

**From:** Julia Gumminger <gumminger@jhu.edu>  
**Subject:** JHU CTY Pathways to College- Speaker Invitation  
**Date:** March 25, 2008 3:14:07 PM EDT  
**To:** gumminger@jhu.edu

---

Good afternoon!

My name is Julia Gumminger and I work with the department of Family Academic Programs at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY). We are currently preparing a *Pathways to College* program (<http://cty.jhu.edu/family/college.html>) at the College of William and Mary on Sunday, May 4, 2008.

The *Pathways to College* series is offered to a diverse group of academically talented students in the 9th - 12th grades and their parents. The program focuses on various aspects of the college admissions process and university life.

One of our goals for the May 4 program is to have university faculty members participate in the day by leading our Classroom Experience Workshops. These workshops, scheduled from 2:35 - 3:20 pm, strive to give students and parents an idea of what to expect in a college classroom. In addition to advising our students about what will be expected of them and on how to communicate with professors, we ask faculty presenters to teach a brief lesson they currently use in a course for first year college students.

What follows is a memo which explains in more detail what we hope to accomplish with the Classroom Experience Workshop. Should you decide to join us as a speaker, this memo will provide some guidelines that may help you to prepare for your presentation. I hope this will help to answer some of your questions.

Please feel free to contact me at 410.735.6113 or gumminger@jhu.edu should you have any further questions.

I look forward to hearing if you will be able to join us. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you!  
Julia

---

The CTY Pathways to College program offers high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and their parents an opportunity to learn about the college application process and to explore various educational choices by giving them access to college students, university-level advisors, and professors.

This Classroom Experience Workshop is being offered as part of the day to give students and parents an idea of what to expect in a college classroom. You are the first college professor most of these students are meeting, so please advise them on how to communicate with professors and what they should expect in the college classroom. We ask you to teach a lesson or address them as you would a class of freshmen attending their first day of class with you. Help our students understand what expectations a professor will have of his or her students, especially academically advanced students. Students and parents may ask a number of questions, so please allow about fifteen minutes towards the end of the workshop to address questions from the audience.

To help engage our families, we strongly encourage you to utilize techniques such as visual aids, slides, recordings, handouts, or audience participation. Even the simplest involvement will help capture our students' attention.

We hope that you will join our program on **Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the College of William and Mary**.  
Again, thank you very much for your interest in our program.

---

**Julia Gumminger**  
*Assistant Program Manager, Family Academic Programs*  
Johns Hopkins University - Center for Talented Youth (CTY)  
McAuley Hall  
5801 Smith Ave., Suite 400  
Baltimore, MD 21209

Phone: 410.735.6113  
Email: gumminger@jhu.edu  
<http://cty.jhu.edu/family>