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Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Communications & Outreach at MDHEWD

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Today's Agenda

Morning Sessions

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	**Welcome**
	Journey to College – What's New for 2020
	Program Updates: • Site Coordinator Registration & Expectations • Volunteer Management • Resource Manual • Journey to College Kindergarten-8th Grade Update
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	**Apply Missouri:** • Overview of Apply MO • Best Practices • ACAC – School of Excellence
	FAFSA Frenzy: • Overview of FAFSA Frenzy • Best Practices • Scholarship Central
	Decision Day: • Overview of Decision Day • Best Practices
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	**Lunch Break**

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Afternoon Sessions

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Welcome Back!
	MOCAN Update
	FAFSA Filing Initiative
	FAFSA, FSA ID, and other Federal Updates
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- Special Populations (Including homeless and foster youth)
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Journey to College Program Updates

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What's New for 2020

Sarah Schedler

Program Coordinator – Outreach at MDHEWD

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J2C Updates

- Coming attractions
  - Social Press kit

- New and improved
  - Outreach Regions
  - No registration deadline!
    …sort of
  - Registration form
  - Online Question form

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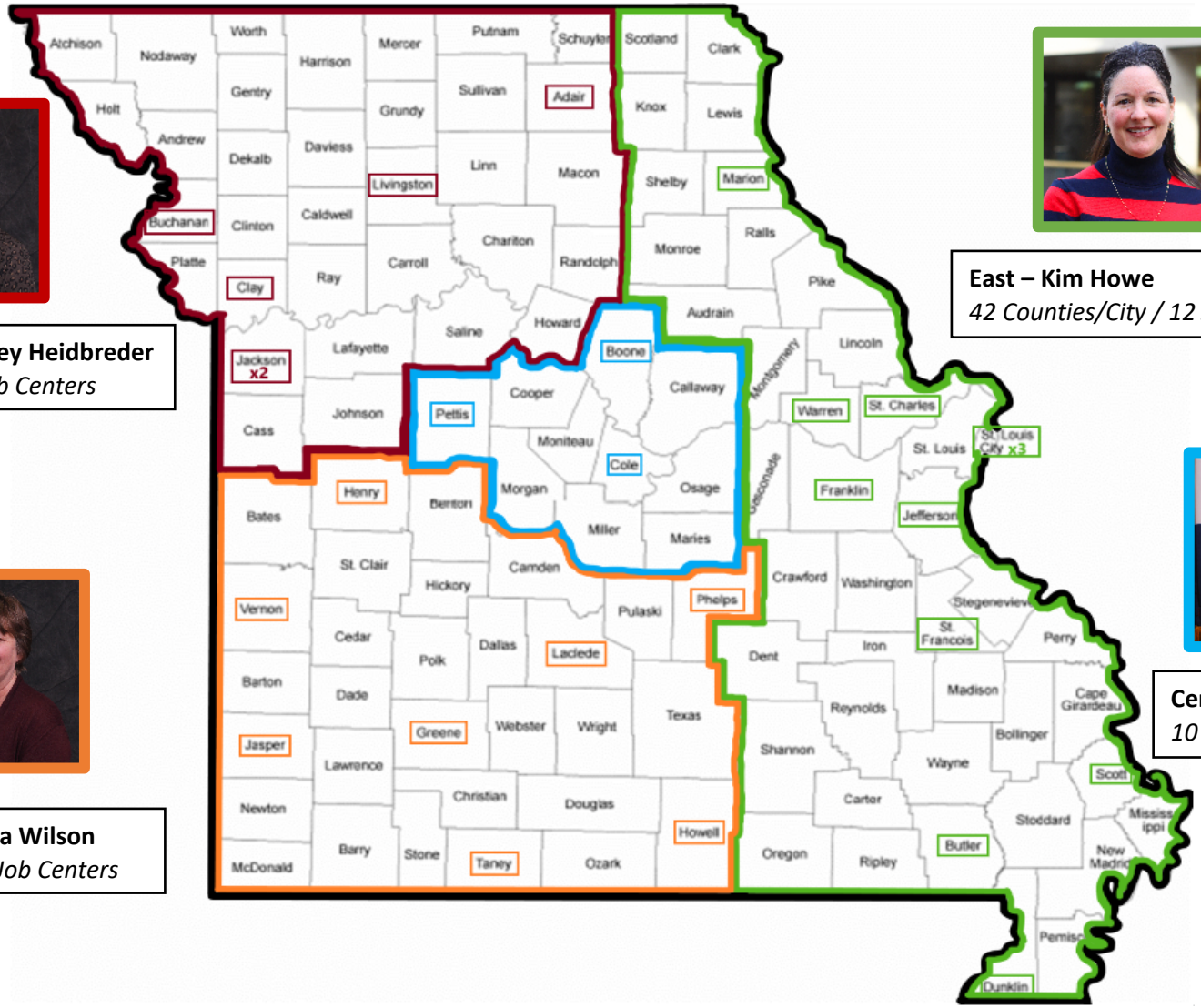
MDHEWD Outreach Regions

Northwest – Ashley Heidbreder
33 Counties / 6 Job Centers

East – Kim Howe
42 Counties/City / 12 Job Centers

Southwest – Lisa Wilson
30 Counties / 8 Job Centers

Central – Sarah Schedler
10 Counties / 3 Job Centers



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J2C Site Coordinator Registration

Site Coordinator

The site coordinator(s) will serve as the main contact for the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development's Journey to College administrative team throughout the academic year.

*Site coordinator information

First name

Last name

Employer

Job title

Email address

*Is there another site co-coordinator?

Yes

No

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More Information

Site Information

*Please complete the following:

Name of hosting school or organization

Street address

City

*Are you registering as a high school, postsecondary institution, or community or other organization?

Choose one of the following answers

- Public High School
- Private High School
- Postsecondary Institution
- Community/Other Organization

How many high school seniors do you expect to be in the 2020-21 graduating class?

Only numbers may be entered in this field.

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Which Programs?

J2C Program Participation

Please select the Journey to College programs in which you will participate.

*Will you participate in Apply Missouri? (Events held during September through

Yes | No

*Will you participate in Decision Day? (Events held during the last few months o
year.)

Yes | No

*Will you participate in Apply Missouri? (Events held during Se

Yes | No

*Date(s) of your Apply Missouri event:

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FAFSA Frenzy

*Will you participate in FAFSA Frenzy? (Events held from October 1st through January 31st.)

Yes

*What type of FAFSA Frenzy event(s) will you host?

Choose one of the following answers

- Open to the public
- Closed event for your students and their families

What is the date of your first or only FAFSA Frenzy event? If you do not yet know the date, please leave this question blank.

Format: mm-dd-yyyy

*What is the location of your FAFSA Frenzy event? If it is the same as the address you entered earlier, please type "same" below.

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FAFSA Frenzy

*Will you host additional FAFSA Frenzy events?

Yes | No

What is the date of your second FAFSA Frenzy event? If you do not yet know the date, please leave this question blank.

Format: mm-dd-yyyy

What is the location of your second FAFSA Frenzy event? If it is the same as the address you entered earlier, please type "same" below.

What is the date of your third FAFSA Frenzy event? Or, click Next if you are finished entering events. If you do not yet know the date, please leave this question blank.

FAFSA Frenzy Volunteers

- More on this in a minute…

Volunteers

*Site coordinators are responsible for recruiting and managing FAFSA Frenzy volunteers to ensure adequate staffing for an event. The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development maintains a form that enables volunteers to sign up for the event of their choice. MDHEWD advertises the volunteer signup form via social media and our website. MDHEWD does not recruit volunteers for specific events. The volunteer signup form is a means to track volunteering and collect contact information to share with site coordinators.

Would you like your FAFSA Frenzy event(s) to appear on the volunteer signup form?

Yes | No

Responsibilities

- Please remember…

*Journey to College site coordinators should:

a) Ensure attendees complete student surveys

b) Submit outcome data from J2C activities via the online site coordinator surveys

c) Send in event sign-in sheets or other documents no later than 5 business days after activities conclude

d) Make every effort to help students access postsecondary education

e) Access the Site Coordinator Resource Manual for checklists, best practices, and resources

☐ I agree to the site coordinator obligations listed above.

NEW Online Question Form

- https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/journeytocollege.php

Have questions about Journey to College? Submit your questions below.

Name

First Last

Email

School or Organization

I have a question about

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Summary of question

I have a question about

Apply Missouri

FAFSA Frenzy

Decision Day

Journey to College Programs

Journey to College K-8

Other

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FAFSA Frenzy Volunteers

- Site Coordinator role
- Purpose
  - Of the volunteer
  - Of the volunteer registration form
- Unknowns
  - In-person vs. virtual events

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Journey to College Site Coordinator Resource Manual

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Site Coordinator Resource Manual

Kim Howe

Outreach Services Coordinator at MDHEWD

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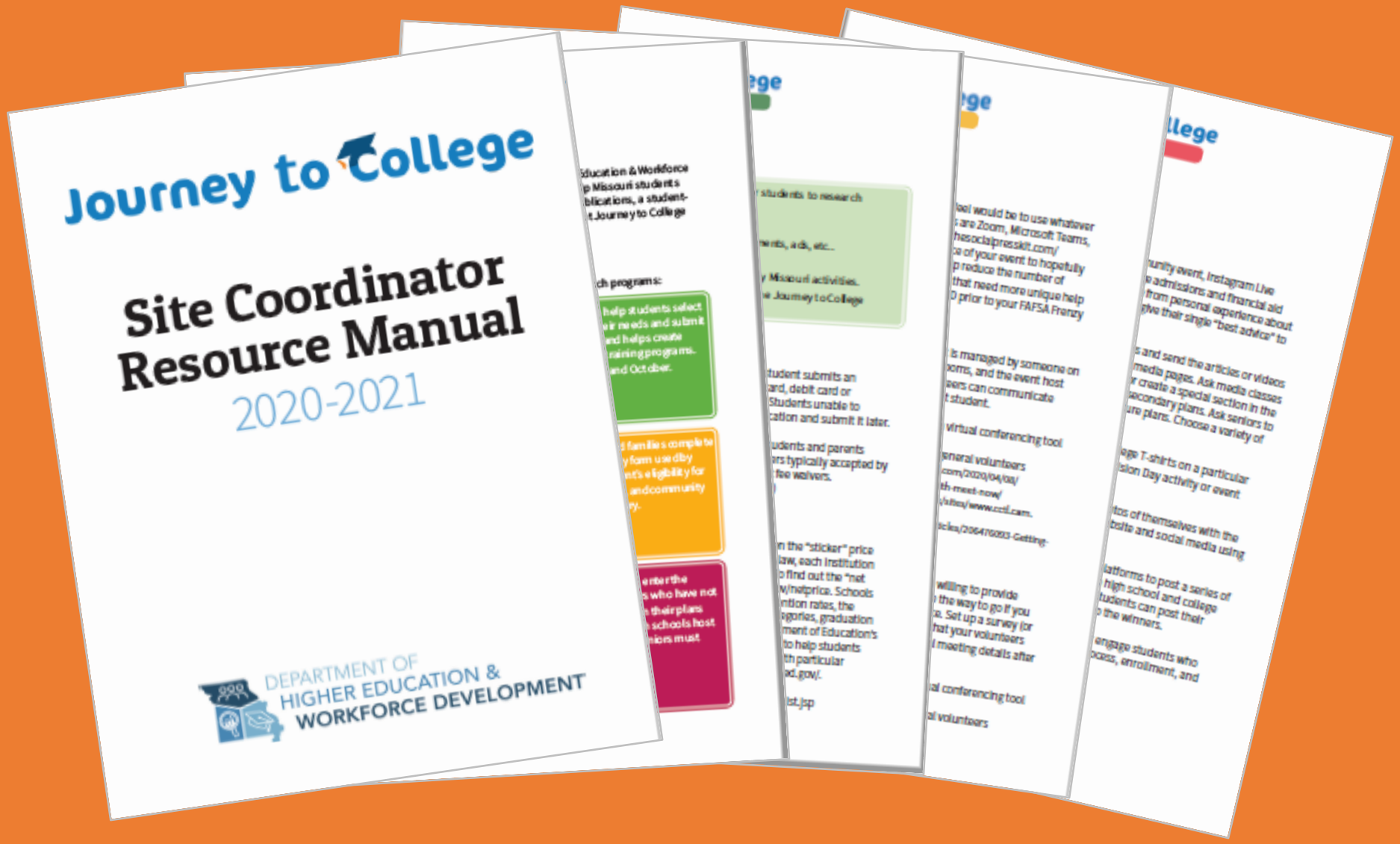

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Kindergarten – 8th Grade Update

Ashley Heidbreder

Program Coordinator – Outreach at MDHEWD

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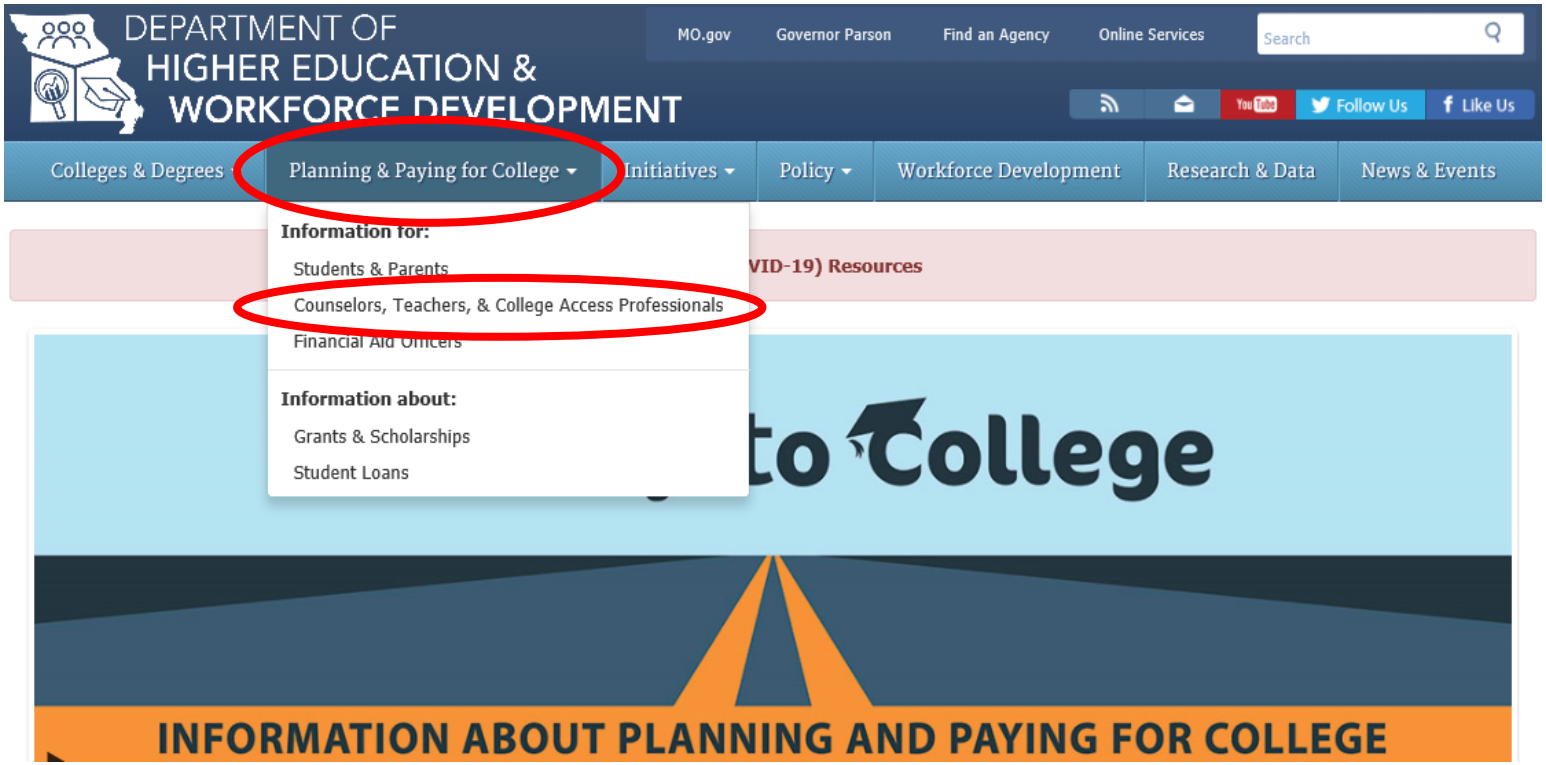
- Journey to College Kindergarten – 8th Grade
- Piloted Spring 2020
- Statewide launch 2020-21 school year

What do you need to do?

- Register online as a J2CK8 Site Coordinator
- Share this information with elementary and middle school counselors



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J2CK8 Site Coordinator Registration

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- Financial Literacy
  - Request a Financial Literacy speaker
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- Help students apply to college
- Help students determine their financial need
- Help students explore careers
- Help students prepare for college
- Help students graduate on time with 15 to Finish
- Journey to College programs and services
  - Apply Missouri - help students find their best fit and apply for college
  - FAFSA Frenzy - help students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Decision Day - help students finalize their plans for after high school graduation
  - Journey to College K-8 Program - help elementary and middle school students start thinking about future careers
  - 2019-20 Journey to College Site Coordinator Resource Manual
  - 2019-20 Journey to College Student Resource Manual
  - 2019-20 participating schools and organizations
  - Request a Planning & Paying for College speaker
- Missouri Intern Connect Portal

Planning & Paying

- Planning & Paying Home
- Journey to College Monthly Reminder

Explore By Topic

- Grants & Scholarships
- Student Loans

Explore By Audience

- Students & Parents
- Counselors
- Financial Aid Officers

Related Links

- Financial Literacy
- Missouri Connections
- Veterans' Educational Programs

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It's never too early for students to start thinking about future careers. The Journey to College programs have expanded to elementary and middle school students after 22 schools participated in a pilot program in Spring 2020. Free materials and resources are available to help support college and career-oriented activities.

REGISTER NOW!

Register to host J2C K-8 activities for 2020-21.

Planning & Paying

- Planning & Paying Home
- Journey to College Monthly Reminder

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J2CK8 Site Coordinator Registration

This form allows Missouri elementary schools, middle schools, and other organizations to register to host the Journey to College Kindergarten – Eighth Grade Program coordinated by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

For more information about Missouri's J2CK8 Program or other Journey to College programs, visit our website.

You may direct any questions about the registration process or any of the Journey to College programs to journeytocollege@dhewd.mo.gov.

There are 4 questions in this survey.

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What else do you need to do?

- Have fun checking out MDHEWD's FREE resources

- Share pictures, stories, and testimonials with the J2C Team!

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Apply Missouri Overview

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Apply Missouri Overview

Lisa Wilson

Outreach Services Coordinator at MDHEWD

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Apply Missouri

This program is designed to:

- Help students navigate the college application process
- Create a college-going culture at your school
- Generate interest and engagement among all students

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Finding the Best Fit

Plan for college:

College and Degree Search

Search options

- Area of interest/career
- College
- Location
- Program delivery
- Degree level
- Degree type
- Cost
- CIP

Search

Clear all

College cost comparison

It's important to consider costs when choosing the right college for you. Use this chart to compare tuition rates, fees and your financial aid offers before making a final decision.

	School 1	School 2	School 3	School 4
School name				
Federal school code				
FAFSA deadline				
Estimated cost of attendance (COA)				
Tuition and fees				
Room and board				
Books and supplies				
Transportation				
Miscellaneous/personal				
Additional costs				
Total cost of attendance	0	0	0	0
Estimated financial need				
Total cost of attendance	0	0	0	0
Expected family contribution (EFC)				
Total financial need	0	10	0	0
Estimated financial aid (grants, scholarships and tuition assistance)				
Federal Pell Grant				
Federal SEOG Grant				
Federal TEACH Grant				
Institutional aid				
Missouri state aid				
Private scholarships				
Veterans educational benefits				
Other				
Employment				
Federal Work Study				
Other				
Loans				
Federal Perkins Loan				
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan				
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan				
Federal Direct PLUS Loan				
Institutional Loan				
Private Loan				
Other				
Total financial aid	0	0	0	0
Estimated out-of-pocket cost				
Total cost of attendance	0			
– Total financial aid	0	0	0	0
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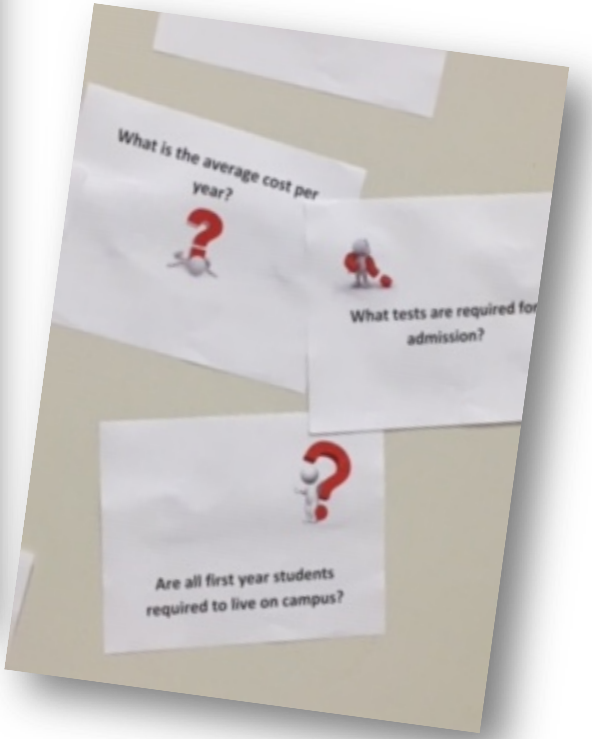
Activity Examples



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Going Virtual

- Determine priorities
- Use college research websites
- Virtual tours, online games
- Connect with the college & workforce professionals

How to Participate

- Register as a Site Coordinator to host an event
- Provide a computer lab, staffing and time during the school day for students to submit college applications
- Have students complete an online survey
- Report the results of these efforts to the MDHEWD

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Apply Missouri Best Practices

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ACAC School of Excellence

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Director, American College Application Campaign (ACAC)

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FAFSA Frenzy Overview

Kim Howe

Outreach Services Coordinator at MDHEWD

Missouri FAFSA Numbers

- In 2018, 40% of Missouri seniors did not complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- $52.6 million federal Pell Grant dollars left on the table.

Source: https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/2018-fafsa-study/

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FAFSA Frenzy

- This program is designed to provide one-on-one assistance to help students and families file the FAFSA.

- Students who attend a FAFSA Frenzy event are eligible to apply for the **Journey to College Book Scholarship**.

MASFAP
Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel

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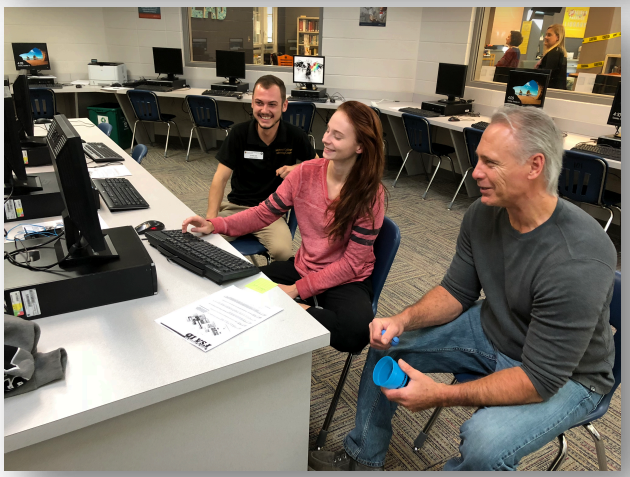
How to Participate

- Register as a Site Coordinator to host an event
- Use the Resource Manual
- Recruit Volunteers
- Submit the Sign-in sheet and survey
- Promote the Journey to College Book Scholarship for students

Put Flair in Your FAFSA Frenzy



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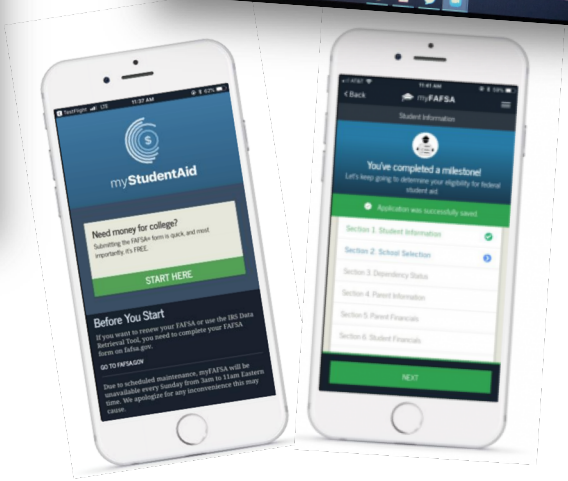
Host a Virtual FAFSA Frenzy



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FAFSA Frenzy Best Practices: The 6 "S's"

Shelley Gerringer

College & Career Counselor, Wentzville School District, Liberty High School

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Scholarship Central: Connecting Missouri Students to Financial Resources for College

Kaitlyn Venta

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Decision Day Overview

Ashley Heidbreder

Program Coordinator – Outreach at MDHEWD

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This program is designed to:

- Celebrate seniors' postsecondary plans
- Create a college-going culture at your school
- Generate interest in planning for the future

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- Register as a Site Coordinator to host an event
- Utilize MDHEWD's FREE resources
- Offer support to undecided students
- Submit the Site Coordinator survey

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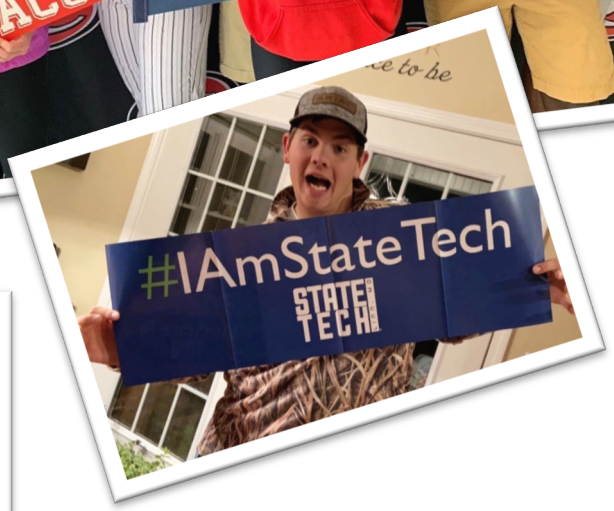
Share Photos and Ideas



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Decision Day Best Practices

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Lunch Break

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Join us again at 1:00 PM

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Executive Director

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FAFSA Filing Initiative

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FAFSA Filing Initiative

Kara Oberkrom

FAFSA Outreach Coordinator at MDHEWD

What is the FAFSA Filing Initiative?

MDHEWD initiative focused on increasing the number of students in Missouri who file the FAFSA.

Our work includes:

- Best practice research
- Convening an advisory group
- Developing a statewide plan

New for 2020-21

Show-Me FAFSA Challenge

A statewide FAFSA completion competition.

Competition Levels

1. Highest Completion Overall

At the end of the competition, the school with the highest percentage of FAFSA completion will win a prize.

2. Most Improved Completion

Improvement will be measured from April 1 of the previous calendar year. The school with the greatest percentage increase will win a prize.

3. Most Innovative Strategy

Qualifying for this award requires a submission. The submission will be submitted via a survey created and distributed by MDHEWD on the competition page. Submissions can include stories, testimonials, videos, photos, and social media screenshots.

What's the prize?

A Scholarship!

Winning schools will determine the recipient of the scholarship from among their students.

Scholarship amounts will be announced at a later date and are sponsored by:

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Resources

- Journey to College – FAFSA Frenzy
- FAFSA Completion Project
- Finish Your FAFSA

Special thanks to the FAFSA Completion Advisory Group!

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Dena Norris
Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Financial Services
Metropolitan Community College

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North Central Missouri College

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FAFSA, FSA ID, and other Federal Updates

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FAFSA, FSA ID, and other Federal Updates

Rob Moore

Director of Financial Aid, Missouri State University

FSA ID

What is the FSA ID?

Enhancements to the FSA ID process were implemented by ED on April 14, 2019:

- Log in with a verified mobile phone number
- Warn users who enter an email address when they will likely lose access
- Remove the 18-month password update requirement
- Remove the requirement for special characters in the FSA ID password
- Warn users when their account is about to be locked

FSA ID Tips

- Have students verify their phone number and email as soon as possible
- Keep your account information up to date
- Only the owner of an FSA ID should create or use the account
- Users must be at least 13 years old to have an FSA ID
- You can temporarily disable your FSA ID

FAFSA Updates -Accessibility

- New web location starting with 2020-21 FAFSA
- FAFSA on the Web is now mobile-friendly
  - Responsive Web Application effort means web pages are easily read on a variety of electronic devices.
- myStudentAid mobile app has been updated with new features and is now more user-friendly

FAFSA Updates – IRS Changes

- FAFSA form updated to reflect changes to 2018 IRS tax forms
  - Questions on the type of tax return filed modified to remove IRS 1040A/EZ response
  - New questions 35 and 82 (replace 33 and 80) tweaked to address Automatic Zero and Simplified Needs Test EFC calculations
  - IRS forms 1040NR and 1040NR-EZ added to foreign tax return response
  - Exemptions questions removed
  - IRS combined untaxed portions of IRA distributions and untaxed pensions and annuities
  - No changes to IRS DRT

FAFSA Updates – 2021-22 Form

- Draft 2017-18 FAFSA was made available for comment on April 27, 2016
- Draft 2018-19 FAFSA was made available for comment on April 20, 2017
- Draft 2019-20 FAFSA – Could not locate when draft was made available
- Draft 2020-21 FAFSA was made available for comment on April 5, 2019

FAFSA Updates – 2021-22 Form

As of a communication exchange with Education Department on June 24, 2020, no 2021-2022 FAFSA draft has been made available for review or comment

- As such, we do not yet know of any changes to the FAFSA form that will be made available to students on October 1, 2020.

Federal Update

- Reauthorization is dead
- Small bills may pass
- Next stimulus package
  - Timing
  - Content
- Other Items

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Today's Topics

- Budget, Budget, Budget
- Program Updates
- COVID-19 Accommodations

FY 2021 Budget Situation

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FY 21 Budget Restrictions

Only Bright Flight affected:

Requested: $24,176,666 ($500,000 more than FY 20)

Appropriated: $20,176,666 ($3.5M less than FY 20)

Restricted: ($ 6,470,893)

Available: $13,705,773

Impact: **Awards reduced from $3,000 to $1,800 for Top 3%** ($0 for 4th & 5th percentiles)

FY 21 Budget
A+ Scholarship

Requested: $45,913,326 ($4.8M more than FY 20)

Appropriated: $41,113,326 (same as FY 20)

Impact:

- Greater demand in FY20 than anticipated led to no carryover funds for summer
- Expected continued cost increase combined with no new money
- Potential reduction in number of credit hours eligible for reimbursement
- No funding available for dual credit/dual enrollment scholarships

FY 21 Budget
Access Missouri

Requested: $73,421,052 ($7M more than FY 20)

Appropriated: $63,921,052 ($2.5M less than FY 20)

Impact:

- FAFSA filing down but less money
- Current estimates
  - Award reduction from 75% of statutory maximum to 70%
  - $2,000 max award at 4-year institutions & State Tech; $910 max award at 2-year institutions
  - April 1 deadline
- Final awards announced in August

FY 21 Budget Fast Track

Requested: $24,445,014 ($10M more than FY 20)

Appropriated: $ 3,000,000 ($7M less than FY 20)

Impact:

- Inclusion of independent institutions based on GR and GEER fund appropriations ($1M each)
- Anticipate full awards until funds are depleted
- Renewal students have priority, then application date

FY 21 Budget
Other Programs

- Marguerite Ross Barnett funding eliminated (requested $413,375)

- Other state aid programs' funding flat:
  - Advanced Placement Incentive Grant: $100,000
  - Kids' Chance Scholarship: $15,000
  - MUELP: $32,964
  - Public Safety Officer Survivor Grant: $153,000
  - Wartime Veteran's Survivors Grant: $315,000
  - Dual Credit Scholarship (not tied to A+): $0

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A+ Scholarship

Administrative Rule Revisions

- Effective 7/30/19
  - Attend an A+ HS for any 3 years
    (was 3 years immediately prior to HS graduation)

- Effective 5/30/20
  - Revised to accommodate dual credit/dual enrollment scholarship
  - Attend an A+ HS for any 2 years
  - Verification of 2.5 CGPA at end of each term for postsecondary students

Bright Flight

- Monitoring potential ACT score change for 2022 seniors

- Considering impact of new, official ACT superscore

Fast Track

- New program for adults in 2019-2020
  - 25+ years old or out of school for at least 2 years
- Need-based
  - Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of $80,000 or less if married filing jointly $40,000 or less for all other tax filing statuses

Fast Track

- Grant converts to a loan if employment requirement not met
  - Missouri resident & employed full-time in MO for 3 years after graduation
  - Potential loan amount reduced by 1/3 for each year of employment
  - Must be repaid with interest if obligations not met

- Automation added in 2020-2021 to expedite payment process (potentially from one month to one week)

COVID-19 Accommodations

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State Aid Programs - General

Eligible for payment if eligible when school:

- Closed
- Began alternative delivery method

(10 business day verification periods waived)

Full-time enrollment for 8-week sessions even if:

- Institution closed or began alternative delivery methods before the second session began
- Student didn't attend 2nd 8-week session
- Enrollment for both sessions must equal full-time

State Aid Programs – General (cont'd)

2.5 CGPA

- SAP as defined by institution (2.5 CGPA not required) to renew for fall 2020
- Fall only for programs w/statutory CGPA requirement:
  - Access
  - Bright Flight
  - Fast Track
  - War Vet
- All other programs accommodation for full year
- Advanced Placement
  - Based on A+ or Access, depending on how student qualifies
- Public Safety Officer Survivor Grant
  - N/A – already SAP as defined by institution

A+ for 2020 H. S. Seniors

- GPA requirement
  - If GPA calculated, 2.5 CGPA at the end of either the fall 2019 or spring 2020 semesters qualifies
  - If pass/fail grading for spring 2020, CGPA at time in-person classes halted or at end of 3rd quarter
- Algebra I EOC (and alternative) requirement waived

A+ for 2020 H. S. Seniors (cont'd)

- Tutoring/mentoring requirement
  - Reduced from 50 to 25 hours
    - Exceptional circumstances extension still available
  - Flexibility in meeting this requirement allowed
    - Policy revisions may be temporary or permanent
- 95% attendance requirement
  - Calculation per high school's policy still required
  - Based on total coursework in which the student is enrolled, regardless of delivery method in 4th quarter
  - Blanket "appeal" for COVID-19 available if applied consistently to all A+ students.
    - Individual appeals for health issues still possible

A+ for 2020 H. S. Seniors (cont'd)

Verification of A+ Eligibility

- Stamped transcript preferred
- Letter can be substituted if:
  - On school letterhead
  - Includes verbiage specified in e-distribution message
  - Signed by the principal or A+ coordinator, with typed name and title of the signatory

A+ for Postsecondary Students

- Renewal GPA
  - Institutional definition of SAP by the end of Spring 2020, (GPA can be less than 2.5)
  - Only applies to students who were eligible for an award in the 2019-2020 academic year
- Full-time Enrollment and Completion requirements
  - Met if eligible at time of closure or conversion to alternative delivery
  - Original guidance linking these to the All Available Hours exception to full-time enrollment was inadequate
- Coursework eligible at closure/conversion is reimbursable

Fast Track Certification

Total Hours Enrolled

- Number of hours enrolled at the time of closure or change to another delivery method

Tuition Calculation

- Based on number of hours enrolled in at the time of the closure or change to another delivery method

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- Provide feedback on the Virtual Journey to College Day Survey
- Register as a Site Coordinator to host events
- Submit your questions through the new Online Question form
- Stay tuned for updated online resources:
  - 2020-2021 Site Coordinator Resource Manual
  - Show-Me FAFSA Challenge details
  - Review J2C Day recorded presentations and bonus sessions

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