

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



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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 and 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?