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GOOD COLLEGE PLANNING STARTS EARLY.
ATTEND A FREE WORKSHOP TO START YOUR PLAN!

3 Steps to College Planning and Career Success

Hosted by Chicago Fire Juniors West @ Plainfield Township Community Center

for all 8th-high school students and families

Thursday, March 22nd at 5pm

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Questions? (630) 730-8825

Parents and high school students are invited to attend the **3 Steps To College Planning and Career Success** workshop hosted by Serve City VBC and presented by Partners for Achievement.

"The presenters are a knowledgeable resource that helped my son think through all the different factors and develop a strong target school list."

-Sandra Teague, Parent of a York High School Graduate Now Attending Wisconsin

"On your own applying to college can be tough. It was beneficial for someone like me who is a procrastinator to get direction on my essays and applications and help me stay organized."

-Michael Stelletello, Marquette University Wheaton-Warrenville South H.S. Graduate

"I would not have known what to do or when to complete all of the different aspects of applying to college. The program helped me find seven scholarships, kept me accountable and is a push in the right direction."

-Matthew Nicholson, Northwestern University Fremd High School Graduate

These seminars are designed to educate parents and students about the college planning process. Topics discussed will include:

College Admissions Planning

- *School Selection:* Building A Strong College List
- *Resume Building:* Leadership & Activities
- *College Essays:* Telling Your Story
- *ACT & SAT Prep:* Tips to Raise Your Scores
- *Highly Selective Schools:* Improve Your Chances
- *Timelines:* Organizing Plans & Deadlines

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- *FAFSA:* What Counts & What Doesn't?
- *EFC:* Your Expected Family Contribution
- *Need-Based Aid:* Will You Qualify for Aid?
- *Merit Aid:* Colleges That Give The Most Money
- *Scholarships:* Search Sites and Strategies
- *Award Packages:* Analysis & Appeals

Mentoring & Career Development

- *Majors:* Choosing The Right Path to Pursue
- *College Transition:* Setting Student Goals
- *Internships & Jobs:* Learning How to Stand Out