

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual College & Career Fair

***“Excellence without Excuse”***

hosted by

**Indian Prairie School District 204 & DuPage County NAACP**

**Saturday, August 29, 2015**

**Waubonsie Valley High School  
2590 Ogden Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60504**

**College & Career Fair 8:00-12:30  
Scholarship Winners Announced 12:30-1:30  
ACT-SO/Jr. ACT-SO Orientation 2:00-4:00**



### **COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

Recruiters from major Colleges and Universities including: Northwestern University, University of Chicago, Michigan State University, Northern Illinois, College of DuPage, HBCU's and others.

### **WORKSHOP & PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshops ~ Education Advocacy/Empowerment Seminars  
“Ask the Superintendents” Town Hall Meeting ~ Essay Contest

**FREE & OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS!**

**Register online at: [www.collegeandcareerfair.org](http://www.collegeandcareerfair.org)**

**Submit essay to: [essay@collegeandcareerfair.org](mailto:essay@collegeandcareerfair.org)**

**For more information email us at :  
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## College and Career Fair Schedule

**7:45am Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Sponsor Recognition (Field House)**

**8:00am – 12:00pm College/University/Enrichment Program Booths (Field House)**

### 8:30am – 9:20am

**Scholarships for Young Scholars (Auditorium)** – Scholarship managers share details on how to access thousands of dollars in scholarship funds from: Bill Gates Millennium Scholars Program, Merck Science Initiative, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program and many more.

**Illinois Math and Science Academy (Library)** – IMSA representatives will discuss enrichment programs for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as other high school opportunities.

**Opportunity to Serve (Room 156)** – Local law enforcement will share career pathways and address community concerns.

### 9:30am – 10:20am

**Choosing the Right College/University for You (Auditorium)** – College and university representatives will participate in a panel discussion to share information related to admission requirements, processes, scholarships, aide and special programs.

**Don't Be Intimidated (Room 156)** – Parents share their secrets to preparing successful students that attended the college/university of their choice.

**Dead End Friends (Library)** – Maximizing one's potential and achieving success often requires traveling with people with similar goals. This truth telling segment provides participants with the courage needed for self-examination and hard decision making.

### 10:30am – 11:20am

**"Ask the Superintendent" Town Hall Meeting: Hear it from the Source (Auditorium)** – Superintendents respond to community questions and concerns.

**If You Don't Believe Me Just Watch (Room 156)** – College students and recent graduates share advice and tips on how to successfully navigate the college years.

**FAFSA/Bright Start 529 (Library)** – Representatives provide information on important steps for applying for financial aid and tax exempt plans for college savings.

### 11:30am – 12:20pm

**FREE RIDE: The Truth about Scholarships (Auditorium)** – Back by popular demand, this session shares how 2.0 or 4.0 students can get a "full ride" to college.

**College Readiness 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (Room 113)** – High school counselors share steps that students should be taking to prepare for acceptance to college.

**College Readiness 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (Room 156)** – High school counselors share steps that students should be taking to prepare for acceptance to college.

**Eagle Minded...No Chickens Allowed (Library)** – Having goals is one thing, but achieving them takes time, self-understanding and perseverance. This energetic session explores the practical tools and concepts needed to soar like an eagle.

### 12:30pm – 1:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm – **Essay Winners Announced (Auditorium)**

### ACT-SO/Jr. ACT-SO Orientation

2:00pm – 4:00pm – **DuPage County ACT-SO/Jr. ACT-SO Orientation.** (Auditorium) Visit [www.dupageact-so.org](http://www.dupageact-so.org) to pre-register and obtain more information.

**Times and Seminar Topics are Subject to Change**

## COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR 2015 ESSAY QUESTION



The essay contest is open to all students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The essay for your particular grade must be **submitted via email** as a Word formatted document attachment, typed, 12 font, double spaced and must not include your name or any other identifying information in the essay body.

Essay applications must be submitted by **11:59pm on August 18, 2015**. Please note all materials submitted will not be returned after the selection process.

### **Essay Contest Questions**

#### **High School Questions: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“Game Changer” is a phrase that is being used across the world in all industries and areas of life. A Game Changer is seen as a person, idea, or event that significantly changes the way something is done, thought of, or acted upon. The NAACP also has five 21st Century Game Changer Initiatives:

**Economic Sustainability  
Education  
Health  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice  
Voting Rights and Political Representation**

*Choose at least one of the initiatives and write a 500 to 750 word essay in which you analyze how (your chosen initiatives) will encourage you to be a Game Changer in your home, school and community today.*

#### **Middle School Question: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

A successful education requires collaboration between parents, teachers, students and administrators. Write a 350 to 500-word essay explaining how a successful collaboration is accomplished and in particular stress what role you play.

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