

# **Post High School Planning Workshop Descriptions**

## **Workshop A - College Search & Naviance Overview**

Finding the perfect college can be an overwhelming process when there are thousands of colleges available. Naviance can help make the process of finding the right college just a little easier. Using Naviance's "Find your Fit" search tools, you can locate the schools that most fit with your interests, passions, and other criteria. We will show you can use "Super Match" to get a list of best-fit schools based on the criteria you deem important.

**NOTE:** Recommended that students bring chromebook.

**Presenter:** WVHS Guidance Department

**Location:** High School Auditorium

## **Workshop B - Is a Two-Year College Right for Me?**

Many students benefit from a two-year college experience whether it is for academic or financial reasons. A two-year college experience can be a career preparation program or lay a foundation for transfer possibilities. This workshop will answer the following questions and more: What are some of the benefits of attending a two-year college or career preparation program? Am I a student who would benefit from a two-year college experience? What does it mean to transfer and what is the process for transferring to a four-year college after I graduate?

**Presenter:** Mr. [Maynard Schmidt](#), Director of Admissions & Recruitment at SUNY-Orange

**Location:** Room# 111

## **Workshop C - Financial Aid 101**

This workshop explains the importance of financial aid and what it means to families. A brief explanation of the financial aid process will be discussed. The workshop will help parents and students sort through the various decisions they will face in the financial aid process.

**Presenter:** Ms. Jacqueline Arias, Financial Advisor at SUNY-Orange

**Location:** High School Media Center

## **Workshop D - Post Graduation Options for Students with Disabilities**

There are many local agencies that offer support service programs to assist students with disabilities. To break down the barriers for students to enter and keep suitable employment, there are vocational rehabilitation services, such as counseling, training and placement services available to students who identify certain needs and are eligible. This workshop will help familiarize students & families with these resources.

**Presenter:** Mrs. Colleen Long-Cestaro/Ms. Marisa Wheeler, ACCES/VR

**Location:** Room# 109

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## **Workshop E - NCAA Clearinghouse**

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school this is the workshop for you. If you want to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year at a Division I or II school, the NCAA Eligibility Center must certify your eligibility that you have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework.

**Presenter:** Mr. Gregory Sirico, Director of Athletics at Warwick Valley High School

**Location:** Room# 107 (**Session #2 ONLY**)

## **Workshop F - Considering a Trade School?**

Trade school programs focus on career-relevant skills and training. Unlike a traditional college curriculum, a vocational school curriculum does not contain general education courses. Instead, students complete coursework solely in their fields of study. They graduate ready for a specific occupation. Learn about the current job outlooks in technical job opportunities. Our presenter is from the nation's largest provider for technician training in the country for careers in transportation, manufacturing and energy.

**Presenter:** Mr Michael Cruz, Admissions Representative from Universal Technical Institute.

**Location:** Room # 105

## **Workshop G - Accessing Supports in College for Students with Disabilities (Entitlement to Eligibility)**

Accessing the multitude of resources available on college campuses is an important part of assisting students with disabilities to succeed in college. Many colleges and universities provide students with time management, planning, organization and much more. Here our presenter shares how these programs are designed to support and guide students so that they can graduate and lead successful lives after college.

**Presenter:** Ms. Kara Barrows, Assistant Director of Disability Services at St Thomas Aquinas College

**Location:** Room # 103