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# DESTINATION COLLEGE<sup>SM</sup>

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide College Convention & College Fair for

High School Juniors & Parents

Southern New Hampshire University - Manchester, NH

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Snow Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012

**DC Schedule**

Registration - Athletic Complex

7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Opening Session

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Session I

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Session II

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Session III

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Complimentary Lunch - Athletic Complex

12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

College Fair

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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sincere appreciation to our host, Southern NH University.

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University

## Session I (9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.) and II (10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

**WRITE STUFF** **S**  
During this session, students learn tips and strategies for developing the written portion of the application. Focus is on writing the college essay, creating an impressive résumé and obtaining noteworthy letters of recommendation.

**COLLEGE INTERVIEW** **S**  
During this interactive workshop, students learn tips for articulating their strengths, creativity and character during an admission interview.

**HOW THE SCORE: STANDARDIZED TESTING** **S**  
Learn about the role standardized testing plays in the college process. An expert from CCP will share strategies and advice for success on the ACT and SAT.

**ADMISSIONS PERSPECTIVE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS** **SP**  
Anything you've always wanted to know about college admissions...but were afraid to ask! Gain insight and advice about selecting a college, the application process and finding the right fit from an expert panel.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTION** **SP**  
Learn about the two-year advantage! Representatives from New Hampshire colleges offer information and advice about special degree programs, transferability and financial considerations.

**INFORMATION FOR THE STUDENT ATHLETE** **SP**  
Learn about college athletes and current college coaches to discuss recruitment strategies and eligibility requirements for NCAA division-level sports.

**PATHS TO CHOOSING A MAJOR** **SP**  
A discussion about ways to explore career options and enhance your personal experiences through internships, part-time jobs, community involvement, co-ops, and enrichment programs and more.

**FIRST IN THE FAMILY: ADVICE FOR FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS** **SP**  
While some students have been listening to their parents' stories about college from "back in the day", first-generation college students (those who are the first in their immediate families to attend college) face a different challenge. From college visits to college lingo, writing essays to applying for financial aid, the steps seem complicated even for those familiar with the process. This session breaks it all down and offers the essential "college knowledge" to get first-generation students and parents on the right track.

**CASH OR PLASTIC?** **SP**  
So you're off to college soon eh? Here's a question that might not have crossed your mind – How the heck am I going to pay for stuff? Do I bring a box of cash with me? Should I get a credit card? What about a debit card? Should I use the college's pre-paid cards? Maybe I need a smart phone and I can buy stuff with one of those fancy apps. The decision you make could have a dramatic impact on your personal finances. Learn what your options are, how to protect yourself and get some helpful tips on how to manage your money while you are in college.

**COLLEGE COSTS & FINANCIAL AID** **P**  
Some of the best things in life are free, unfortunately college isn't one of them...Join the experts as they discuss how financial aid can help you manage college cost.

**COLLEGE FINANCING STRATEGIES** **P**  
Fast forward to May of your child's senior year. You have applied for financial aid and already know how much you will (or will not) receive in grants and scholarships. Now, you are faced with the decision of financing the balance. This session will help families understand and evaluate financing options.

## Session III (11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

**PUT YOUR BEST FACE FORWARD: IMPLICATIONS OF USING SOCIAL MEDIA** **S**  
Facebook. Twitter. MySpace. YouTube. Social media has become an integral part of everyday life. College admissions representatives and employers can learn about you using the information you provide publicly. Have you thought about what that recent picture at a party says about you and your goals for the future? Learn how public information on your social media profiles can impact your life with some entertaining examples of what not to do and learn the best methods of putting your best face forward.

**LAUNCHING A SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH** **S**  
There are thousands of scholarships for good grades, sports, public service, or special talents. Find out where to look and get tips for applying!

**ROTC: LEARNING AND SERVING** **SP**  
Learn more about how the ROTC curriculum combined with required college classes can give you the tools, training and experiences that will help you succeed in any competitive environment. Along with great leadership training, ROTC can help pay for your college tuition expenses. Join us for a discussion about the commitment, eligibility and benefits of ROTC.

**SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES** **SP**  
504? IEP? LD? College advisors discuss ways in which campus support services can help motivated students excel.

**STUMP A COLLEGE GURU!** **SP**  
The college counselors at the Center for College Planning (aka College Gurus) have heard 'em all: Should I defer admission and work for a year? Will my savings impact my financial aid? Do employers really care which school I graduate from? Is a B- in an honors course better than an A- in an easier class? Can I bring my pet with me to the dorm? Have a tough question? Attend this session for the answer!

**POINT, CLICK & GO: A PRIMER FOR PARENTS ABOUT WEB RESOURCES** **P**  
Learn about the tools now available online to aid your student in the college selection and application process.

**RETURN OF THE COLLEGE STUDENTS!** **S**  
Current college students return to share stories about life after high school. They'll talk about how prepared they felt for college, what they wish they had done differently, how they have made the adjustment to campus life and more!

**S** Especially for Students **P**: Especially for Parents **SP**: Student/Parents

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Sessions are held in various buildings across campus.  
All attendees must register in advance.  
Each person in your family/group must register separately.  
NO WALK-INS.

**12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
**(Athletic Complex)**



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