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EDUCATION

2018

The Students’ Guide to Colleges, Universities & Other Career Opportunities

Start Here To Chart Your Course For Career Success

Toledo Public Schools College Night

Free Admission • Wednesday, October 4, 2017 • 4:30–6:30 p.m.

University of Toledo Scott Park Campus • 320 West Scott Park Dr.
Alayna Morelock decided she wanted to work in the dental field as a young girl. For her career, the Owens Community College dental assistant student is still deciding if she wants to pursue being an orthodontist, dentist or dental hygienist.

That’s OK. She has time.

At 18, she is currently a Gibsonburg High School senior enrolled in 18 credit hours at Owens as a College Credit Plus (CCP) student.

Since Fall Semester 2016, she has completed 36 credit hours at Owens and earned a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. She is only two classes short of finishing her dental assistant certification. Because the state of Ohio pays for a maximum of 30 credits per academic year, she stopped pursuing the certification and is instead taking college pre-requisite classes this semester.

“School gives me a schedule and I give myself a routine,” said Morelock, the first CCP student accepted into a selective health admissions program in the College’s history. “It’s really just becoming the norm for me to have something to do constantly. I’ve taken 6 credits. I’ve taken 16 credits. I’ve taken 14 credits. Now I have four classes that are high credit hour classes. It did push me over the limit, so I’m paying for one of my classes this semester and will pay for more in the spring.”

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. “Within the guidelines of the program, 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 that are offered 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.”

Owens averages about 1,200 enrolled students in the College Credit Plus program per semester and Schmidbauer said Fall 2017 enrollment figures are expected to be similar.

Owens provides a variety of services to students including tutoring, academic advising, student clubs and career exploration. In addition, CCP students can take advantage of Owens facilities, such as the libraries, fitness centers and computer labs.

While on campus, Morelock wanted to explore the College’s dental program because of her career aspirations. She applied and was accepted into the short-term dental assistant certification program beginning Spring Semester 2017.

The youngest student in a cohort of eight students, Morelock said the group developed fast friendships and experienced hands-on dental opportunities together, even attending clinic settings where Owens dental hygiene students were finishing their associate degree programs.

“I can speak dental to my teachers and other people now,” she said with excitement.

She will graduate from Gibsonburg next spring. Her schedule also includes working at a local bakery in Gibsonburg and babysitting, plus attending Gibsonburg sports and other school events.

“The biggest thing I’ve taken away is the experience,” Morelock said of her CCP classes. “I have the experience of being in a college setting on campus, in a classroom, because of Owens. It wasn’t like being thrown in. I got to do it with help, which was really nice. If I decide to go for a 4-year degree, I should have my whole first year completed when I leave Owens.”
Shermaine Hutchins
U.S. Army Veteran/Combat Medic
Owens Graduate 2014/Transfer Student
BGSU Graduate 2016
Yale School of Public Health (Graduation date 2018)

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Join us on campus for one of our large visit days: Fall Preview Days Saturday, October 21, 2017 and Saturday, December 2, 2017.

Bowling Green State University
From small towns, big cities or the suburbs, students come to BGSU, establish roots, discover their passions and go on to lead lives that change the world. The moment you set foot on campus at BGSU you’ll know this is a place where you can **BELONG**. In fact, BGSU is recognized by the Wall Street Journal for engaging students in their education. And with a faculty-to-student ratio of 18:1, you’ll never get lost in the crowd. This is a place where you can **STAND OUT**. Choose a program that fits you and take advantage of the Falcon Internship Guarantee – the first of its kind in Ohio. With a BGSU degree you can **GO FAR**. Confident in your qualifications from one of the nation’s top public universities, according to U.S. News & World Report.
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Accounting  
Finance  
Global Supply Chain  
Management  
Management Information Systems  
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**Education**  
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Elementary Education (K-8)  
Health Education (6-12)  
Kinesiology (K-12)  
Learning Design and Technology  
Secondary Education (6-12)  
Special Education (K-12)

**Engineering**  
engineering.wayne.edu  
Computer Science (B.S.)  
Engineering  
- Biomedical  
- Chemical  
- Civil  
- Electrical  
- General  
- Industrial  
- Mechanical  
Technology  
- Computer  
- Construction Management  
- Electric Transportation  
- Electrical/Electronic Engineering  
- Electromechanical Engineering  
- Manufacturing Engineering  
- Mechanical Engineering

**Fine, Performing and Communication Arts**  
cfpca.wayne.edu  
Art  
Art History  
Communication Studies  
Dance  
Design  
Design and Merchandising (Fashion)  
Film  
Journalism  
- Broadcast and Digital Media  
- Print/Online  
Media Arts and Studies  
Music  
Public Relations  
Theatre

**Honors**  
honors.wayne.edu  
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**Liberal Arts and Sciences**  
clas.wayne.edu  
African American Studies  
Anthropology  
Asian Studies  
Astronomy  
Biochemistry and Chemical Biology  
Biological Sciences  
Biomedical Physics  
Chemistry  
Chicana-Boricua Studies  
Classics (Greek and Latin)  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Computer Science (B.A.)  
Criminal Justice  
Dietetics  
Economics  
Employment and Labor Relations  
English  
Environmental Science  
Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies  
Geology  
German  
Global Studies  
History  
Information Systems Technology  
Jewish Studies (minor only)  
Latino/a and Latin American Studies (minor only)  
Linguistics  
Mathematical Economics  
Mathematics  
Near Eastern Languages (Arabic and Hebrew)  
Near Eastern Studies  
Nutrition and Food Science  
Peace and Conflict Studies (co-major)  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Affairs  
Public Health  
Religious Studies (minor only)  
Romance Languages (French, Italian and Spanish)  
Slavic Studies (Polish and Russian)  
Sociology  
Urban Studies

**Nursing**  
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Nursing  

**Pharmacy and Health Sciences**  
cphs.wayne.edu  
Clinical Laboratory Science  
Health Sciences  
- Occupational Therapy  
Mortuary Science  
Pathologists’ Assistant  
Pharmacy  
Radiation Therapy Technology  
Radiologic Technology

**Social Work**  
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Social Work

**UNDECIDED STUDENTS**

Some students aren’t ready to choose a major right away, so we have a program to help undecided freshmen test the waters. These exploratory tracks are limited to 30-45 credit hours or less; after completion, you must declare a major. Your advisor will be there to help you every step of the way.

Communication Arts  
Fine Arts  
Humanities  
Life Sciences  
Music  
Performing Arts  
Physical Sciences/Mathematics  
Social Sciences

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL CURRICULA**

If your ultimate career goal requires much more than an undergraduate degree, Wayne State can help you get there. These pre-professional programs are not majors but are designed to put you in prime position for advanced schooling.

Pre-Dentistry  
Pre-Law  
Pre-Medicine  
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

**GRADUATE STUDIES**  
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Wayne State is acclaimed for its Graduate School, where students can earn certificates as well as master's, doctoral and professional degrees in hundreds of fields: law, medicine, information sciences, nursing, social work, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, business and more. Freshmen with focused goals can apply to programs that offer early admission to grad school, including:

B Start (Business)  
Law Start  
Wayne Med-Direct

1 Students cannot apply directly to this program. Additional application process required.  
2 Pre-professional curricula available.  
3 Not a bachelor's degree program.  
4 Audition/interview required.

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**IT ALL ADDS UP**

Crunch the numbers and you’ll see that Wayne State is the right answer.

27,000+ Michigan’s most diverse university, with students from around the world.

1,700 1,700 full-time faculty members renowned for their real-world expertise.

18 18 VARSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS.

Nearly 200 student performances, showcases and exhibits are held annually.

400+ 400+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

We’ve turned 180+ student ventures into viable businesses through Blackstone LaunchPad.

Numbers are approximate based on the fall 2016 semester.
Wayne State University students aren’t just students. They’re Warriors. And Warriors don’t learn in one place for very long. They’re in classrooms, research labs, in neighborhoods and overseas. They contribute thousands of community service hours to improve the lives of others. And it all begins in Detroit, the most exciting comeback city in the nation.

Together, we make up Michigan’s most diverse student body, welcoming more than 27,000 students from every state and nearly 80 countries.

Now, it’s your turn to join us. And here’s one more reason why you should: Our Great Lakes Award offers in-state tuition* to degree-seeking undergraduate residents of states and provinces bordering a Great Lake. It’s savings that can add up to thousands of dollars each semester. So apply today, and find out what it’s like to learn without limits.

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Close relationships with the people around you bring love, meaning and support to your life. Most importantly, they deepen your feelings of self-worth, and with that you can be resilient through anything you encounter. If you’re open to broadening and strengthening your connections to others and willing to be challenged and molded by those people, you’ll find opportunities with every step you take. That’s the first transformation you’ll experience at Kent State University – where our relationship-driven environment and commitment to inspire and guide every student lead to incredible outcomes and serious impact on the world.
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It's proven that individuals with strong and diverse social relationships live happier, healthier and longer.

Our commitment to teaching enables great discoveries beyond those we publish. Our professors' mentorship and insight enrich our students and form tomorrow's leaders. It all starts with our shared commitment to excellence, both in conducting groundbreaking research and by leading the bright minds of tomorrow through meaningful student discovery.

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In a world that changes rapidly, Bluffton University provides you with timeless values and in-demand skills so you can lead in your community and in the world.

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- Hands-on experiences connect students to research, internships and clinical practice.
- Expert professors lead classroom discussions, not teaching assistants.
- Students of diverse backgrounds come together to serve God’s Universal Kingdom.

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**Enduring VALUES**

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- Respect
- Service

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- Northwest Ohio, one hour south of Toledo

**Students from**

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- 11 countries

**97%**

- of Bluffton University tuition covered by financial aid

**99%**

- of graduates are employed or in graduate school or long-term service within six months of graduation

**90+**

- academic majors, minors and programs

**31**

- religious denominations represented on campus

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Mercy College

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF MERCY EDUCATION

Mercy College of Ohio kicked off its Centennial Celebration in September 2017, 75 years as Mercy School of Nursing and 25 years as Mercy College of Ohio. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1918, the Mercy School of Nursing awarded diplomas to 2,921 graduates during its history. Mercy College was incorporated as a college in 1992 and initially offered an associate degree in nursing. Today Mercy College offers several healthcare programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The college has also grown to over 1,400 students with both land-based and online learners from 28 states.

The newest program offered by Mercy College, the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), launched in August 2017. The MSN program can be completed in six semesters and is designed to accommodate working nurses by providing learning activities in an online, distance education format. Online Information Sessions are available for individuals interested in the MSN program. More information is available at mercycollege.edu/MSN.

While today’s graduates don’t face the deadly influenza epidemic that confronted Toledo in 1918, they meet the challenges of constant change and increasing complexity in the American healthcare system. One thing that hasn’t changed from 100 years ago is the demand for quality healthcare professionals. 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 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 or, if they chose, as many do, their hometowns. Mercy graduates are known for their ability to quickly start solving problems and making decisions for the greater good of those in need. Students in clinical programs graduate as proficient, knowledgeable, and competent professionals. Graduates of non-clinical programs are knowledgeable in the administrative functions of healthcare and are prepared to provide high quality service in a caring manner. Certificate programs at Mercy College prepare students to work in specialized fields upon completion.

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution sponsored by Mercy Health with a campus in Toledo, Ohio and a location in Youngstown, Ohio. It focuses on healthcare and health science programs in both on-campus and online formats. Mercy College offers a Master of Science in Nursing; Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology, Healthcare Administration, Medical Imaging, and Nursing; Associate of Science degrees in General Studies, Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Radiologic Technology; and Credit Certificates in Community Health Worker, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Coding, Ophthalmic Technology, Paramedic and Polysomnographic Technology. More information is available at mercycollege.edu.
Ohio Northern University

By several measures, Ohio Northern University is an outstanding college choice. In fall 2017, ONU is again featured in several venues that highlight outstanding colleges and universities.

For example, Ohio Northern is ranked fourth in the Midwest among regional liberal arts colleges in the 2018 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings. These colleges and universities focus on the undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education. Last year, ONU was ranked sixth in this listing.

The U.S. News rankings lauded other ONU programs and aspects of the University’s educational experience. Ohio Northern’s T.J. Smull College of Engineering is ranked 29th nationally among engineering programs that offer a bachelor’s or master’s degree as the highest degree. The college continues to advance among top schools after being ranked 31st last year and 39th the year before. This marks the 10th time in the last 11 years that ONU’s College of Engineering has been ranked as a top-50 program.

Further, the publication takes note of the value of an Ohio Northern education. ONU is fourth among Midwest regional colleges in the “Great Schools, Great Prices” category, which considers quality of programs compared to cost to attend the university.

ONU is also included in the “A+ Schools for B Students,” which focuses on colleges and universities where students who possess spirit and hard work find an environment where they can thrive.

Other rankings services offer Ohio Northern equally high marks. ONU is included in Money magazine’s list of best colleges, which combines educational quality, affordability and alumni success in compiling its rankings.

Washington Monthly ranks the University sixth on its “Top 150 Baccalaureate Colleges” list.

In addition, Ohio Northern is included in the College Choice “Best Colleges in Ohio” rankings. These rankings focus on academic reputation, student diversity and return on investment.

The Princeton Review includes Ohio Northern among its “Best 382 Colleges” and names it a “Best Regional College.” These outlets rely on input of current students to gauge the college experience from the students’ perspective. Students remarked favorably on their academic programs as well as the quality and caring of faculty members. Among comments are “renowned faculty … are outstanding and influential in their field.” Also, “professors are friendly and down to earth … professors care about students’ well-being and future endeavors.”

Among other comments from The Princeton Review: “The accounting program is highly ranked, it has a great political science program that has sent many students to graduate school and politics and the Raabe College of Pharmacy is focused on developing … well-rounded leaders.”

Ohio Northern University believes that you deserve an education that prepares you for the world ahead. We believe that college should be treated as an investment – and our students have seen the highest returns on investment in the entire state. We believe that your time at ONU paves the way for the rest of your life.

With Ada as your backdrop and ONU as your guide, there is no limit to what you can achieve. Five colleges provide nationally ranked arts, sciences and professional programs, and a diverse array of high-impact learning opportunities. At ONU, we believe in high-impact learning. That means that you’ll learn by doing – through internships, community outreach and more.

The world doesn’t stop changing just because a syllabus is set. And there’s a good chance that you’re interested in more than just one area of study. That’s why at ONU, we’ve created a flexible curriculum designed to meet your needs and keep up with the world. Here, you’ll be able to craft a learning experience that suits you perfectly. Low student-to-teacher ratios mean you can work closely with instructors and take on leadership roles early in your education.

We’ve heard time and time again that our campus is one of our biggest selling points. Schedule an individual visit and come see for yourself. It might be a little different from what you expect, and that suits us just fine.

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According to the Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce, 64 percent of Ohio jobs in 2020 will require postsecondary degrees or credentials. However, approximately 45 percent of Ohio high school graduates do not attend college directly after high school. That is why it is imperative that this year’s high school seniors give serious thought about continuing their education beyond high school. To assist those in their decision, Terra State Community College is offering 2018 graduates the opportunity to attend class tuition-free if they are pursuing a career in a high-demand job field through the Workforce Demand Scholarship program. In addition to an education, students will also gain a guaranteed work-based experience.

Terra State will provide up to an Associate’s Degree tuition-free to 2018 high school graduates. The Workforce Demand Scholarship is available to students majoring in these academic programs:

- Computer Systems
- Digital Media Technology
- Electrical
- Health Information Technology
- Management (Business, Agribusiness and Hospitality)
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Music Technology
- Office Administration
- Robotics-Integrated Manufacturing Technology
- Welding

“The majority of jobs need or will need a post-high school education,” says Heath Martin, Terra State’s Assistant Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services. “The Workforce Demand Scholarship is a vehicle that will allow 2018 high school graduates to take advantage of getting an Associate’s Degree tuition-free.”

The Workforce Demand Scholarship will pay the gap between the cost of tuition and general fees and state and federal grants received by the student. “For example,” Martin says, “At Terra State, the total cost of tuition and general fees for the fall and spring semesters is $4,926. If a student receives a Pell grant in the amount of $2,000, your scholarship is the difference in the amount and would be $2,926. However, books and other fees are not covered by the scholarship.”

To qualify, a student must be enrolled full-time (twelve or more credit hours) for the fall and spring semesters and part-time (six or more credit hours) for the summer semester. Students who are awarded the Workforce Demand Scholarship will be provided the opportunity to participate in a work-based experience with an employer in Terra State’s service area.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Graduate from high school in 2018
Heidelberg University

GET AN EDGE WITH HEIDELBERG’S TUITION-FREE MBA

It’s a deal that’s hard to beat. Heidelberg University students, regardless of their major, have the unique opportunity to graduate with two degrees – a bachelor’s degree and an MBA – for the price of one through the PlusOneAdvantage Free MBA Program.

“The PlusOneAdvantage was the biggest thing that drew me to Heidelberg,” said junior Sydney Calabro of Cleveland Heights, who plans to pursue a career in sports public relations. “I’ll gain skills employers are looking for and hit the ground running with my MBA at age 22 or 23.”

Indeed, advanced business skills help students stand out and become more marketable. Heidelberg launched the PlusOneAdvantage program in 2015. Here’s how it works: Any student who completes their bachelor’s degree in any major in four years with at least a 3.0 GPA will be eligible to stay for a fifth year and earn an MBA tuition-free. That’s a cost savings of nearly $29,000.

An MBA from Heidelberg University, which is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, speaks volumes. For current student Kelsey Griffin of Farmington Hills, Mich., getting her MBA is a natural career path and one too good to pass up.

“My dad has a business and I plan on taking it over one day, so this will work out great with my timeline,” says Griffin, who graduated from Heidelberg in 2017 with her bachelor’s degree in criminology and psychology. She plans to pursue her Ph.D. in sociology following completion of her MBA in May. “As I start my career, this will definitely help me move up.”

As expected, enrollment in the PlusOneAdvantage program has grown; currently, 60 percent of HU’s MBA students are enrolled through the PlusOneAdvantage program in the fall of 2017. According to Dr. Haseeb Ahmed, dean of the School of Business, Computer Science and Information Technology, enrollment is expected to expand exponentially in the coming years. The program has experienced a phenomenal 110 percent per year growth between Fall 2015 and Fall 2017 and it is expecting another 60-75 percent growth in the upcoming academic year. The extraordinary demand for this all-seated MBA program has led to the addition of a January cohort starting in Spring 2018.

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The cost of a college education continues to rise. The College Board says the average cost of tuition and fees for the 2015-2016 school year was $32,405 at private colleges, $9,410 for state residents at public colleges, and $23,893 for out-of-state residents attending public universities. In 2013 and 2014, the average cost of a year's tuition at a Canadian university was $5,772.

The high cost of education compels many students to find ways to finance their education. For many, that means exploring available scholarships.

Scholarships come in different forms and are usually offered to students as a gift to be put toward college or university costs. Some schools offer scholarships, while other scholarships are sponsored by outside organizations.

Students who meet certain requirements may be eligible for scholarships. While academic or athletic skills are the first criteria associated with scholarships, they are not the only avenues by which students can pursue scholarships. Scholarships may be offered to students of certain ethnic groups; children of employees at particular companies; or to students who live in particular states. Local branches of organizations like the Rotary Club or Kiwanis also may give out scholarships.

To improve one's odds of getting a scholarship, consider the following tips.

• Get involved with the community. Many scholarship sponsors seek individuals who are committed to volunteerism. Plus, volunteering for various groups puts students in the path of information about scholarships from these organizations.
• Use scholarship search engines. Those who search for scholarship sponsors should find plenty of results if they peruse scholarship search engines such as Scholarships.com, CollegeBoard.com and FastWeb.com.
• Check the local newspaper. The coupon section of the Sunday newspaper may feature scholarships, as might the classified section. This is a great resource for finding locally based scholarships.
• Use networking contacts. Students should ask anyone they know if they are aware of any
scholarship opportunities. Students who develop a rapport with guidance counselors or the financial aid department at their prospective colleges or universities may learn about scholarship opportunities that are not highly publicized. These people may have the inside track on scholarship information.

- Apply for all available scholarships. Now is not the time for students to become lazy. Students should apply for as many scholarships for which they meet the eligibility requirements.

Scholarships can help students offset the rising costs of a college education. Those who are willing to put in the research, time and effort to apply may find a wealth of scholarship opportunities at their disposal.
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Associated General Contractors

A career in the construction industry utilizes a person’s intelligence and hands to build large projects that could include: roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, stadiums and multi-family apartment complexes, refineries, power plants and manufacturing facilities. It is a career path for people who like to see what they have accomplished at the end of the day and offers high wages, benefits and unlimited potential for professional development. It is also a career for people who like to incorporate technology into their work. Laptops, iPads, time-lapsed photography cameras and drones are used on most job sites.

An apprenticeship is the first step in a commercial construction career. This is a combination of paid on-the-job training and related classroom instruction in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation. Apprentices are both a worker and a student. They learn their chosen craft through planned, supervised work on the job, plus related classroom instruction. The apprenticeship-training period for skilled occupations ranges from three to five years. Apprentices are taught proper use, care and safe handling of the tools and equipment used in connection to their work. To round out that training, classroom work is required in subjects related to the trade – typically including math and science.

Apprentices earn while they learn, with starting wages at approximately $15 per hour. In addition to earning a paycheck and receiving healthcare benefits, most apprentices have the opportunity to earn college credits that can be applied to an Associate’s Degree.

After an apprenticeship, the worker becomes a journeyman. A journeyman receives full pay and their qualifications are recognized and accepted across the United States and Canada – meaning they can work in their trade anywhere in the country.

In Northwest Ohio, there are currently 19 different apprenticeship programs focusing on trades in the commercial construction industry. These programs are offered at training centers located in Toledo, Rossford and Cygnet. Men and women who are at least 17½ to 18 years old (depending on the trade) are eligible to apply for apprenticeships. While there is a minimum application age – there is no maximum age limit. All applicants are required to have either a high school diploma or a GED and most require a driver’s license and reliable transportation. An applicant also must be physically able to do the work and must be able to pass a drug test. Completing higher levels of mathematics in high school will help an applicant prepare for a career in the building trades. Most applicants will take an aptitude test – measuring ability to learn – before becoming accepted as an apprentice.

Commercial construction provides a career with upward mobility, as an individual can work up career ladder stages that include: apprentice, journeyman, foreman, estimator, project manager or owner. Those who are interested in learning more can contact Pam Mohler at the AGC of Northwest Ohio (419-241-3601) or visit the following resources for more information:

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Nursing is a rewarding and challenging profession that incorporates theory, complex technology, and the art of caring for others.

The University of Toledo College of Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program
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Only 60 percent of college freshmen will graduate within 6 years according to the latest report from the National Center for Educational Statistics. That's pretty scary stuff for college-bound students and their tuition-paying parents — especially if loans are part of the financial formula.

Even for those students who make it to graduation, there may be some question as to whether they made the most of their time on campus.

As this Northern Michigan University senior reflects, “There I was, about to graduate with some random degree and feeling like I’d wasted my parents money.”

And from a University of Florida senior: “The problem with college is that you figure it out about the time you’re ready to graduate.”

Helping college students “figure it out” sooner rather than later is what the latest edition of the awarding-winning “Been There, Should’ve Done That — 995+ Tips for Making the Most of College,” (Front Porch Press) continues to do. The 4th edition again draws from interviews with seasoned collegians across the U.S. According to author, Suzette Tyler, a former academic adviser at Michigan State University, “their ‘expert’ advice is refreshingly insightful and often more encompassing than might be found in an adviser’s office.”

“I could talk until I was blue in the face about things like time-management and self-discipline,” Tyler explains, “but when a fellow student says, ‘I got great grades and I never missed a party and here’s how to do it,’ it has far more impact.

Here are some tips from ‘the experts’:

• “The first few weeks are great. You’re meeting people, partying ... no tests, no papers. Then ... WHAM! Everything’s due in the same week! If you weren’t hitting the books right along, you’ll spend the rest of the term digging yourself out!” – Senior, University of California, Santa Cruz

• “Gather all the syllabi during the first week of classes and write down the due date for every single paper, project, test or whatever. You’ll see instantly which weeks are potential killers.” – Junior, Wake Forest

• “Sitting in a classroom is the easiest part of college and it cuts study time in half. Why make it hard on yourself? GO!” – Senior, University of Iowa

• “What separated me from the masses was ‘connecting’ with a faculty member. I didn’t even know what the possibilities were until he laid out a ‘roadmap’ and showed me a few shortcuts to get there. When my confidence was shaky, he reminded me that I could do it.” – Graduate, University of Michigan
• “Pick the professor, not the time of day.” – Junior, Duke University

• “Get a job in the office of your major. You’ll get to know everyone from the secretaries to the dean, all of whom can be very helpful. If any great opportunities come along, you’ll be the first to know.” – Senior, Indiana University

• “There’s no reason to fail! There are people here to help and it’s free. Actually, you’ve paid for it so you might as well use it.” – Senior, Michigan State University

“The students who make the most of their college experience aren’t necessarily the smartest ones. It’s often the average kids who know how to utilize the system, connect with the professors, take advantage of extracurricular activities, and manage their time well who reap the rewards,” Tyler says. “Been There, Should’ve Done That” can help students get all they can out of the next four years.
Strategies to Repay Student Loans as Quickly as Possible

By Metro Creative

Millions of people fund their college educations with student loans. Such loans can make it possible for students to attend the very best universities in the world, but they also can be burdensome when students graduate and face the unenviable task of repayment.

Student loan debt figures are staggering. According to Debt.org, student loan debt in the United States is roughly $1.2 trillion, while the Canadian Federation of Students reports that education-related debt in Canada is more than $19 billion, a figure that reflects the cost of college tuition rising more than 137 percent in the last quarter century. The college resource website Cappex.com estimates that the average student debt for members of the class of 2016 is $37,173, a jaw dropping 6 percent increase from the average debt held by members of the class of 2015 upon graduation.

Paying down that debt can seem like a daunting task, but recent grads need not fret that they will still be paying off student loans when their own children are ready to enroll in college or university. The following are a few strategies college grads may want to consider as they look for ways to pay off their student loans as quickly as possible.

• Create a monthly budget before the repayment period begins. Monthly budgets are an essential element of sound financial planning, but grads should not wait until their repayment period begins to develop their budgets. Even if the repayment grace period has just begun, grads should build at least the minimum required payment into their monthly budgets. Simply put the money into a savings account until the repayment period actually begins.

• Pay more than the minimum. Grads will have a relatively brief grace period to start repaying their loans after graduating. For those who are not going on to graduate or professional school, that grace period may be six months. As the due date for that first payment draws near, grads will receive a letter from their lenders indicating their overall debt and their minimum monthly payment. Paying more than that minimum monthly payment can help borrowers pay off their student loans far faster than simply paying the minimum each month. Many homeowners employ this strategy with their mortgages, and grads can do the same when repaying their student loans.

• Establish short-term financial goals. Short-term financial goals can motivate borrowers to maintain their financial discipline, especially in those initial years after college when many new
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The strong academic programs, career preparation, and service learning projects at Madonna University change the lives of its students, who, in turn, change the lives of others. Madonna graduates have earned the reputation as effective leaders, competent scholars, and socially-responsible citizens who bring about positive change.

Students apply their classroom learning to service projects, such as nursing students who shared their health and wellness skills with moms and children during a study abroad class in the Philippines, or broadcast and cinema arts students who produced promotional videos for non-profit organizations, and still other students pursuing a variety of majors who participate in Alternative Spring Break projects.

Many of the academic programs at Madonna prepare students for helping professions and service to others, such as criminal justice, forensic science, nursing, education, hospice and palliative studies, sign language studies, social work, and even business. Some of Madonna’s newest programs are at the master’s level, i.e. master’s in criminal justice leadership and intelligence, master of social work, master’s in higher education and student affairs. They offer students an opportunity to take their careers to the next level, as well as to make an even bigger difference in the lives of those they serve.

At Madonna, students really get to know who they are and what they love to do, because they’re involved – whether in athletics, student senate, internships, or one of more than 35 student groups. They graduate with a degree and a wealth of experience that will enable them to be agents for change.

graduates struggle with money management. Be specific about goals, making sure to pick a target date to repay student loans in full. Grads who want to become homeowners can work to achieve that goal before age 30. Once that goal has been set, grads can research average home costs in their desired areas. Such information can motivate grads to pay off their student loans as quickly as possible so they can be on track to achieve their larger goal of buying a home in accordance to their preestablished goal.

• Live with a roommate or roommates. Recent graduates who landed their first professional job may feel living alone is the ultimate illustration of their financial independence. But living with a roommate or roommates can free up more money for borrowers to put toward repaying their student loans. Roommates share utility and cable/internet bills, and room shares are often much less expensive than studio or one-bedroom apartments. Many young professionals, especially those moving to a new city for their first job, find living with roommates after college is also a great way to develop or expand a social network.

Repaying student loans takes discipline, but that discipline is rewarded when loans are repaid long before reaching their maturity date.
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 has an 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.

Additionally, the university is listed in “Creative Colleges,” a 2017 guide that selects schools based on the strength of the creative programs offered at each institution.

Ohio Northern continues to offer a relevant, high-impact educational experience that prepares students for rewarding careers and fulfilling lives. Its students regularly are involved in undergraduate research endeavors that are on the level of graduate-school projects. The university also has a wealth of internships and other experiential opportunities that bridge the classroom with the workplace and allow students to develop the interpersonal skills that are valued by employers.

The university’s success is gauged by the accomplishments of its recent graduates. According to the university’s Office of Polar Careers, 94 percent of students who graduated in 2016 found employment or are enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation. This number is consistent with recent years, with 93 percent of graduates finding work in 2015 and 95 percent of graduates the year before.
Tips to Finding the Right Graduate Program

By Metro Creative

Graduate school allows college graduates the chance to intensify their studies as they pursue advanced degrees. Many professions require advanced degrees, but students may enroll in graduate school for various reasons, including their own intellectual curiosity and the chance to improve their earning potential.

Choosing a graduate program is an important decision that can impact students’ career prospects and financial futures. According to Peterson's Real Guide to Colleges and Universities, the average annual tuition for a graduate program at a public university is $30,000, while graduate students at private universities can expect to pay nearly $40,000 each year. Such figures illustrate just how important it is for prospective graduate students to find the right schools for them.

Conduct exhaustive research.

Because the cost of graduate school is so substantial, students should be extra diligent when researching potential grad schools. Gather as much information about each school as possible, even contacting department heads and/or professors to learn if a given program is best for you. Graduate programs tend to be specialized, so make sure each school you’re considering offers exactly what you’re seeking. For example, graduate programs in history may specialize in a particular period of history. As a result, students who want to pursue graduate degrees in history must find the program that allows them to study the period that most interests them. Finding such programs requires extensive research, so students must afford themselves ample time.

Speak to current students and recent graduates.

Current students and recent graduates can provide a unique perspective that prospective grad students won’t get from brochures or online research, no matter how exhaustive that research might be. Encourage students and recent grads to be candid, asking them about their experiences as grad students and, for recent grads, how they fared in the job market after earning their degrees. Don’t discount the latter, as grad school is an investment of time, energy and money, and that should lead to professional fulfillment upon graduating.

Be realistic about your finances.

While many people enroll in graduate programs to improve their earning potential, some students may not enjoy that benefit. The cost of grad school varies depending on the school and the program, but prospective grad students may want to change their plans if the cost of obtaining an advanced degree will greatly affect their financial freedom for years to come. Students worried about their post-grad school earning potential may want to choose less expensive programs so they can still pursue their degrees without mortgaging their financial futures.

Graduate school requires a substantial investment of time, energy and money. Prospective grad students should do everything possible to ensure they invest in the grad school that best suits their particular needs.
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Budgeting Tips for College Students and Their Parents

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High school graduation should be a time of celebration. But for a lot of families, it can also be a source of stress. College is a big step into the future for any student – and it comes with a hefty price tag.

According to a 2015 survey, the top-ranking financial worry for parents with children under the age of 18 was paying for college. The study found that budgeting for higher education costs was the chief concern for 73 percent of applicable parents. The same study found that financial concerns around budgeting for college were even prevalent in higher-income households. Sixty-one percent of homes earning $100,000 or more a year expressed concern.

When you look at the costs of tuition today, it’s easy to see the cause for concern. So what can you and your family do to make college more affordable for everyone? Start by following these tips.

Seek out grants

To help ease the burden of college expenses, it’s a good idea to apply for as many grants as possible. Grants come from multiple sources including the government, organizations and even some private companies or estates.

A grant is basically funds awarded by one entity for a specific purpose. College grants are one of the most common and there are several online resources you can use to search for grants. Start with grants.gov and expand your search from there. You never know what you will find.

Keep a close eye on your budget

The 70-20-10 rule makes for a helpful guideline when saving for college. Under this rule, 70 percent of your money is allocated for living expenses – such as the mortgage, food, clothing and gas – 20 percent goes into savings and 10 percent is allotted for debt. Set up your own model and set aside a set percentage of your savings to be allotted for college (say 5 to 10 percent) and try to hold true to these numbers as much as possible to support your total savings and budgeting goals.

Vanderbilt’s 2017 Home Loan Guide includes an excellent article on budgeting, along with an interactive budgeting sheet to help calculate your expenses.

“Budgeting is a roadmap to financial success built around your personal income and expenses,” said Eric Hamilton, President of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. “Whether you’re saving for your first home or a college education, the importance of building and following a budget plan cannot be understated.”

College tuition is one of the largest expenses most people will incur in their lifetime – until they purchase their first home. So for parents who are helping with their child’s college expenses, shoudering both can be difficult to manage. If you find yourself in a difficult situation concerning your mortgage payments, be sure to contact your mortgage loan provider to see what programs they may be able to offer to help keep
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Work together
It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes an entire family to send them to college, so work together as you save for this goal. Educate your student on how to save, both for college and in life. If they already have a part-time job, set tangible goals for their savings — as you have done for yourself. For example, estimate the cost of books for the first year and work with your student to set a monthly savings goal that will help them achieve that number.

This will relieve some of your financial burden and ensure your student has a vested stake in their entire college experience.

Start saving today
There’s no time like the present to start building a college savings fund. With careful planning and a little teamwork, you all can emerge on graduation day with degree in hand without a mountain of debt.

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Tips for Grads Considering Studying Abroad

By Metro Creative

Study abroad programs give students unique opportunities to experience other cultures while pursuing their degrees. Such programs appeal to students who want to see the world without interrupting their studies, and many students who study abroad develop an affinity for travel that remains with them for the rest of their lives.

When considering studying abroad programs or attending college overseas, recent high school graduates or current high school students should consider a few factors before committing to a program.

Language barrier

Students, particularly those who are not fluent in a foreign language, may find it easier to live in countries where English is the primary language. While study abroad students can expect to work with professors who speak English regardless of where they go, life outside the classroom can be difficult for young students who do not understand the primary language spoken in the country where they will be studying.

Life overseas

Students who want to attend school full-time overseas may benefit by first studying through a study abroad program before committing to a two- or four-year program in another country. This gives students a chance to get a feel for a country and its culture and lifestyle before making a long-term commitment to living and studying there.

Program size

The safety in numbers philosophy is applicable for all travelers, but it can be especially beneficial for young students studying abroad. Students may feel more safe and comfortable when signing up for programs that include many students as opposed to more exclusive programs that include only a handful of students. Large programs provide a built-in social network, and students may feel safer exploring foreign cities in large groups made up of fellow students than going it alone or traveling in small groups.

Documentation

Students should speak with program directors about the documentation they may need to make the most of their time overseas. CEA Study Abroad recommends that students bring photocopies of all important documents, including passports, driver’s licenses, airline tickets, health insurance cards, and student identification cards, with them when studying overseas. This protects students should their wallets or backpacks be lost or stolen while they’re overseas. Students also should include a list of any medical conditions or medications they take among their documentation and include their emergency contact information on this list.

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Don’t stop there! Most of the industry standard and classic guides are available as eBooks! You can find them all by using the search bar at ToledoLibrary.org – where both print and eBook versions are listed in the same place. Here are a few 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)
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MAKING THE GRADE: Getting High School Seniors Ready For College

Toledo Public Schools

What I did on my vacation took on a whole new meaning this past summer for a number of Toledo Public Schools students. That’s because current TPS students and recent graduates spent their summer breaks working as reporters at The Blade, learning about cutting-edge technologies like virtual reality at SSOE, Inc. and being exposed to rare works of art at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Such hands-on work experience is in keeping with the overriding goal for TPS teachers and administrators: to make sure that all of our students are college and career ready when they graduate.

The 2017-2018 school year is all about fine-tuning a strategy that starts in grade school and continues until a student becomes a TPS Proud graduate.

Students begin using the online Naviance program, a comprehensive college and career readiness program, in the 6th grade and continue even after graduation. Career exploration and self-discovery is part of the school counseling curriculum in every grade, while Naviance helps students discover their strengths, interests and career paths by researching specific careers, watching interviews of successful adults with similar interests, creating goals and building their resumes. Students in 8th grade then use this information to begin mapping out what courses they will take in high school.

Students in 7th and 8th grades get the chance to earn high school credit while still in elementary school through the Early High School Opportunity (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.

New this school year was the creation of the Advanced Academics Department (which includes the gifted program) with space at the former DeVilbiss High School. In addition to the gifted program, Advanced Academics includes College Board questions, using PSAT and SAT data in the schools, SAT Prep Class support materials and the development and support for AP classes, among other focuses.

Thanks to the rigorous adoption of College Credit Plus, a program created by the Ohio Department of Education, TPS students are also able to take college courses while still in high school. The primary focus of CCP is to promote rigorous academic options for qualified college-ready students. Many students now have a chance to earn enough credits for an associate degree from the University of Toledo 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 many students are accelerating their march to a traditional college, TPS is also committed to creating hands-on experiences for students interested in the 30-plus Career Tech programs that the district offers. With such a jump start, students make a seamless transition to college or career while doing something they love in high school.
And 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. 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 program at the Aviation Center at Toledo Express Airport. Sophomores in the program concentrate on the general issues of aircraft maintenance (including hardware and electricity), while the juniors work on the airframe (learning about the controls, hydraulics and landing gear) and the seniors learn the powerplant (which is anything engine related). Sophomores are required to have 400 classroom hours, while junior and seniors need 750 classroom hours.

If all goes according to plan, students graduate from their home high schools and then test for and receive the Airframe and Powerplant certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration. The students also earn enough college credits for a two-year associate’s degree. They are then certified to work on airplanes of all types and can get jobs with salaries of $45,000 to $85,000.

And that’s just one story from one program.

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The Toledo Federation of Teachers (TFT) advocates for professional learning that is conducted by nationally trained teacher leaders who understand how to connect teaching and research in a way that will ultimately improve student achievement. TFT believes that when professional learning is led by teachers who share similar teaching situations and experiences, the presentation has greater credibility and participants are more likely to implement the new knowledge and strategies in their instruction. Through collaboration and negotiation with the district, the Federation has been instrumental in securing teacher leaders who provide professional learning opportunities to Toledo Public Schools (TPS) teachers that are both research-based and aligned to Ohio’s Learning Standards.

According to research, effective professional development must be based on teachers’ needs, provide sustainability and include collaborative opportunities (Patton, 2015). TFT offers these examples which illustrate how support teachers currently operating within the district provide continuing on-site support to their colleagues through lesson modeling, co-planning and teaching, analysis of student understanding and teacher reflection:

- Science Academy is composed of two Science Support Teachers who serve the district and also facilitate the work of three science coaches.
experiences for their students that can include virtual science investigations online using simulations as well as digital Probeware to collect data during hands-on science experiments. There are also opportunities for teachers to work with other science teachers from across the district to develop unit outlines to use in their classrooms.

- **Reading Academy** includes two Literacy Support Teachers. These teachers organized and implemented a very successful program known as RAISE (Reading Academy Intensive Support Education). This decade-long program continues to be a key element in increasing student success and reducing retentions through implementation in the TPS summer program for primary students as well as supplementing instruction in classrooms throughout the year. Additional reading modules offered by the Reading Academy address the five essential components of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Reading Academy also helped develop research-based writing modules at the national level that are offered locally to meet the need to improve writing instruction in the district. Additionally, the Reading Academy offers college-level reading instruction and comprehension courses that TPS teachers can take. Participants receive graduate credit through a partnership with the University of Findlay.

- **Math Academy** consists of two district level Math Support Teachers and six building level Peer Math Coaches. A major goal of the Math Academy is to offer professional development that supports educators in implementing the instructional shifts of Ohio’s Standards for Mathematics. These standards require students to do more than just figure out an answer.

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Students must show understanding of math concepts through modeling and reasoning. In order to meet the needs of teachers and their students, the Math Academy offers courses covering topics such as problem solving, effective questioning, the progression of learning for specific mathematical concepts and meeting the needs of all learners in the math classroom. Graduate level courses offered through a partnership with the University of Findlay are also available for TPS teachers to take.

- The Instructional Planner collaborates on all academic initiatives targeting school improvement. This teacher leader designs professional learning that integrates a variety of evidence-based practices which benefit all students regardless of content or grade level. Frequently, this work is done in collaboration with other district teacher leaders. One of the current offerings is Building Cultural Competency to Maximize Student Success that reviews the research regarding how poverty and trauma impact student learning, examines teacher efficacy and classroom environment, and highlights strategies to increase engagement and improve academic success. Additional offerings include Differentiation for All, Purposeful Assessments and Trauma Sensitive Schools. These professional learning opportunities enhance the content specific support of the district academies.

- Technology Facilitators provide professional learning in the area of technology to district teachers. These professional development opportunities include district adopted programs and applications such as Google Apps for Education and Google Classroom. Technology Facilitators also assist teachers as they implement technology in their classrooms. In addition, these two Technology Facilitators help train and support 20 Educational Technology Instructors serving the elementary buildings and seven Data Coordinators serving the high schools.

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