Dudley H. Davis Center
4th floor

RESOURCE FAIR
1:00-2:00
Registration & Exhibitors
Livak Fireplace Lounge

WELCOME
2:00-2:15
Opening Remarks
Silver Maple Ballroom

WORKSHOPS 1
2:25-3:10
The College Search: Finding the Right Fit
Silver Maple Ballroom
Money After High School
Mildred Livak Ballroom
Strategies for the SAT & ACT
Frank Livak Ballroom
Supporting Your Teen's Career Search
Sugar Maple Ballroom

WORKSHOPS 2
3:20-4:05
Financial Aid & Managing College Costs
Silver Maple Ballroom
I Wish I Knew That! Programs to Pursue Before You Graduate
Frank Livak Ballroom
Navigating the Admissions Process
Sugar Maple Ballroom
Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently
Mildred Livak Ballroom

WORKSHOPS 3
4:15-5:00
College Options for Students with Developmental Disabilities & Autism
Mildred Livak Ballroom
Exploring Career & Education Pathways with MyFutureVT
Frank Livak Ballroom
Scholarships: Free Money!
Silver Maple Ballroom
Writing the Admissions Essay
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WORKSHOPS

The College Search: Finding the Right Fit
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)
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.

Money After High School
Presenter: Katy Bensen, Money$ense Financial Education Program Manager, Opportunities Credit Union
Audience: Best for 11th & 12th grade students and their parents/guardians
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.

Strategies for the SAT & ACT
Presenter: Matthew Shagam, Tutor
Audience: Best for 10th & 11th grade students
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.

Supporting Your Teen’s Career Search
Presenter: Kathi Terami, Executive Director, Careers CLiC
Audience: Best for the parents/guardians of 9th–12th grade students
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.

Financial Aid & Managing College Costs
Presenter: Matt “Beagle” Bourgault, VSAC Talent Search Director
Audience: Best for 10th & 11th grade students and their parents/guardians
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.

I Wish I Knew That! Programs to Pursue Before You Graduate
Presenter: Amy Dodge, Post-Secondary Programs Coordinator, VT Agency of Education
Audience: Best for 9th–11th grade students and their parents/guardians
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 jump-start on your future. Please note that presenter will be joining virtually.

Navigating the Admissions 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
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.

Navigating the College Search for Students who Learn Differently
Presenter: Maribeth Resnick, Director of Online Partnerships, Landmark College
Audience: Best for 9th–12th grade students and their parents/guardians
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.

College Options 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
Audience: Best for 10th–12th grade students and their parents/guardians
Learn about a number of inclusive college programs in Vermont designed for students with developmental disabilities and autism.

Exploring Career and Education Pathways with MyFutureVT
Presenter: Tom Cheney, Executive Director, Advance Vermont
Audience: Best for 9th–12th grade students and their parents/guardians
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.

Scholarships: Free Money!
Presenter: Matt “Beagle” Bourgault, VSAC Talent Search Director
Audience: Best for 11th grade students and their parents/guardians
Learn how to find and apply for local, state, and national scholarships.

Writing the Admissions Essay
Presenter: Carrie Pratt, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, University of Vermont
Audience: Best for 10th & 11th grade students and their parents/guardians
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.