#### COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS | 2023

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### **RESOURCE FAIR**

8:30-9:30

**Registration & Exhibitors**Livak Fireplace Lounge

### **WELCOME**

9:30-9:45

## Opening Remarks

Silver Maple Ballroom

#### **WORKSHOPS 1**

9:55-10:40

# The College Search: Finding the Right Fit

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#### **Money After High School**

Mildred Livak Ballroom

#### Strategies for the SAT & ACT

Frank Livak Ballroom

# Supporting Your Teen's Career Search

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#### **WORKSHOPS 2**

10:50-11:35

# Financial Aid & Managing College Costs

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

Frank Livak Ballroom

# Navigating the Admissions Process

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#### **Vermont Career Outlook**

Mildred Livak Ballroom

## **WORKSHOPS 3**

11:45-12:30

#### College Options for Students with Developmental Disabilities & Autism

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# 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**

#### **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.

### 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? Learn what to consider and reflect on what you want from your postsecondary experience so you can narrow down the search to institutions that meet your needs.

#### **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
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.

## **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.

## **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 As you head off to college or the workforce, you'll be taking on greater responsibility in managing your own money. Learn how to start off right for a financially successful future. This workshop will cover budgeting, credit, and creating a spending plan that you can stick to.

#### **Navigating the Admissions Process**

Presenters: Sarah Hobart, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, University of Vermont & Shawn McElwain, 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.

#### 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.

### 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 explore and identify their career interests.

#### **Vermont Career Outlook**

Presenter: Kevin Stapleton, Assistant Director of Economic & Labor Market Information, Vermont Department of Labor

Audience: Best for 9th–12th grade students and their parents/guardians What careers and skill sets will be in demand as you enter the workforce? Come learn more about current economic conditions in Vermont, including employment by industry, occupational trends, and skills in demand.

## **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 *Find out what colleges look for in the admissions essay and discover how to craft an essay that sets you apart.*