

Toledo Public Schools College Night

Free Admission • Wednesday, October 5, 2016 • 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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Teenagers are accomplishing great things today.

Take Jessica Poiry.

The 16-year-old is on track to earn her associate degree at Owens Community College in May 2017 – one year before her high school graduation.

Poiry is part of the College's growing College Credit Plus population comprised of students in grades 7-12 who take college classes and earn college credits.

To date, the Northwood resident has completed 44 credits. For Fall Semester, she's enrolled in 18 credits, taking classes in American Sign Language, Art, Biology, German and Sociology. She carries a 3.65 grade-point average at Owens.

A successful College Credit Plus student is disciplined, self-directed, motivated, academically able and socially mature, according to Meghan Schmidbauer, Owens Assistant Dean of Admissions, International Students and College Credit Plus.

"The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students," she said. "Taking a College Credit Plus course at Owens is free, which means no cost for tuition or fees. We have agreements with certain high schools on specific courses in the high schools. However, students can choose to take the College Credit Plus courses they want at any of our locations and this includes online courses."

Poiry began taking College Credit Plus classes as a 14-year-old high school freshman. The TRECA Digital Academy student said she believed she was ready for more of an academic challenge after completing 9th grade English as an 8th grader.

"It's funny to see the look on (older students') faces when you tell them how old you are," she said. "But you tend to blend in. Nobody knows you're a high school student unless you tell them."

Nearly 1,100 students enrolled in College Credit Plus classes in Fall 2015, according to College data. Schmidbauer said Fall 2016 enrollment is expected to be similar.

Owens offers three locations for College Credit Plus classes as well as online courses to accommodate busy students' schedules. The College also provides a variety of services to students including tutoring, academic advising, student clubs and career exploration. In addition, College Credit Plus students can take advantage of Owens facilities, such as the libraries, fitness centers and computer labs. Poiry was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in December 2015 and also is a member of the Hands On Sign Language Club.

When she earns her Associate of Arts-General Concentration degree, she will be the fourth member of her family to graduate from Owens and also a third-generation Owens graduate.

Poiry's mother, Christie, earned her Registered Nursing degree from Owens in December 2008. Her brother, Joseph, took College Credit Plus classes, graduated with his Owens Associate of Science-General Concentration in May 2016 and then his high school diploma two weeks later. He's currently enrolled at the University of Toledo. Her grandfather, Charles Remele, graduated from Owens in June 1975 in Electronical Engineering Technology/Electronics and was the Class Representative at Commencement.

She will take Algebra 2 to complete her high school diploma her senior year while concurrently enrolling at either Bowling Green State University or the University of Toledo to begin a double major in Political Science and Philosophy.

"If I'm lucky and work hard, I can get my bachelor's degree one year after high school graduation," Poiry said.



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The total University population includes students from 50 states and 70 nations. Twenty percent of the fall 2016 freshman class is ethnic or racial minority students. Students are actively involved outside of class, participating in student organizations, service-learning opportunities and cultural and special events that are offered each year.

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Jewish Studies (minor only)

Latino/a and Latin American

Studies (co-major)

Linguistics

Mathematical Economics

Mathematics

Near Eastern Languages

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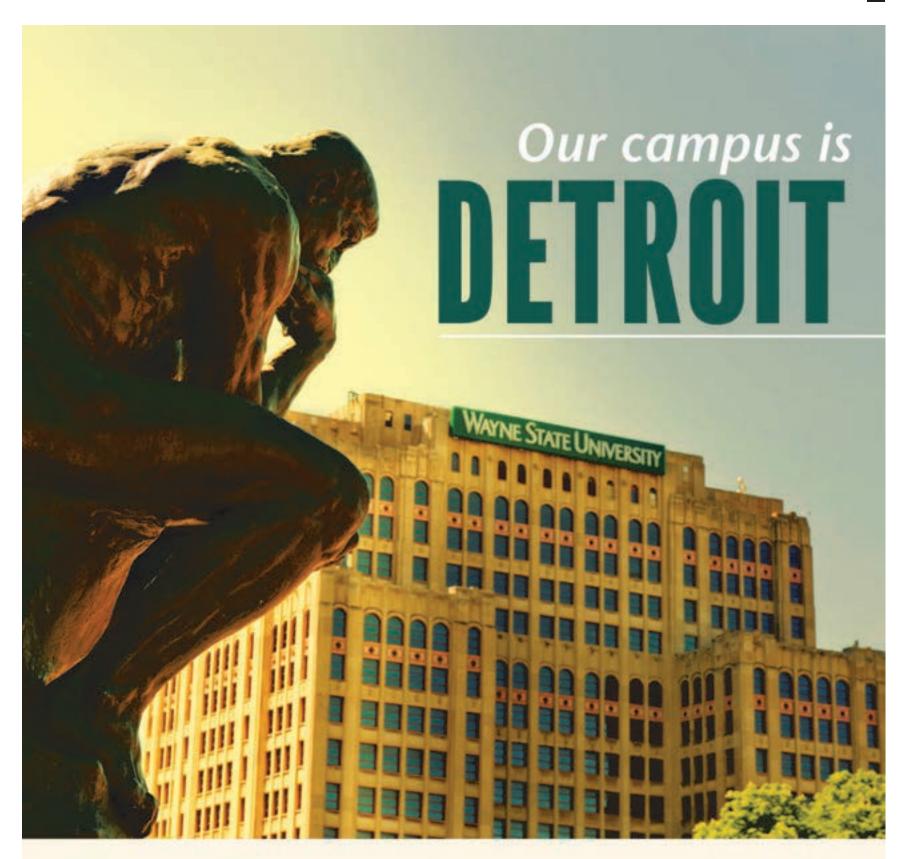


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The best way to discover Kent State is to visit. The university offers an exceptional program for students and their parents to tour the campus and learn about all it has to offer. Visit www.kent.edu/visit for complete details.



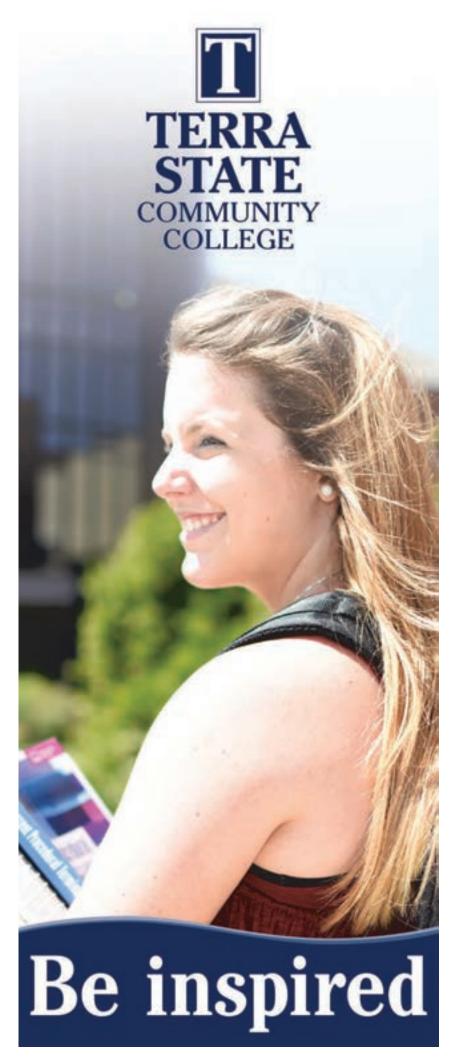
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Terra State Community College

EARLY ADMISSION A SMART WAY TO GO FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

It's never too early to plan for your future and at Terra State Community College it can actually be financially smart.

Terra State in Fremont offers the Early Admissions Scholarship Program to high school graduates who have excelled academically and apply early – by April 1, 2017 for the 2017-18 academic year.

The first recipients of these scholarships started at Terra State this fall. Ashleigh Dix, of Gibsonburg, was one of those awarded.

"The scholarship is definitely an honor to receive," she said. "Because of my scholarship, I can put my foot in the door to pursue my dream career, and it gives me the sense that I'm one step closer to changing the world without having to worry about thousands and thousands of dollars in college debt."

Dix, who also attended classes at Terra State while she was in high school, is planning a career in the U.S. Navy as a healthcare administrator.

The scholarship program is four-tiered based on high school grade point average:

- Board of Trustees 4.0 to 3.90 GPA \$1,000
- Presidential 3.89 to 3.70 GPA \$800
- Vice-Presidential 3.69 to 3.40 GPA \$600
- Deans 3.39-3.00 \$400

Devin Kupka, of Fremont, received a Board of Trustees Scholarship. He saw it on a scholarship list he received from Fremont Ross High School and also when doing some research on the Terra State website.

"This scholarship, on top of other scholarships and financial aid, will help pay off almost all of my tuition for my first year at Terra State," he said. "This will allow me to save more money for the future, so instead of having to focus on my debt, I can concentrate on my schoolwork."

The college does have expectations for the scholarship recipients. They must maintain a 2.70 GPA and complete 68 percent of their attempted credits during the first semester to retain eligibility for the second semester. The scholarship will be divided equally between two semesters and is not a renewable scholarship.

To be eligible, the student must:

- Complete and submit the Terra State Admissions Application by April 1, 2017. There is no application fee.
- Submit a high school transcript that includes grades through the junior year by April 1, 2017.
- Enroll in 12 or more credit hours by June 1, 2017.
- Complete the Terra State Scholarship Application for all other scholarships.

Another award recipient, Taylor Garcia, of Clyde, took online classes from Terra State through the College Credit Plus program and is now on campus taking general courses as she plans for a career in physical therapy. Being able to stay close to home and work a part-time job helps with the finances, but the scholarships are also key.

"Personally, without these scholarships I would have a very tough time paying for tuition considering my financial situation," she said. "Any little bit of money can help students."

For more information on the Early Admissions Scholarship Program, call the Admissions Office at 419-559-2349.

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A Rich History

When people visit Mercy College of Ohio's Toledo campus on Madison Avenue in the Uptown area many thoughts often come to mind – some reminisce about visiting the building when it was a hospital while others see it as the next step on their educational journey. No matter the viewpoint, the rich heritage of the institution is cherished and appreciated.

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The Mercy College of Ohio Difference

Mercy College of Ohio takes great pride in the quality healthcare education it provides to every student. More than an educational institution, faculty, staff, and students are a true family. We focus on healthcare, educating and inspiring students to serve in the global community, committed to intellectual inquiry, social engagement, and lifelong learning. Faculty, staff, and students consistently exemplify the Mercy core values - compassion, human

dignity, excellence, service, sacredness of life, justice - in all college and clinical settings.

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Monroe County Community College

CULINARY SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS FOR OPPORTUNITIES

The culinary skills and management program at Monroe County Community College is designed to prepare students for careers in the food service industry. Labor market projections indicate that opportunities for trained cooks and chefs are expected to increase in the years ahead.

Students in the culinary skills and management program take college courses to gain knowledge and skills in cooking and restaurant operation. They receive hands-on experience operating the Cuisine 1300 Restaurant located on the MCCC campus and also gain experience in banquet operations, catering and kitchen management. The work is demanding and the hours are long; however, job security, promotions and good salaries reward the energetic worker.

MCCC recently renewed its articulation agreement with Eastern Michigan University that allows MCCC students who earn an associate degree in culinary skills and management to transfer up to 82 credits to EMU toward a bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management. The student then completes the remaining 42 credits at EMU. Hotel and restaurant management is a comprehensive program that integrates principles of hotel and restaurant management

with club and resort management. It provides experiential educational opportunities in a wide variety of hospitality organizations through co-op or internships.

To learn more about applying to MCCC's culinary skills and management program, prospective students should contact the MCCC Admissions and Guidance Office at (734) 384-4104 or go to www.monroeccc.edu/business/culinary/culinary.htm.



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Our low student-to-instructor ratio and small class size provides students the attention they deserve. A Mercy College education happens in a holistic atmosphere that balances knowledge and technical skills with the arts, sciences and humanities, be it through in-person courses or via distance education. Our distance education courses and programs encourage interaction and follow a learner-centered curriculum that demands critical thinking and values exploration.

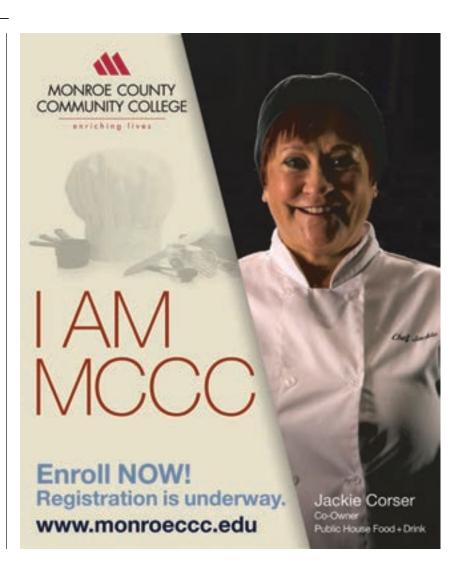
At Mercy College of Ohio, a student is not just another face in the crowd but an individual with a name and a purpose.

A Bright Future

The demand for quality healthcare professionals is as great as ever. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in the healthcare industry is projected to grow by adding 5 million jobs between 2012 and 2022. This accounts for nearly one-third of the total projected increase in jobs. Mercy College of Ohio graduates choose from dozens – if not hundreds – of unique settings and applications.

Their education provides them with confidence to work in any healthcare setting in the country and immediately start solving problems and making decisions for the greater good of those in need.

Mercy College of Ohio takes great pride in the quality healthcare education provided to each and every student. Mercy College of Ohio will continue to develop new degree and certificate programs and offer both in person and distance education options to provide convenient choices for students.



Classroom Technology Unites Students Nationwide USHERS IN NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCE

(BPT) - When Cyndi Roberts steps into her classroom in Columbus, Ohio, her 19 students finish their conversations and get ready to start the day's lesson. Like a scene from a high-tech science fiction film, she's followed by voice-activated motion-detection cameras as she greets 14 people in the seats in front of her and five students who are gathered almost 500 miles away.

For Roberts, assistant national dean, College of Engineering and Information Sciences at DeVry University, any distance vanishes. She writes on the whiteboard in her Columbus classroom, knowing her notes are appearing, in real-time, on the whiteboard in front of her students in Philadelphia. Cameras automatically follow the student voices and movements there too, so Roberts can hear their questions and see their responses.

Exchanges like this are the norm for students who take classes in DeVry University's innovative connected classrooms. The new learning experience incorporates cutting-edge technology to connect two to three classroom locations for simultaneous instruction, with a single instructor.

"This connected-classroom technology is not merely a teacher standing in front of the room, lecturing to students over a video feed," says Brian Bethune, Ph.D., national dean of the College of Media Arts & Technology at DeVry University. "It is a completely interactive,

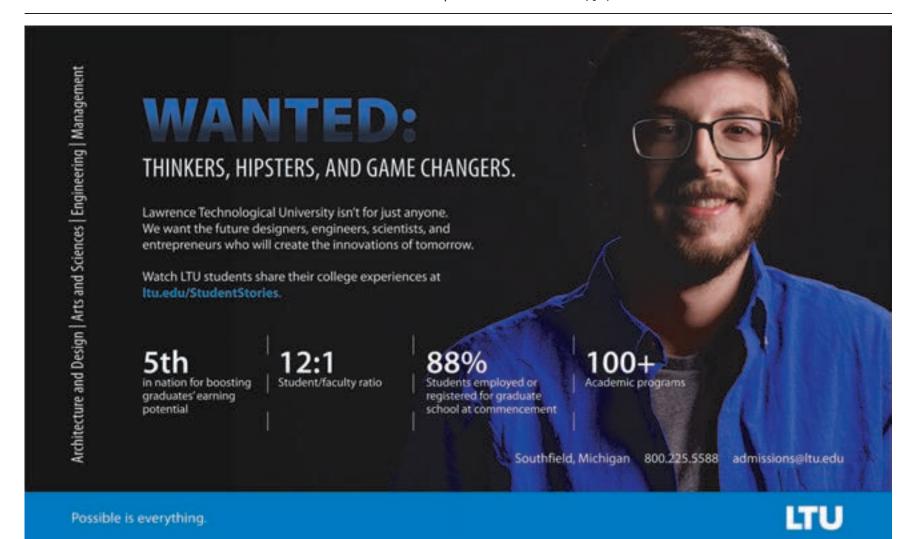
immersive education environment. Through this technology, we aim to meet the next generation needs and expectations of our students, and provide an enhanced experience. Here, students take active roles in discussions and interact with professors and fellow classmates - whether sitting next to each other, or in cities far apart."

Framing today's education experience

Currently, there are 23 innovative classrooms on campuses across the country, each equipped with voice-activated motion cameras, facial recognition software, high-definition wide-screen monitors with picture-in-picture views, desktop cameras and interactive touch-screen whiteboards. The technology enables an immersive learning community among students with diverse geographies and education needs.

The classrooms are used for courses ranging from engineering technology to composition and financial accounting. Instructors complete in-depth trainings so their curriculum fits the classroom format, rather than vice versa. While remote conferencing is widespread in the business world, a setup like this is completely new to education.

"From day one, I made a point to learn remote students' names and include them – so much, in fact, I now have to hold back from calling on them exclusively," says Teresa Hayes, a professor at DeVry University's campus in Chicago. "It's made me very aware of each student in my class. I can (CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY – continued on page 15)



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tell which ones are struggling and give them the attention and resources they need. The technology has changed the way I teach."

Hayes's adaptive approach represents the state of education as a whole. A Pew Research report, "'How Do They Even do That?: How Today's Technology is Shaping Tomorrow's Student," indicates that as technology changes how humans interact and access information, it is also changing how students prefer to learn. The report acknowledges digital technology not only enhances existing classrooms, but it can also completely change the relationship students have with their physical learning environment.

Driving tailored, targeted learning for tomorrow

Technology-driven classrooms can fill a gap in today's globally connected world. When classes are only offered online or in-person, students who prefer on-site learning are limited by course offerings at their local campus. The connected classroom technology provides benefits on a practical level, including having access to more courses and exposure to video conferencing capabilities that mirror the way communications happen in many companies today.

The next steps for the technology will be to expand to more DeVry University campuses and more classrooms in the near future.

Toward the end of class, students from the different campuses wave goodbye and wish each other a good weekend. It seems connecting new friends is one thing that may never change about the college experience.



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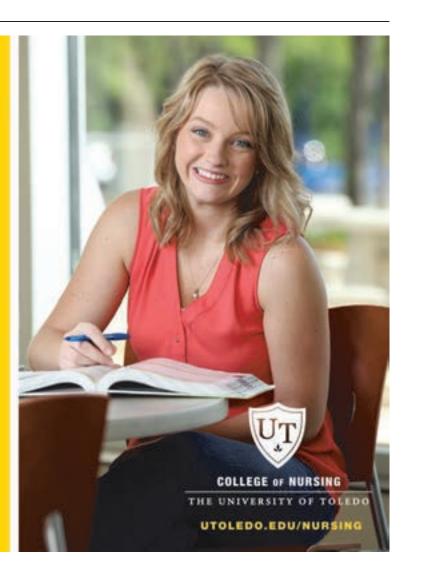
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Pending approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)





A+ College Moving Tips

(BPT) - Across the country thousands of students are packing up their childhood rooms and heading off to a new adventure at college. The transition is equal parts exciting and nerve-wracking. The move itself, however, shouldn't cause unneeded stress.

While college students usually don't have a lot of belongings that need to be moved, the process can be exhausting and overwhelming, especially if they're moving across the country. Rather than relying on guesswork, take some tips from the moving experts at Penske Truck Rental:

Condense and store

College apartments are small and dorm rooms are even smaller. Leave nonessentials at home and pack only what you'll use on a regular basis. Photo albums, fine jewelry and fragile knickknacks will be safer there anyway. As for what you'll need, colleges typically provide a checklist of essential items that can be used as a guide.

Be prepared

Start packing early and create a running list of items you need to bring but are unable to pack until it's time to leave. Get sturdy boxes in a variety of sizes plus bubble wrap to protect your fragile items. You'll also need packing tape and bold markers for labeling and securing boxes. Moving blankets and hand trucks will make the process easier.

Mark and group

Label the outside of boxes as you pack and add a generalized list of what's inside for easy reference upon arrival. Remember to label the box with both your name and a symbol that will help you recognize what's yours. When thousands of students are moving at once, this simple trick can cut confusion quickly.

Plan ahead

When renting a moving truck, reserve it at least two weeks in advance. Because summer and fall are popular times for moves, delaying could leave you without available transportation. Most college students find the 12- or 16-foot truck perfect for moving a few large items or the contents of a small apartment.

Drive safe

When driving, remember that trucks are taller, wider and require more stopping distance than a standard vehicle. Use caution particularly when the truck is packed full. Watch out for low-hanging tree branches and building overhangs, and use extra caution when turning.

Stay secure

To protect your belongings, park in well-lit areas and padlock the rear door, especially if stopping for the night. If possible, back the truck up tight against a building wall to prevent access to the storage area. Unfortunately, thieves take advantage of students on the hectic moving days leading up to the start of the academic year.

Keep a document bag

Keep important documents like registration information and dorm confirmations in a bag in the car with you for easy access. This should also include credit cards, your driver's license and any other essentials. For more college moving tips, visit www.PenskeTruckRental.com.

The ABCs Of ESAs: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

(NAPSI) — Improved student achievement and higher graduation rates are not as hard to achieve as one might think. They could become a reality with one simple policy: educational choice.

Robust parental choice in education is an idea that has taken root in more communities in the U.S. than ever before, and education savings accounts (ESAs) are the best mechanism to date for funding customized learning for students.

These accounts allow families to completely tailor their children's educational experience by funding students instead of physical school buildings and letting that funding follow children to any education provider of choice. This gives parents access to options that meet their children's unique learning needs.

For example, in Arizona, parents can withdraw their children from public or charter schools and 90 percent of the funds the state would have spent on them is deposited into an ESA (known in Arizona as an Empowerment Scholarship Account). Parents can then use these funds for such education-related expenses as:

- · Private school tuition and fees.
- Education therapy services.
- · Textbooks and tutoring.
- · Online learning courses.
- Advanced Placement (AP) exams, achievement tests and college admission exams.
- Contributions to a 529 college savings plan.
- College tuition and textbooks.
- · Individual public school classes and programs.

The funding can go to several education providers at once, an option that could become increasingly important as online learning proliferates.

This level of customization helps bring American education into the 21st century and can ensure that no child is relegated to the limited effectiveness of a monopolistic system.

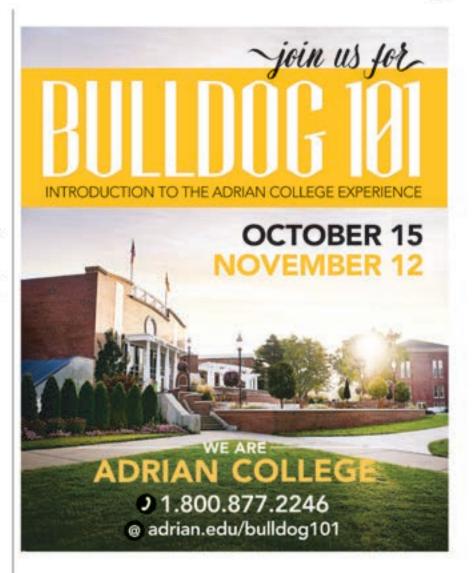
Parents can also "roll over" unused funds from year to year. ESAs are the only educational choice policy to date that affords consideration of "opportunity costs," which encourage families to pursue the best education for the best value to maximize their ESA dollars.

A recent study by the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization — discovered that when parents are able to choose where their children go to school, they're happier with the entire experience. School choice also leads to increased academic achievement, graduation rates and student safety.

In addition, the foundation says, educational choice options put competitive pressure on public school systems to improve and to meet the needs of students or risk losing pupils — and money.

Learn more

Only five states currently have ESA programs. For a list of resources and more information about educational choice, visit www.edchoice.org/ parents-and-educators.



SIMPLY THE BEST

■ MONEY Magazine Recognizes Adrian College as a 2016-17 Best College

Adrian College prides itself on making a quality liberal arts education affordable. Recently, Money Magazine, a well-reputed publication focused on financial management, again ranked the College among the best in its third annual list of 2016-2017 Best Colleges.

In the report, over 700 colleges and universities are identified according to overall value. Out of over 1500 schools evaluated, the magazine identified the top colleges that deliver a quality education. The

publication also assigned each college and university a "value-added" grade based on its graduation rates, student loan defaults and post-graduate earnings.

 Initial cut. MONEY screened out schools with graduation rates below the median and those facing financial difficulties.

 Ranking factors. The remaining colleges were ranked on 21 factors in three equally weighted categories: educational quality, affordability, and alumni earnings from PayScale. com.

 Special value measure. Included: a "value added" grade that considered how well students at each school did vs. what would be expected given their economic and academic backgrounds and the institution's mix of majors. "This accolade represents the efforts Adrian College has pursued to make each student's experience a wholesome and productive one.

- Adrian College President, Dr. Jeffrey R. Docking

Focus on affordability. Among the factors considered: merit aid, parent and student borrowing, the length of time to graduate, tuition increases, and other measures.

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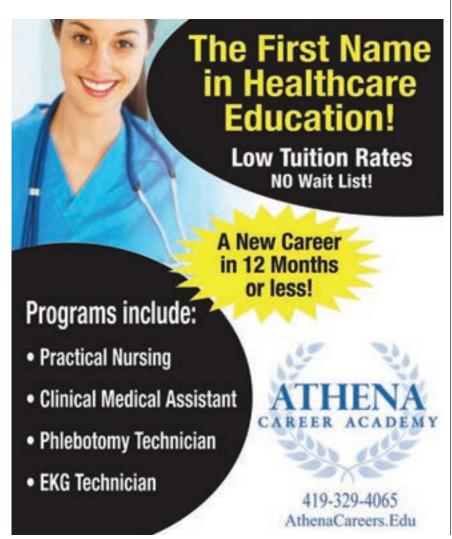
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For more information visit www.AthenaCareers.Edu., or by phone at 419-329-4065.



HINTS TO HELP YOU Get Home From College

(NAPSI) — As Walt Whitman is quoted in numerous graduation speeches as having said, "Not I — nor anyone else can travel that road for you. You must travel it for yourself." However, as most graduates have discovered, the first place they have to travel is probably away from school.

Whether you're going back to your parents' place, your new grad school housing or a place of your own (with or without roommates), you have to get all your stuff there. Here are hints on how, from the experts on moving at Penske Truck Rental:

Order the right truck in advance. For most students, a 12- or 16-foot truck will do. Bear in mind, you're not the only one moving out. Try to reserve the truck and any accessories — boxes, packing tape, bubble packing material, moving blankets, hand trucks and so on — at least two weeks in advance.

Plan out how long it will take you to get where you're going. Take into account the time of day, traffic patterns and stops. Consider that the truck is probably taller, wider and heavier than what you're used to driving so you may have to drive more slowly.

Familiarize yourself with the truck. Learn what all the switches and gauges do. Adjust the seat and side mirrors. Be aware that trucks have oversized blind spots and are tougher to turn than a car.

Read the rental agreement. Note that the U.S. Department of Transportation prohibits the "carrying or hauling of explosives and other dangerous articles." You can't pack paint, chemicals and cleaning materials, flammable solvents, propane, gasoline and the like.

Insure yourself. Most insurance and credit card companies don't cover truck rentals. Consider additional coverage.

Pack a separate travel bag. Put in any items you may need in a hurry: paperwork, credit cards, identification, a change of clothes, medicine, drinks and snacks.

Pack properly. Put the heaviest items on the truck first. Lift with your legs, not your back.

Find a travel companion. Sharing the ride can help with the costs, the driving and the packing.

Use discounts. Penske Truck Rental offers AAA members a discount.

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In an emergency, you can call Penske for roadside assistance at any time,

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Synthesis Of 100 School Choice Studies FINDS POSITIVE OUTCOMES

(NAPSI) — As school choice programs continue to grow, researchers look to empirical evidence to find out whether they are working.

The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice published a report last week that analyzes more than 20 years' worth of rigorous, empirical studies on the effects of school choice programs. The report — "A Win-Win Solution: The Empirical Evidence on School Choice" — found that results from those studies were overwhelmingly in favor of school choice policies in five key areas:

- How does school choice affect the academic outcomes of program participants?
- How does educational choice affect nearby public schools?
- Do school choice programs cost or save taxpayers money?
- What is the effect of school choice on racial segregation in public and private schools?
- How do private schools affect school choice participants' civic values?

The author, Dr. Greg Forster, senior fellow at the Friedman Foundation, discovered that of the 100 school choice studies examined, 87 found positive effects for students, schools and taxpayers. Ten studies showed no statistically significant effect, and only three studies found that choice had a negative effect.

"Our first edition of the Win-Win report included 19 studies; this time around, we were able to look at 100," said Robert Enlow, president and CEO of the Friedman Foundation. "Every year, we see more and more empirical research that points to the same conclusion: If well designed, school choice programs work."

Though the scoreboard is overwhelmingly in favor of educational choice policies, this synthesis is also the first to ever include instances where school choice programs caused declines in student performance. Only two studies (released earlier this year) show this, and they were both studies of the same school choice program: the Louisiana Scholarship Program. The studies find slight declines in student performance in the Louisiana program's first year but academic improvement in its second year.

"Looking at what isn't working well — and figuring out why — is an important part of our work," Enlow said. "Educational choice forces us to pursue innovation and opportunity, and we're committed to improving programs to make sure they're working well for students."

For more on what the research says about each of the five key topic areas mentioned above, download the report at www.edchoice. org/Win-Win.

Madonna University

STUDENTS CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SERVICE

LIVONIA, Mich. – A group of Madonna University students put their classroom studies into action earlier this year when they brought health education programs to the Philippines.

As part of their clinical program, eight nursing upperclassmen and their instructors visited the southern part of the Philippines to teach health promotion and disease prevention educational activities.

Information on healthy eating habits, proper tooth brushing, use of safe water, hand washing techniques, blood glucose, and more was shared with residents in an effort to promote a healthy community. Students also cooked a nutritious meal for about 32 village families.

Pat DeGuia, assistant nursing and health professor, said the students "exemplified the Franciscan values" of Madonna University, which include respect for the dignity of each person and education for truth and service. "Each nursing student did an amazing job being a genuinely concerned healthcare giver, friend, mentor, and role model to the Gawad Kalinga residents," she said.

Joining the nursing students and faculty on the trip were a graduate student in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program, as well as an alumnus of the broadcast and cinema arts program and a current communication studies student who produced a touching documentary about the visit.

In addition to serving others in the Philippines and Costa Rica, Madonna students also work on service projects in their local communities. There also are several study abroad opportunities for Madonna students to enhance their education and to learn about different cultures.



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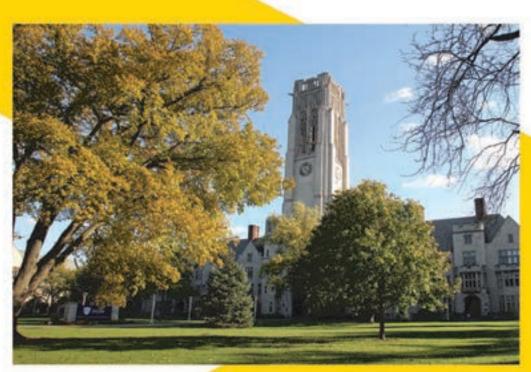
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A MISSION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Educating and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow are cornerstones of the academic programs at Concordia University Ann Arbor, located on the banks of the Huron River just minutes from all of the restaurants and cultural activities of downtown Ann Arbor. The Student Life Office mission is to enrich the educational environment by creating an intentionally relational, safe and vibrant community where "students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world." Beyond excelling in the classroom, students are provided opportunities to use their talents and abilities to get involved and be campus leaders.

Concordia's undergraduate program offers over 60 majors and minors in its four schools – Arts & Sciences, Education, The Haab School of Business Administration, and the new School of Nursing. **Students** receive a broad liberal arts education during their four years of study, while professors espouse the values and ethics needed to succeed in a chosen career.

Beginning this fall, CUAA will newly offer a BSN degree, equipping students with Christian values that will serve them in their careers. The program's curriculum is designed to prepare tomorrow's health care providers and produce high-caliber nurses with a passion for patient care. The program combines traditional instruction models with hands-on

learning opportunities. It boasts state-of the art equipment which will be housed in CUAA's newly acquired academic building just three miles north of the main campus.

CUAA boasts a newly renovated Kreft Center for the Arts building, which houses its fine arts program. The space features new technology, studio space, classrooms, labs, performance space and a rehearsal hall. The fresh, open-concept space has already begun to greatly expand opportunities for students, allowing them to develop in the arts and provide a service to the community. CUAA remains committed to an environment that fosters students' opportunities to grow, learn and understand God's calling in their lives.

Concordia Ann Arbor offers a wide range of graduate programs, including a MS in Computer Science, an MBA, a MS in Organizational Leadership and Administration and six degrees in its School of Education. A wide range of online learning degree programs are available, along with accelerated learning for individuals ready to go back to school and earn their undergraduate degree or pursue their master's.

For more information on Concordia University Ann Arbor, please call the Admission Office at 1-888-282-2338 or visit www.cuaa.edu.



(BPT) - K-12 education has evolved. What used to be a linear path to academic success has expanded to a variety of nontraditional options for students looking to chart their own course in and after school.

Nationwide, more than 275,000 K-12 students in the U.S. attended online school full-time during the 2014-15 school year, according to the 2015 Keeping Pace with K-12 Digital Learning report.

Connections Academy online schools are expected to graduate more than 4,000 students this year across 24 states — and many of those students will have completed their entire high school educations online. Graduates were accepted to more than 690 four-year colleges and universities, and others have plans to continue their education at vocational schools, start careers or enter the military.

When traditional schools did not fit the needs of Jeffrey Crouch, who has a unique learning need as a visually impaired student, he joined Great Lakes Cyber Academy. Transitioning to online school made it possible for Jeffrey to pursue an individualized education.

Educators agree that online school isn't for every student and families interested should take the time to learn about their options. Information sessions are held in many states for families interested in learning more about Connections Academy-supported online public schools, and a full-time online private school is available for families who live in states where a tuition-free public online option is not available.



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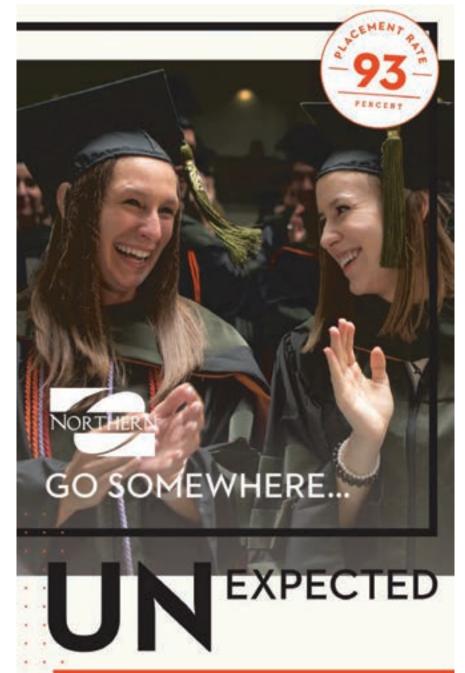
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MAKING THE GRADE: Getting High School Seniors Ready For College

(NAPSI)—Nearly 17 million high school seniors graduate each year, the U.S. Department of Education estimates, and many plan to attend college. But are they all really college-ready?

Data suggests the answer is a resounding "no." According to the 2015 "Condition of College & Career Readiness" report from American College Testing (ACT), 31 percent of the ACT-tested graduating class is not meeting any of the four subject benchmarks: reading, English, science and mathematics.

These low-readiness test scores coincide with college dropout figures that top 29 million, making the number of Americans who have dropped out of college greater than the number of American adults who have not obtained their high school degrees.

"While test scores provide a benchmark for high school seniors, college readiness is an important issue for everyone headed to college, whether they are a new high school graduate or an adult learner returning to the classroom," said Jennifer Fletcher, Ph.D., program dean for general education at University of Phoenix. "Being prepared for the challenge can help ensure students aren't forced to take remedial course work and are able to stay motivated and on top of their workloads, ultimately resulting in a successful collegiate experience."

The pressure to earn a college degree is higher than ever. The White House has set an ambitious goal of producing a higher share of college graduates than any other nation by 2020. The plan is to return the United States to the top-ranked nation after dropping into twelfth place.

"More and more, employers are seeking college graduates for jobs that previously required a high school diploma or other sub-baccalaure-ate training," Dr. Fletcher said. "For the nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults who do not have a bachelor's degree or higher, this can create barriers to career growth, unless they are able to pursue higher education."

She offers the following advice to high school seniors and adult learners heading off to college:

- Use summer months to take courses in English and mathematics to refresh high school level skills. Courses can be taken at community colleges or via online professional development resources such as University of Phoenix's continuing education programs, Udemy, StraighterLine and Lynda.com.
- Don't overburden your first semester course load. There are always opportunities to add courses deeper into your college career or over summer and winter intersessions.
- Team up with your college adviser your first semester. College advisers are available to discuss your goals and a graduation timeline and can offer guidance on the best ways to manage coursework.
- Attend skills center sessions for assistance in coursework and free proofreading.

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Orion Institute

DEMAND FOR LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPISTS TO INCREASE AS PHYSICIANS, INSURANCE PROVIDERS RECOGNIZE BENEFIT

Those researching health care careers may want to consider therapeutic massage. It's one of the fastest growing occupations in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, expected to grow 22 percent through the year 2024.

As many states implement licensing requirements and standards for massage therapists, acceptance of the practice has grown by more healthcare providers as a way to treat pain and to improve overall wellness. In May, 2016 the medical journal Pain Medicine published an editorial stating:

"The results are clear: when properly delivered by certified massage therapists, massage can be effective for the treatment of pain... it is time for massage to enter the main stream for the care of pain."

Licensed massage therapists also find employment opportunities in sectors outside health care, including salons/spas, fitness clubs, massage therapy chains or franchises, and professional sports teams. Those with an entrepreneurial spirit may practice as a sole proprietor, providing service at the client's location or from an office of their own.

According to Mary Taylor, School Director of Orion Institute and Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals Member, becoming a Licensed Massage Therapist means helping people as part of the career, something that is so important to many high school graduates now.

"People want to do something to make a difference in the lives of others, and massage therapy is a great way to start," said Taylor. "It's a life-long skill that can make a rewarding career by itself, or add to your skill set in a variety of health care and fitness occupations."

To become licensed in the State of Ohio, applicants must be 18 years of age, submit criminal record checks, attain high school graduation, complete an approved Massage Therapy Instruction Program, and pass the State Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam (MBLEx).

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For information about the Therapeutic Massage training program at Orion Institute, call 419-874-4496 or visit www.orion.edu.

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- Organize study groups with peers to work together on complex materials and to gain different perspectives to approaching assignments.
- Take advantage of college tools and resources. Computers, Internet access, office hours and a study location free of distractions are all things students can access that affect student success. When you couple this with healthy organizational and study habits, students can improve their chances of having a positive academic journey.





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Social expectations pressure many high school students into pursuing a pricey four-year degree. But, a short-term certificate can be earned at a fraction of the cost in high demand career fields in the technical and skilled trades. Industry recognized certificates can be obtained in as little as 16 weeks and reap great rewards when you enter the workforce quickly with less financial debt.

The short term certificates also include college credit. The certificate moves students quickly to a job and then the student can continue to build on those credits towards a degree.

Not only is there a cost savings, but there's also the curricula developed for a short-term certificate program that are more hands on, more focused on a tangible skillset and applicable learning outcomes. Not everyone wants to memorize complex physics formulas or read the Broadview Anthology of British Literature!

And, more so, many students find hands-on learning more productive than classroom only learning. Most technical and skilled trades are taught in labs and real world settings. And, those courses are taught by professionals with years of experience in their trade.

Most people expect that to get ahead, a four-year degree is essential. Well, a good education is absolutely essential, but a great paying position in fields like electro-mechanical engineering, industrial automation, machining, computer network support specialists, and many more are within reach in as little as 16 weeks.

A good-jumping on point to learn about those fields is the newly



The two colleges also work with local industry designing and delivering customized training for new and current employees. Custom Training Solutions, a division of Northwest State Community College and Terra State Community College offers hands on, credit or non-credit workforce training that can be delivered onsite, online or in a flexible hybrid format.

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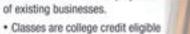
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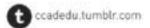
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MILLENNIALS ARE DETERMINED to Lessen Their Kids' College Debt

(NewsUSA) - Pity the parents of college-bound kids.

According to the just-released 9th annual national "College Savings Indicator Study" conducted by Fidelity Investments, while more parents than ever before are socking away money to finance their children's college educations — 69 percent nationwide, up 5 percent from last year — they're still on track to save just 27 percent of their stated goals by the start of freshman year.

Even non-math whizzes can see what's described as "the challenge ahead" implied by these two numbers: \$232 (the median monthly amount parents report saving) and \$31,231 (the current average annual cost of tuition and fees at private colleges).

Of particular interest may be the behavior of millennial parents.

This is the generation, born between 1981 and 1997, whose particular revelation from the 2008 recession was how tough it is paying off their own student loans while trying to establish a career (56 percent who graduated with such debt remain saddled with it). So it's understandable, as the study found, that they "appear particularly determined to help their children" avoid the same plight — specifically, by planning on covering 8 percent more than the 66 percent of their offspring's college costs than parents overall.

"Millennials have weathered challenging conditions for much of their adulthood, and have adopted smart savings habits at a higher rate than their older counterparts," says Keith Bernhardt, vice president of retirement and college products at Fidelity.

Here are some ideas you might not have thought of to keep from underfunding your own kids' higher education:

- Consider opening a 529 Plan. According to the survey, 93 percent of parents using one of these state- or state agency-sponsored, dedicated college accounts say it helps keep them on target. Savings can be used for tuition, books, and other education-related expenses. And the best part? Federal income taxes are deferred on any earnings, and separate state tax deductions may also apply.
- Get with the trend. You've heard of wedding registries set up to help finance a honeymoon in, say, exotic Bora Bora, right? Well, it's the same for college. If you have a 529 Plan through Fidelity, for example, its free 529 Online Gifting Service lets friends and family contribute to your account with a private dashboard provided for you to send invitations and track gifts.
- Reallocate pre-school dollars. If your child has aged out of day care and afterschool care, that's an average of \$730 in monthly fees that could instead be squirreled away in a dedicated college savings account.

One other finding to emerge from the study: 70 percent of all parents say they need more "guidance" on the whole subject. Among the most popular Fidelity resource is an interactive, online College Savings Quick Check that lets you see how you're progressing.

HOW TO GET AN A-PLUS In Student Identity Theft Protection

(NewsUSA) - There are many things parents teach their kids before sending them off to college. Protecting their personal information and being aware of identity theft can go overlooked.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, more than 16 million people were victims of identity theft in 2012, which resulted in more than \$24 billion in lost money. Mary Johnson, vice president of financial literacy and student aid policy for Higher One, cautions that certain behaviors lead to students becoming victims of identity theft.

"Living with roommates, making online purchases and communicating through social media channels are just a few of the ways students can leave themselves dangerously open to thieves," she says.

There are ways, however, that colleges and parents can help protect students and minimize the risk of compromising their information. The following tips can help:

- Avoid carrying personal IDs together. Experts caution to never carry your Social Security information and driver's license in the same purse or wallet.
- Check online banking transactions often. Reconcile your accounts, credit card statements and transactions with your own records but never on a public Wi-Fi or cyber-cafe. Institutions like Higher One (www.higherone.com), a financial services company dedicated to helping students reach their goals, offers low-cost and affordable banking services that can help monitor your accounts.
- Learn more. The most important thing about protecting your information is to be proactive about keeping it safe. To this end, organizations like Higher One can help students by educating them on finances, budgeting and money management through its financial literacy program, \$tart with Change. Consider this: According to "With Their Whole Lives Ahead of Them," a 2009 study commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 54 percent of students surveyed who left college without graduating said they did so because of the stress of having to work and go to school at the same time, while 31 percent cited the cost of tuition and fees as the main reason for dropping out.
- Check your credit report yearly. Credit reports are not just for working adults. College students can receive these reports from the three major credit-reporting agencies by visiting annual credit report.com.

Finally, as you continue to build your protection, look for a college or university that offers robust money-management tools and advice to help you build a solid financial foundation.



Spring Arbor University

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKS SCHOOL AMONG TOP MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITIES

The 2016 edition of U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges ranked Spring Arbor University (SAU) in the top tier of Midwestern regional universities. Categories in which scores improved include freshman retention rate – which indicates satisfaction with the university – and percent of classes with under twenty students – which give an indication of the student/faculty ratio. **The university is ranked at the 64th spot.** U.S. News and World Report uses a unique methodology to rank schools, weighing categories such as peer assessment, retention and graduation rates, faculty and financial resources, student selectivity and alumni giving.

Spring Arbor University has helped students pursue wisdom by offering an education grounded in the Christian faith. What began as a small elementary and secondary school in the late 1800s has evolved into a top-tier, liberal arts, Christian university with more than 4,000 enrolled students, offering more than 70 undergraduate majors and programs, degree completion programs, associate programs, and graduate programs. With programs presented on campus, online and on site at locations throughout Michigan and in Ohio, the University continues to meet the growing needs of its students.



Heidelberg College

STUDENTS HYPED ABOUT NEW PROGRAM

First-year students at Heidelberg University and indeed, the entire campus community, are hyped about a new co-curricular program that will help all students prepare for an increasingly competitive job market and the challenges of life after college.

The innovative new HYPE Program helps students develop careerrelated skills such as communication, collaboration and conflict management that many employers have said they seek in new hires.

HYPE complements students' academic coursework and helps them draw connections between their overall college experiences and their life goals, according to Jacqueline Sironen, director of Student Engagement and HYPE.

"We really believe the innovation and distinction of HYPE will set Heidelberg apart and set our students up for success," Sironen said. "Students will graduate with tools and skills they can carry with them through their career."

Each fall, HYPE officially kicks off with a common experience for each of the four classes around the themes of My Peers and Me, My Career and Me, My Community and Me and My Friends and Me. In late August, HYPE officially launched when this year's freshman class headed to Hocking Hills. While there, they participated in team building

activities, met fellow classmates and, for some, experience life outside the city for the first time.

This first official HYPE activity achieved its goals of helping new students bond with each other and faculty and staff mentors who accompanied them on the trip while allowing them to begin to experience

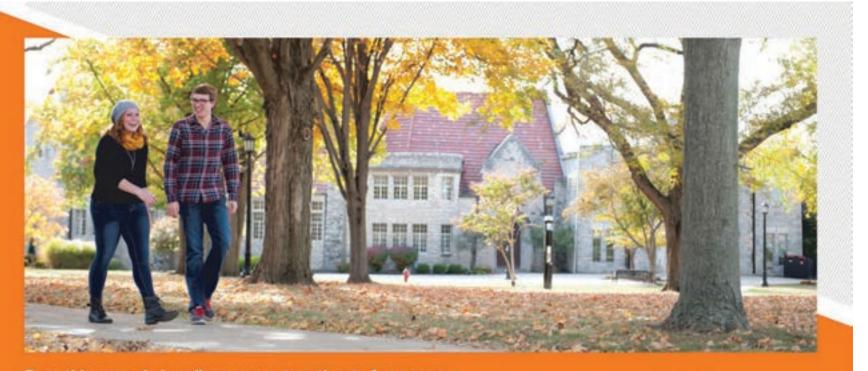
some of the traditions that make Heidelberg special.

Across the board, students, faculty and staff are especially hyped about the series of major keynote speakers who will be coming to campus each year as the cornerstone of the HYPE Program.

Six days each academic year, these world-class speakers will get things rolling with a talk designed to motivate and inspire students. Smaller workshop-style interactive sessions, which will build on the six HYPE themes, will follow the keynotes.



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Everything you do in college comes together to form your educational experience. From classes to trips, clubs to research, sports to internships, the Heidelberg experience helps transform you from a student into a professional. Everything you do at Heidelberg prepares you for your career and life after college.

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"The overarching goal of the program is to support students' development of these six skill areas and encourage them to think of their educational experience holistically," Sironen said. "HYPE will help students connect their learning inside and outside the classroom and meet the needs of future employers."

Heidelberg has announced the following HYPE keynote speakers for the coming academic year:

- Capt. James Lovell, NASA legend and Apollo 13 Commander
- · John Prendergast, human rights advocate and author of Unlikely Brothers
- Pam Oliver, sportscaster for the NFL and NBA
- · Bill Nye, science educator
- Lauren Berger, founder and CEO of Intern Queen Inc. and best-selling author
- Michael Kim, counter-human trafficking expert

"We're very excited about the potential for HYPE to prepare all students for greater success in their jobs, entire careers and whole lives," said Heidelberg President Robert H. Huntington.

HYPE is just one program that adds value to the Heidelberg student experience. Twice each academic year, through The Patricia Adams Lecture Series, the university brings to campus exceptional women leaders to interact with students and help them define successful careers and lives.

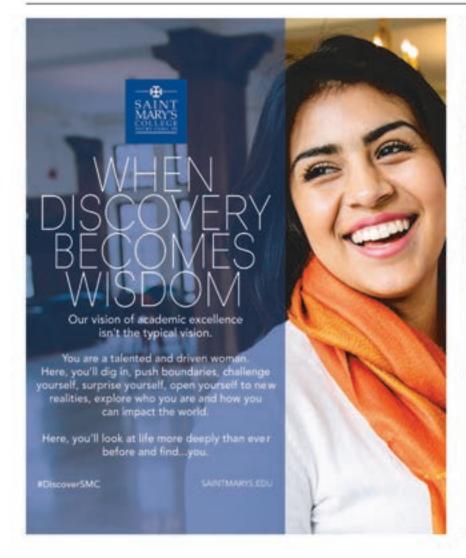
Additionally, Heidelberg offers a robust "Life of the Mind" Honors Program that gives students an avenue - through seminars, extra-curricular activities and collaboration with faculty members on coursework

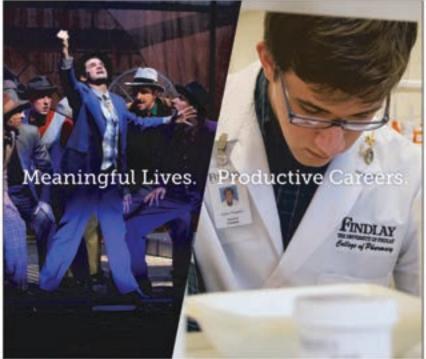
and research - to develop knowledge and skills and explore multiple disciplines.

In increasing numbers, Heidelberg students are choosing to step outside their comfort zone and study abroad. Many students take advantage of Heidelberg's Alternative Break Program for an international or domestic experience with a service component.

"Our focus remains on education excellence and student success," Huntington said. "That is what we care about. We want all of our students to be ready to succeed in internships, service roles, jobs, graduate schools, careers and rich paths of distinctive lives."







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Classroom 529 College Savings Plans Can Help Ease Your Top Financial Concern

(NewsUSA) - People who worry about financing a college education for children or grandchildren have got plenty of company. More than 70 percent of parents with children under 18 say that paying for college is their top financial concern, according to Gallup's 2001-2015 Economic and Personal Finance survey.

Young adults are worried too. Asked by Gallup to identify the top financial problem facing their families, more than one in five respondents aged 18 to 29 said it was paying tuition or college loans.

Fortunately, there's a way to put money aside for education in an investment account where the savings can grow over the years, free from federal income taxes. What's more, the student doesn't have to pay federal income taxes on withdrawals from the account, as long as the money is used for qualified higher education expenses, which include tuition, books, fees, supplies and other approved expenses at accredited institutions.

"With the costs of higher education continuing to rise, knowledgeable families are taking advantage of 529 college savings plans," says Kris Spazafumo, Vice President, Investment Services, at Los Angelesbased American Funds, which manages CollegeAmerica.

It's the country's largest 529 plan, with nearly \$50 billion in assets, as of March 31, 2015. "More than 1.2 million families nationwide are now saving for college with CollegeAmerica on behalf of 2.1 million future

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college students, and we expect that number to grow as more people become aware of the many benefits that 529 plans offer."

Flexibility is a key feature of 529 plans. Parents and grandparents maintain control of the account, decide when and if to disburse the proceeds and retain the ability to change the beneficiaries. For example, if the child originally named as beneficiary doesn't need the money or doesn't go to college, the account beneficiary can be changed to another family member who might benefit. Account owners can even use the money for their own qualifying educational expenses to obtain a graduate degree, for instance, or specialized career training.

Anyone can open a 529 college savings plan, regardless of income, and can contribute up to \$14,000 (\$28,000 for married couples) annually without gift-tax consequences, and that money isn't considered part of the account owner's estate.

Since 529 plans are long-term investment vehicles, it's important to choose a plan that offers a wide range of investment options and proven management expertise, says Spazafumo, who notes that CollegeAmerica offers a number of choices from the highly rated American Funds mutual fund family.

Financing higher education requires saving consistently over the long term, but it's not impossible.

"A college education is a great investment, resulting in an estimated 70 percent more lifetime income and a 50 percent lower chance of being unemployed," Spazafumo says, adding that saving for college is a much less costly approach than borrowing. "Earning an 8 percent return, rather than paying 8 percent interest, a family with a goal of \$10,000 in college savings can attain that by saving a total of \$7,000 over 10 years, as opposed to repaying a total of \$14,000 over 10 years if they had borrowed the \$10,000."

Not only is borrowing more costly than saving your way to college, Spazafumo points out that there's evidence many students aren't able to keep up with their loan obligations.

According to the Department of Education, borrowers who were due to start repaying their student loans in 2011 had a 13.7 percent default rate last year, thus damaging their credit ratings just as they were beginning their working lives.

Education has always been the pathway to higher incomes and job satisfaction, and that's likely to be truer than ever in the years to come. Combining a disciplined savings program with the right 529 college savings plan can help make your family member's dreams of college a reality.



HOW A SMART HOME Can Help Your Back-to-School Routine

(NAPSI) — With school back in session, families have to make a change in their daily routines. Earlier mornings, hectic schedules and to-do lists create added stress and anxiety for parents. Could technology step in and become the solution for streamlining and simplifying your life?

An increasing amount of U.S. families think so, as more Americans are turning their houses into smart homes. In fact, the number of households with smart solutions is expected to hit 24.4 million by 2020, according to Statista. Improved security, convenience, comfort, control, accessibility and cost savings are just a few of the reasons why this technology is gaining in popularity.

So how can a smart home improve your everyday life? For starters, they are surprisingly easy to use, make life more efficient and add a comforting layer of security to your family's home.

Here are five ways a smart home can make life easier this school year.

Brings you peace of mind. One of the top reasons people purchase smart home systems is because of the security and protection they provide. While you're at work and the kids are at school, cameras and motion detectors can give you a glimpse inside your home. At night, outdoor cameras, contact sensors and lighting can ward off intruders and prevent burglaries.

Makes your mornings less stressful. If every morning is a battle against the clock as you struggle to get your family out of the house

on time, there are several smart home solutions that can help. Schedule lights and alarms to turn on at a certain time every morning so you don't have to be the wake-up police.

Saves you money. By installing a smart thermostat, you can not only keep your family comfortable, you can also save money. With a smart thermostat you can program your home's climate to align with your daily schedule, raising the temperature when you're away and bringing it back down when you get home. People who switch from a regular thermostat to a smart one reduce their energy bills by around \$200 a year, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Keeps you informed. Remember when people used home intercom systems? Intercoms are making a return as part of the smart home, but now they are Wi-Fi and video-enabled. With a reimagined home intercom system like Nucleus, you can make a video call to the kids upstairs to ensure they're doing their homework and not watching TV.

Gets you ready for tomorrow. With smart home devices, you can also discover what is going on outside of your home before you step out for the day. Call out to a voice-controlled speaker, such as Amazon Echo, and have information like the weather, news or traffic instantly read aloud so you can be prepared and ready to tackle tomorrow.

For more information about smart home solutions, visit www.irisbylowes.com.





Toledo Public Schools

CREATING NEW PATHS TO COLLEGE AND CAREERS

The number one priority for the teachers and administrators of Toledo Public Schools is to ensure that our students are college and career ready upon graduation.

And that means we want students to start thinking and planning for their futures in their formative years. Career exploration and self-discovery is part of the school counseling curriculum in every grade and students begin using Naviance in the 6th grade and continue even after graduation. Naviance, a comprehensive college and career readiness program, helps students discover their strengths and interests – and their career paths – by taking personality assessments and interest inventories.

Using the online Naviance program, students can research specific careers, watch interviews of successful adults with similar interests, create goals and build their resumes. Students in 8th grade will use this information to map out what courses they will take in high school. Every Career Technology program in TPS aligns with a national career cluster. This allows students to plan ahead and really think about their future by taking courses and programs that will lead to personal fulfillment in their career choices.

Our 7th and 8th grade students get the chance to earn high school credit while still in elementary school through our Early High School

Opportunity, or ESHO, program. Students travel to the high school in their area and take classes while still in grade school – all with the possibility of earning up to eight credits before entering high school. And then, once in high school, these qualified students take Advanced Placement courses.

TPS students are also able to take college courses while still in high school, thanks to the implementation of College Credit Plus, a program introduced by the Ohio Department of Education. The primary focus of CCP is to promote rigorous academic options for qualified college-ready students. The district has built a strong CCP program with the University of Toledo and many students now have a chance to earn enough credits for a UT associate degree while still a TPS high school student. Students and parents should contact their high school counselor for more information about this no-cost academic option.

But while these offerings are geared towards students hoping to accelerate their march to a traditional college, TPS has a robust Career Tech experience that gives students the opportunity to explore more than 30 programs via hands-on experiences while often earning college credit. With such a jump start, students make a seamless transition to college or career while doing something they love in high school. And

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High School of Business

Information Technology/Networking

Marketing Technology

Medical Technology

Precision Machining Technology

Jones Leadership Academy

High School of Business

Natural Science Technology Center

Animal Science Technology Landscape & Turf Management Urban Agriculture & Hydroponics

Rogers High School

Accounting Technology Construction Technology Academy Visual Communications Design

Scott High School

Broadcast Communications Cosmetology Medical Technology Precision Machining Technology

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Automotive Technology Electrical Construction Entrepreneurship Fashion Marketing Marketing Technology Precision Machining Technology Residential Remodeling

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there's an added bonus – many of the programs are offering training in the most 'high growth careers' forecast for the next 20 years.

Most of the TPS Career Tech programs are designed for juniors and seniors, although a few cover four years of high school and include freshmen and sophomores as well. Through Career Technology, TPS truly offers students a balanced curriculum that gives them realistic options that include: career, college or both.

Take for example, the carpentry program at Waite High School. Juniors start learning about tools and the basics of building so that by their second semester of their senior year, they are spending half of their school day on actual job sites – for actual pay. A number of recent graduates already had full-time jobs lined up and there are plans for such students to get credit when they start as apprentices with trade unions.

And that's just one story from one program.

Studies have found that students in Career Tech programs have higher-than-average graduation rates than students in traditional studies – and they can qualify for thousands of dollars in college scholarships.

Want to give your student a great career opportunity? Get more information at http://www.tps.org/school/career-tech or by going to the Career Tech tab under Schools on the home page at www.tps.org

The future is bright for TPS students – whether they want to pursue an accelerated course to college credit or get hands-on experience in some of the hottest fields around today.









Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

FINDING THE MONEY FOR COLLEGE

College costs rise every year, so for most finding money to help pay for college is a must. You should plan on making scholarship searching part of your weekly schedule during senior year to optimize your chances of winning some funding help.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has the resources you need to do most of your scholarship searching in our virtual world. You can find some of the best free scholarship search sites on the web easily linked from our College page www.toledolibrary.org/edu. Create your profile on FastWeb, search the categories at Unigo, and find advice on other places to look from FinAid. Don't miss the other search sites at Peterson's, College Board and College View. There's also a link to FAFSA on the Web - Uncle Sam can sometimes be a generous relative. Check out Ohio Higher Ed, too - they've got lots of tips to help make college more affordable. Make a trip to our Main Library downtown to check out the Foundation Grants for Individuals database - its exclusive access to funding that might be available from foundations.

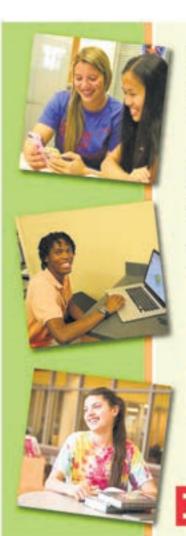
Don't stop there - most of the books your parents remember using are now available as eBooks! You can find them all from the Library's catalog www.toledolibrary.org/encore.aspx - both print and eBook versions are listed in the same place. Here's some you might want to explore:

- Get Free Cash for College
- . 1001 Ways to Pay for College
- The College Blue Book (Volume 5: Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Loans)
- Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans

Remember that finding scholarship possibilities is just half the battle each one will have its unique application process. The best resources for tips on writing scholarship essays can still be found in books - there are a few in our eBook collection, but since the ideas don't become dated, there are plenty of older titles to be found in all our branch collections as well. Here's one you'll see:

Confessions of a scholarship winner: The secrets that helped me win \$500,000 in free money for college: How you can too!

To learn more about using the Library's resources to help track down those scholarship dollars and lots more about the college choice process, consider attending one of our College Planning 101 workshops. There's one this fall at Main Library on October 18th from 6:30 - 8 pm. Registration begins Sept.1. Call 419-259-5117 for more information.



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- Print & web resources about FAFSA, financial aid, and scholarships.
- College planning programs in the fall and spring.
- Test prep resources for the ACT, SAT, GRE and more!
- Sylvania Branch offers ACT/SAT study groups for high-schoolers.



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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: Sign Up For Jobs And Grants

(NAPSI) - According to the U.S. Department of Education, some 3.2 million high school students are expected to graduate this year. If any of them is a young man you care about, first, congratulations, and second, there's an important step he needs to take to qualify for many kinds of jobs and scholarships: registering with the Selective Service.

Why Register?

By law, young men must do so within 30 days of turning 18 to be eligible for Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study and Guaranteed Student PLUS Loans, federal job training and federal jobs. It's also necessary for jobs with many state and municipal governments as well as government contractors. Even summer and temporary workers with the federal government need to register. Some places even require it for a driver's license.

Immigrants who arrive after their 18th birthday must register within 30 days of their arrival if younger than 26.

Fallure to register is a violation of federal law and could mean a \$250,000 fine, a prison term or both.

How to Register

Many high schools have volunteer registrars to assist students with signing up. Students and graduates can go online at www.sss.gov from a smartphone or computer. Registration forms are also available at any U.S. post office.

Learn More

For further facts and to sign up, go to www.sss.gov.

CHANGE LIVES: Become a Teacher

(NAPSI) - The nation is in the midst of a critical teacher shortage that is affecting the lives of students everywhere.

The retirement of baby boomers is a contributing factor in the shortage the teaching profession is facing. However, with the advances in the way technology is used in the classroom and shifts in strategies to educate students for the 21st century workforce, the K-12 classroom is becoming more dynamic and innovative every day. If you have ever considered becoming a teacher, now might be a good time to enter the profession.

"It has always been a great time to be a teacher, but there is more opportunity in the classroom than ever before," said Pam Roggeman, Ed.D., academic dean for College of Education at University of Phoenix.

"At a time when many schools are facing critical teacher shortages while trying to stay competitive in areas such as STEM education, all stakeholders must do their part to highlight the unique opportunity teachers have to shape tomorrow's leaders and positively impact their communities,"

A large majority of K-12 teachers (92 percent) indicate satisfaction with their career choice, and more than two-thirds would recommend the profession to others, according to a 2016 University of Phoenix online survey of teachers conducted by Harris Poll, Additionally, 78 percent of the teachers say seeing students grow is what they enjoy most about teaching.

"Teaching is one of the most important, honorable and intrinsically rewarding professions," adds Dr. Roggeman. "The College's survey found that more than a quarter of teachers switched careers to join the profession. People who switch careers and choose to teach bring rich, unique perspectives that can motivate students by tying real-world experience to learning in the classroom."

Pathways to the classroom

Today, there are many diverse paths to the classroom. Here are some ways to get started:

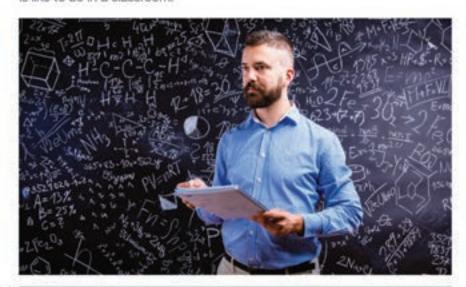
- Become a substitute teacher. This is a great way to get engaged in K-12 schools and determine which level you feel most suited to teach.
- Volunteer in a school or with community youth organizations. This can help you better understand how children learn and stay engaged.

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There are many options for those who want to make career changes and are working full-time.

- Do informational interviews. Talk to teachers and administrators about the field, and the qualities and preparation that lead to fruitful teaching careers.
- Find a mentor. Once you've decided you want to pursue teaching, seek out a mentor who can provide coaching and feedback about what it is like to be in a classroom.







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Toledo Federation of Teachers

PUSHING THE DISCUSSION TO PROVIDE A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION

"If you could improve the way Ohio does public education, what would you change?" That's the fundamental question kick-starting conversations around Ohio, as the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT), the Toledo Federation of Teachers (TFT), and other locals continue a series of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) workplace conversations, execute a major August ad campaign, and gear up for fall school "walk-ins" aimed at spotlighting issues tied to implementation of the new federal law. OFT was one of 10 American Federation of Teachers (AFT) state affiliates to comment on the U.S. Education Department's draft regulations, and the OFT, TFT and other locals also are running ads asking residents and educators to contact their lawmakers and press for a strong Ohio interpretation of the law. This opportunity for dialogue was made possible because the union worked effectively earlier this year to stop the push to "fast-track" Ohio's plan—a move that would have choked off necessary discussion before it started.

The message being shared is that ESSA offers Ohio the opportunity to redefine education by making significant improvements that benefit students. A key focus of these improvements must be a drastic change in the largely punitive and intimidating testing culture. A true education is much more than what can be simply shown on a test score. A true education ensures children have access to a well-rounded curriculum and the supports they need to be safe, healthy and ready to learn.

TFT calls on state decision makers to use ESSA to redefine education.

Although testing is still required, how testing is used must be open for discussion. The high stakes that were used to blame and shame must be

eliminated, and instead test results should be used to monitor student progress and inform instructional decisions.

TFT along with OFT is actively engaging parents, community members, and other professional organizations to join them in raising their voices to inform state decision makers about the kinds of improvements that would benefit students. The Federation and OFT want to make sure that the decision makers do not continue supporting the failing status quo. Our children deserve better.

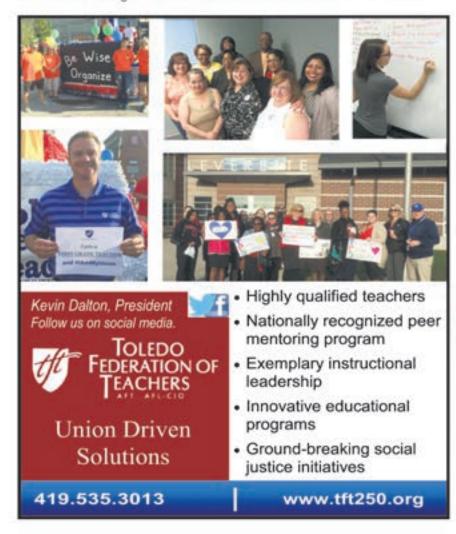
To amplify the voices of practitioners, the educational experts, OFT has created a TV ad to direct viewers to information about ways to engage in the opportunity offered by ESSA to significantly improve education for children, TFT's own Dan Reinhart appears in the commercial.

Additionally, TFT has worked to raise local awareness of the new law which mandates Ohio engage all stakeholders in developing its plan. Through the AFT Teacher Leader Program, Jennifer Smith (Oakdale) worked with TFT leaders, Lynn Smith and Kay Wait, to hold several community informational sessions at local libraries over the summer. Brochures developed by TFT highlighting the opportunities of ESSA were distributed. Discussions centered on TFT's efforts to change the testing culture and acknowledge teachers as instructional experts by actively seeking and implementing their professional input. TFT members currently serve on several state level committees making imple-

mentation recommendations to the Ohio Department of Education, and 20 members will attend a regional stakeholder engagement session hosted by ODE at the Toledo Club in September.

The Federation's goal is to foster a new classroom climate where students experience the joy of learning, and teachers have the time, resources and professional freedom to provide a truly well-rounded education. Educators, parents, students and community members must push state decision makers to make much needed, bold improvements in Ohio's education system to ensure a quality education for all of Ohio's students.







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