



2024 Event Program

Saturday, March 23 | In-Person at UVM & Online via Zoom

Schedule (click on a title for that session's Zoom link)

- 2:00 - 2:15 pm [Welcome](#)
- 2:25 - 3:10 pm Workshops:
- [The College Search: Finding the Right Fit](#)
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- 3:20 - 4:05 pm Workshops:
- [Financial Aid & Managing College Costs](#)
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- 4:15 - 5:00 pm Workshops:
- [College Options for Students with Developmental Disabilities and Autism](#)
 - [Exploring Career and Education Pathways with MyFutureVT](#)
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Workshop recordings will be posted to vsac.org/ccp within a week following the event.

Technical Support

Tech Support # 802-598-0295



Welcome: 2:00 - 2:15 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZModOugpzssGNaPvKWhwcbH19jQw5-1XKbn>

Join us for a brief welcome and housekeeping items before heading to your first workshop.

Presenters: Representative Jill Krowinski, *Speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives*, Moses Murphy, *UVM Director of Admissions & Kirstin Boehm, VSAC Director of Career and Education Outreach*

Session I Workshop Descriptions: 2:25 - 3:10 pm

The College Search: Finding the Right Fit

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZModOugpzssGNaPvKWhwcbH19jQw5-1XKbn>

Want to continue your education after high school, but unsure how to choose a school or training program? This interactive workshop will help you consider what you want from your post-high school experience, and provide strategies and tools to start narrowing down the search to institutions that meet your needs.

Presenter: Sara Vargo, VSAC GEAR UP Assistant Manager

Audience: Best for 9th-11th grade students alone or with their parents/guardians (less appropriate for parents/guardians alone)

Money After High School

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-ugqDItHdE10tdteJcY84_MYSyEmNhk

This session will cover the fundamental life skills you need to take control of your finances. Learn practical strategies for creating a budget you can stick to, find out what makes your credit score, and how to manage debt without being overwhelmed. Your upcoming choices can impact you for years- don't miss this opportunity to learn how to make informed financial decisions and set the foundation for your future.

Presenter: Katy Bensen, MoneySense Financial Education Program Manager, Opportunities Credit Union

Audience: Best for 11th & 12th grade students and their parents/guardians

Strategies for the SAT & ACT

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udu6srTkoG93iZkPXtKaTQH2xr38of2hj>

Want to make yourself a stronger candidate for college admissions and merit-based financial aid by earning a high score? Get "best practice" strategies and free test-prep resources from a professional test prep tutor.

Presenter: Matthew Shagam, Tutor

Audience: Best for 10th & 11th grade students

Supporting Your Teen's Career Search

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlld-2vqj8tE9Bbbt665BP01COOsE2rSuK7>

How can you help your child figure out what they want to do, without telling them what to do? This workshop will cover what your high schooler needs from you in their career search, and how to help them identify and explore their career interests.

Presenter: Kathi Terami, Executive Director, Careers CLiC

Audience: Best for the parents/guardians of 9th-12th grade students



Session II Workshop Descriptions: 3:20 - 4:05 pm

Financial Aid & Managing College Costs

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZModOugpzssGNaPvKWhwcbH19jQw5-1XKbn>

Find out how families cover college costs. We'll explain the types of financial aid available (grants, scholarships, loans); the basics of financial aid applications; and ways to compare college costs before you apply.

Presenter: Matt "Beagle" Bourgault, VSAC Talent Search Director

Audience: Best for 10th & 11th grade students and their parents/guardians

I Wish I Knew That! Programs to Pursue Before You Graduate

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0udu6srTkoG93iZkPXtKaTQH2xr38of2hJ>

Participants will learn about the Flexible Pathways opportunities available to students and how participating in one or more of these programs in high school can help you get a jumpstart on your future.

Presenter: Amy Dodge, Post-Secondary Programs Coordinator, VT Agency of Education (Please note that presenter will be joining virtually)

Audience: Best for 9th-11th grade students and their parents/guardians

Navigating the Admissions Process

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlId-2vqj8tE9Bbbt665BP01COOsE2rSuK7>

Overwhelmed by the college admissions process? Hear directly from college admissions counselors about the steps involved in applying, what they look for in students, and how they can support you through the process.

Presenters: Sarah Hobart, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, University of Vermont & Elga Gruner, Assistant Director of Admissions, Vermont State University

Audience: Best for 10th & 11th grade students and their parents/guardians

Navigating the College Search for Students who Learn Differently

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYpc-ugqDItHdE10tdteJcY84_MYSyEmNhk

This workshop will give neurodiverse students and their families the tools you need to determine fit and prepare for the transition to education after high school. We will discuss what to consider, the questions to ask, the legal landscape, and the wide range of accommodations, supports, and programs that exist in post-secondary education today. The presenter will also share some details about the specific expertise of Landmark College, which specializes in educating neurodiverse high school and college students.

Presenter: Maribeth Resnick, Director of Online Partnerships, Landmark College

Audience: Best for 9th-12th grade students and their parents/guardians



Session III Workshop Descriptions: 4:15 - 5:00 pm

College Options for Students with Developmental Disabilities and Autism

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-ugqDltHdE10tdteJcY84_MYSyEmNhk

Learn about a number of inclusive college programs in Vermont designed for students with developmental disabilities and autism.

Presenters: Bryan Dague, Ed.D., Director of Think College, University of Vermont, Chris Kennedy, Regional Director, College Steps, & Marie Frieze, Accessibility Services Resource Coordinator, Community College of Vermont

Audience: Best for 10th-12th grade students and their parents/guardians

Exploring Career and Education Pathways with MyFutureVT

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udu6srTkoG93iZkPXtKaTQH2xr38of2hJ>

Get the inside scoop on the variety of post-high school education and training options available to students, and Learn about MyFutureVT, the free, one-stop online resource you can use to explore Vermont's most promising careers and the education and training programs to get into these jobs.

Presenter: Tom Cheney, Executive Director, Advance Vermont

Audience: Best for 9th-12th grade students and their parents/guardians

Scholarships: Free Money!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZModOugpzssGNaPvKWhwcbH19jQw5-1XKbn>

Learn how to find and apply for local, state, and national scholarships.

Presenter: Matt "Beagle" Bourgault, VSAC Talent Search Director

Audience: Best for 11th grade students and their parents/guardians

Writing the Admissions Essay

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlId-2vqj8tE9Bbbt665BP01COOsE2rSuK7>

The admissions essay brings your unique voice to your college applications - this session will provide you with strategies to approach this important piece of writing and a better understanding of how it will be reviewed.

Presenter: Carrie Pratt, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, University of Vermont

Audience: Best for 10th & 11th grade students and their parents/guardians

Event Evaluation

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCP24PostEvent

We value your input on how we can continue to improve the event. Everyone who completes the evaluation by Sunday, March 31 will be entered to win a \$100 VT 529 gift card. You can find the full details at vsac.org/official-rules-ccp-drawings.

Thank you for attending this year's event!

