



2023 Event Program

Saturday, March 18 | In-Person at UVM & Online via Zoom

Schedule (click on a title for that session's Zoom link, use VSAC2023 as passcode for all sessions)

- 9:30 - 9:45 am [Welcome](#)
- 9:55 - 10:40 am Workshops:
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 - [Supporting Your Teen's Career Search](#)
- 10:50 - 11:30 am Workshops:
- [Financial Aid & Managing College Costs](#)
 - [I Wish I Knew That! Programs to Pursue Before You Graduate](#)
 - [Navigating the Admissions Process](#)
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- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm Workshops:
- [College Options for Students with Developmental Disabilities and Autism](#)
 - [Exploring Career and Education Pathways with MyFutureVT](#)
 - [Scholarships: Free Money!](#)
 - [Writing the Admissions Essay](#)

Workshop recordings will be posted to vsac.org/ccp within a week following the event.

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Welcome: 9:30 - 9:45 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82867316133?pwd=VjlfFeVFvd2JjSWhzSHdRdHRla1VkQT09>

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Webinar ID: 828 6731 6133 Passcode: 53815295

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*, Jay Jacobs, *UVM Vice Provost for Enrollment Management* & Patrick Leduc, *VSAC CIO and Vice President of Career and Education Outreach and Human Resources*

Session I Workshop Descriptions: 9:55 - 10:40 am

The College Search: Finding the Right Fit

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82166631420?pwd=Ym1Uelh6M3BaR0xxajlzOTBYbEY5UT09>

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Webinar ID: 821 6663 1420 Passcode: 40925271

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.

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/j/81738119599?pwd=QUNJaElsSWpSZ0d2aElvUFZwSW1uZz09>

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Webinar ID: 817 3811 9599 Passcode: 68831738

As you head off to college or into 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.

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/j/88278913030?pwd=L0lIWUQrbmdFM3dvbytoS3dxRno0dz09>

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Meeting ID: 882 7891 3030 Passcode: 57803169

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/j/88201948178?pwd=Z3A2VUd3VjE5YW9VeEFBU3F1dUNhZz09>

Passcode: VSAC2023

Meeting ID: 882 0194 8178 Passcode: 74912154

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.

Presenter: Kathi Terami, Executive Director, Careers CLiC

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



Session II Workshop Descriptions: 10:50 - 11:35 am

Financial Aid & Managing College Costs

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86811203441?pwd=cWpPb3JFS2xZNMfYjdBTmVZRUDlQT09>

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Webinar ID: 868 1120 3441 **Passcode:** 06472313

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/j/82127549667?pwd=UGVPOExYV2FKMzQ4N213UFVHYUxNUT09>

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Webinar ID: 821 2754 9667 **Passcode:** 22077730

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

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

Navigating the Admissions Process

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84282242743?pwd=YmduTWVhRmVjMGxhN2ZlQ09VLTJ3JmN6dktlQ09>

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Webinar ID: 842 8224 2743 **Passcode:** 40660396

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 & Shawn McElwain, Assistant Director of Admissions, Vermont State University

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

Vermont Career Outlook

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87947868048?pwd=M0VtM0tYmVjMGxhN2ZlQ09VLTJ3JmN6dktlQ09>

Passcode: VSAC2023

Webinar ID: 879 4786 8048 **Passcode:** 47015510

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.

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



Session III Workshop Descriptions: 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

College Options for Students with Developmental Disabilities and Autism

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89614679766?pwd=V28yclJLL2RhTit4VGphWXNmbUdwUT09>

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Meeting ID: 896 1467 9766 Passcode: 55023213

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

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

Exploring Career and Education Pathways with MyFutureVT

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84496183401?pwd=bmhuMlpUM015N0Q4ZzJnZ1p2WG9BZz09>

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Webinar ID: 844 9618 3401 Passcode: 10205258

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/j/86756167268?pwd=RW11UzkrR28rQk12WGX4V2paeGFudz09>

Passcode: VSAC2023

Webinar ID: 867 5616 7268 Passcode: 96981489

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/j/85290861220?pwd=eINwNE1TYWNCUnBvSIEzR2Nlelp6dz09>

Passcode: VSAC2023

Webinar ID: 852 9086 1220 Passcode: 41826709

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

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

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

Event Evaluation

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCP23PostEvent>

We value your input on how we can continue to improve the event. Everyone who completes the evaluation by Sunday, March 26th will be entered to win a \$100 VISA gift card. More details at <https://www.vvac.org/official-rules-ccp-drawings>.

Thank you for attending this year's event!

