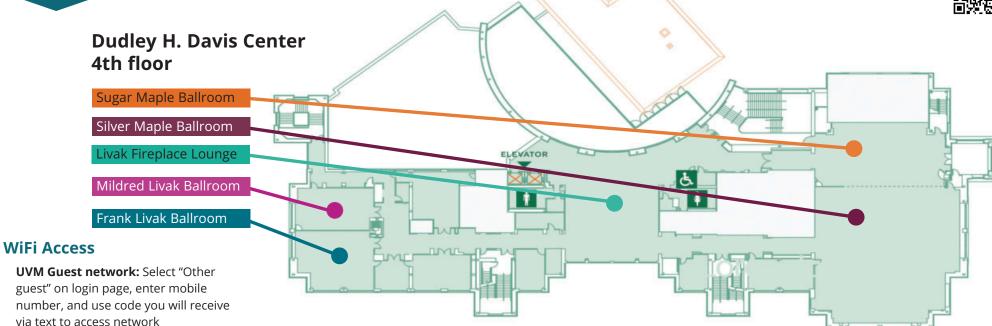
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**RESOURCE FAIR** 

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!

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**Writing the Admissions Essay** 

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# **WORKSHOPS**

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#### 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.