70%** of our participants.



Approximately **318** First Tee participants



Over **40%** of participants were recruited from local community outreach programs



95% of Path to College students demonstrated significant increase in core academic subjects



88% of PTC participants exhibit strong retention by engaging with First Tee programs year after year.



100% High school graduation rate (since 2014)

A Deeper Look...

- Year-round academic enrichment programming at every age level, from 7-18, with an emphasis on long-term support for each child as they progress through school.
- A robust scholarship program that provides tuition assistance, personal and professional development, and mentorship for First Tee alumni.
- Since revamping PTC in 2014, student-athletes stay with the program 4 or more years, on average.

Path to College participants...

- Improve report card grades
- Get into NYC's best selective high schools
- Attend one of their top 5 choices for college
- Demonstrate high social & emotional intelligence*
- Express a higher self-confidence than their same-age peers*

** Path to College participants reported increased socio-emotional capacities via Hello Insight Youth Development Survey, including 84% advanced in Goal Orientation, 88% advanced in Self-Confidence, and 89% advanced in Academic Self-Efficacy.*

Ace Scholars



The Ace Scholars Program is all about giving a helping hand to middle school students who are not just dedicated to First Tee, but also care about their studies.

They've got their sights set on NYC's top high schools!

Ace Scholars dive into over 100 hours of intensive learning each year, starting from 6th grade and going all the way to 9th grade.

And here's the icing on the cake: Every Ace Scholar gets one-on-one counseling and top-notch assistance when they're applying to high school and college.

Why do we focus on middle school? Because these years are critical for academic and social-emotional growth. They set the foundation for high school and the exciting journey of college exploration and preparation.



Approximately **62** First Tee Participants



100+ Hours of instruction and personal attention per Ace Scholar



59% gain in Tier 3 Vocabulary skills



42% gain in High School & College Awareness



30+ Hands-on activities meant to foster community



68% Demonstrated gains in Social-Emotional Intelligence



20+ "Mindfulness Monday" exercises meant to decrease stress & build confidence



9 Former Ace Scholars hired as paid tutors

A Deeper Look...

- Ace Scholars consistently improve their grades, learn to navigate NYC's complex high school system, and get into a school of their preference.
- Ace Scholars are more likely to:
 - Graduate in the top 10% of their class
 - Demonstrate advanced leadership skills
 - Earn merit-based scholarships
 - Be accepted into competitive programs, such as Evans Scholars

Individual Tutoring & SAT Prep



Approximately **58**
First Tee Participants



96% of students
demonstrated significant
increase in core
academic subjects



84% of SAT Prep participants
improved their scores by at
least 50 points



90% of tutoring participants
demonstrated maturation in
independent study & review
methods



90% of tutoring participants
earned an A on an exam they
prepared for with their tutor



Year-round assistance,
even when the golf course is
snowed over!

Individual tutoring is a powerful tool for enhancing subject comprehension, instilling confidence, and fostering essential learning skills. It offers students the invaluable advantage of personalized attention, a luxury often unavailable in crowded classrooms. This tailored approach benefits not only those who may be grappling to keep pace with their peers but also those who crave more intellectual challenges.

We also help students prepare for the SAT and boost their scores using our data-driven approach. It's worth noting that most colleges, including those with test-optional policies, still value SAT test scores. It's an opportunity for high-schoolers to make their mark on college applications, demonstrating preparedness for the academic journey and aligning with what colleges are seeking.

STEAM

Summer Academy



Approximately **168** First Tee Participants



63% Improvement in STEM skills



90% of participants maintained or improved their reading level



71% of participants improved their computer programming skills



81% of participants said they felt more prepared for school



88% of participants said they like science & STEM subjects better now

The STEAM Summer Academy is a delightful blend of learning and fun, where students get to delve into STEAM, Coding, and Literacy in an engaging way.

Through hands-on activities such as experiments, coding projects, and engineering challenges, participants not only deepen their understanding of STEAM subjects but also develop crucial problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork skills.

On top of that, literacy lessons provide valuable support, boosting reading and writing skills, right at the time of year when they tend to slide.

This holistic summer program is designed to bridge the achievement gap, equipping all students with the tools they need for success in their academic journey and beyond. It instills a lifelong love for learning and enhances essential skills for today's world.

High School & College Acceptance



26 Path to College participants served in 2024



100% Graduation rate



Over **\$650,000** in scholarships earned



2 College-preparedness sessions with First Tee's Young Benefactors



Approximately **600 hours** of counseling from Karen LesPierre, Director of Path to College



3 Seniors were awarded the Lew Rudin scholarship in 2024, that's the highest number in one year to date!



5 First Tee-Met NY student-athletes received the Evans Scholarship, which provides a full tuition and board scholarship to the partner school



Expanded partnerships with Morgan Stanley, RISE, Chase, Braven X, and Deloitte

Surprisingly, high school students often receive just a few hours of access to their school's college counselor. That's where we step in, offering additional on-site counseling at First Tee to guide our participants in the college search and application process. Given the competitiveness of high schools in NYC, we extend this service to middle-schoolers as well.

This counseling is essential for keeping our participants informed about deadlines and graduation requirements. We assist them in finding schools that align with their aspirations, identifying dream, match, and safety schools, providing guidance on the FAFSA, helping craft compelling school-specific application essays, and supporting them in managing anxiety and stress.

We take immense pride in our success, with 100% of our participants gaining acceptance to at least one college, and most securing a spot at one of their top choices.

2025 Offerings

Class or Program Name	Season	Location	Grade Level
Individual Tutoring	Winter	Virtual / All Sites	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12
SAT Prep Class	Winter	Mosholu, Virtual / All Sites	10,11,12
Learning Lounge	Winter	Hendricks	2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Ace Scholars Hendricks Pilot	Spring	Hendricks	6,7,8,9
Individual Tutoring	Spring	Virtual / All Sites	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12
Saturday Study Group	Spring	Mosholu	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12
Ace Scholars	Spring	Mosholu	6,7,9,8
Virtual Ace Scholars	Spring	Virtual / All Sites	6,7,8,9
Literacy Class (Mosholu)	Summer	Mosholu	2,3,4,5,6,7,8
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STEAM Class (Mosholu)	Summer	Mosholu	2,3,4,5,6,7,8
STEAM Class (Hendricks)	Summer	Hendricks	2,3,4,5,6,7,8
STEAM Class (Weequahic)	Summer	Weequahic	2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Literacy Class (Hendricks)	Summer	Hendricks	2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Literacy Class (Weequahic)	Summer	Weequahic	2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Ace Scholars (Hendricks)	Fall	Hendricks	6,7,8,9
Saturday Study Group	Fall	Mosholu	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12
Individual Tutoring	Fall	Virtual / All Sites	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12
Ace Scholars (Mosholu)	Fall	Mosholu	6,7,8,9
Ace Scholars (Virtual)	Fall	Virtual / All Sites	6,7,8,9
SAT Prep Class	Fall	Mosholu, Virtual / All Sites	10,11,12
Monthly Webinars	Ongoing	Virtual / All Sites	9,10,11,12
Young Benefactors Workshops	Ongoing	Mosholu	9,10,11,12
Financial Literacy Workshop	Ongoing	Virtual / All Sites	11,12
High School & College Consultations	Ongoing	Mosholu, Virtual / All Sites	10,11,12