

**Preparing for the “Next Step”
Unlocking the Mysteries of College Life**

Why Should I go to College?

- Get a better job
- Increase marketability
- Learn a skill or trade
- Meet new friends
- Further your education



What type of Schools are there?

- 2-year community colleges or satellite campuses
- 4-year private institution
- 4-year public university
- What about...
 - Costs?
 - Class size?
 - Programs on campus?
- Also, go visit a campus
 - Tours are available and great for interested students!
- Get on a school's mailing list – brochures, tours, etc.

The Application Process

- Different Parts of the Application
 - Co-Curricular Involvement
 - Personal Statement
 - Classes, etc.
- Submitting the Application
 - Send in applications early!
 - Mail/Online Applications
 - Make copies of information
 - Don't stress about colleges contacting you!



What Options do I have to Finance my Education?

- Financial Aid such as a grant
 - FAFSA
 - Apply for as many as possible!!
- Scholarships (academic, sports, or major related)
 - www.fastweb.com
 - There is unclaimed money available
- Student Loans
- Work to pay for school

Classes: What To Know



- Never lose your syllabus. It's key for grading, and contact information.
- Get professor email and phone number. Also...ask about a course web site.
- To find out more on what a college requires, check out college websites. This is a great resource for you.

Classes....what are those?

- Try to take a course load that will allow you to have some study time and personal time.
- Try to get classes pertaining to your major as soon as possible. This will ensure that you graduate on time.
- If you have questions about which classes to take....ask your orientation counselor, an upperclassman, or your department



Freshman Orientation



- Offered During Summer
 - Tours of campus
 - Register for classes
 - Activities fair
 - Learn more about the campus, buildings, professors
 - Meet your fellow classmates

Where Will I Live?

- You have two choices:
 - On Campus (dorms)
 - Contact your roommate before moving in!!!
 - Great way to meet people
 - Get to know your meal plan
 - Easier access to campus
 - Off Campus (apartment).
 - Share an apartment with friends, roommates

Bored? Get Involved!

- There are many ways to get involved on campus:
 - Major-related
 - Get involved with organizations that pertain to your major
 - Honors
 - Many schools offer honor clubs or societies
 - Social
 - Go to a college social. This is a great way to meet people.
 - Service
 - Get involved in service organizations – like CIRCLE K!
 - Sports
 - Get in shape, meet new people, and have a great time!



Should I get a Job?

- Jobs
 - When should I get one?
 - On campus
 - Many schools offer student employment.
 - Off campus
 - How many hours?
 - You decide. Most students work a maximum of 20 hours a week.

Ending Remarks

- Your college life is only what YOU make of it.
- Take advantage of opportunities that come your way.
- Most of all – have FUN!!!!



Open Forum

Questions?