

COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT

For all 7th – 12th grade
students and parents

January 9, 2019
5:00-8:30 pm

RHS CAFETERIA:

5:00-8:00 pm Exhibit Booths

RHS AUDITORIUM:

6:20 pm Dr. Shibley, Superintendent
of Rockford Public Schools

6:25 pm Blaine Kellermeier,
Kellermeier Plumbing Inc.

6:30 pm Lisa Jacobs, Executive
Director of Community Services

6:35 pm Dr. Bill Pink, President of
Grand Rapids Community College

RHS CLASSROOMS:

7:00 – 7:20 pm Breakout Session #1

7:30 – 7:50 pm Breakout Session #2

8:00 – 8:20 pm Breakout Session #3



Rockford Public Schools

Quality Community – Quality Schools
Together Building a Tradition of Excellence

Breakout Sessions

Choose up to three 20 minute break-out sessions

High School 101

Beginning high school is an exciting time for teens and their parents. During these years, students enjoy many new opportunities: sports, clubs and activities, as well as school dances and more. Along with the joys of high school, new experiences, changing friendships and increased expectations can create apprehension. Freshman year is a pivotal time, when they are learning about themselves, developing new interests and gradually becoming the young adults they want to be. Please join the RFC counselors to learn what to expect and how to successfully manage the transition to high school.

Presenters: Holly Normington and Jen Lutz
All Sessions – Room #101

Earn College Credit While Enrolled at Rockford High School!

Learn how to earn college credit right at Rockford High School without leaving campus. Learn about concurrent enrollment, dual enrollment, articulated credit and Advanced Placement courses and what college earning credit options are best suited for your educational career.

Presenters: Rachel Kreuze and Lisa Jacobs
All Sessions – Room Auditorium

Understanding Collegiate Athletic Eligibility

Students who wish to participate in athletics at the collegiate level should be ready academically to do college work and must jump through certain hoops to be eligible freshman year. Learn eligibility rules to help in planning a high school schedule. The topic of eligibility for college athletics at all levels of competition will be addressed.

Presenter: Ken Parker
Session 3 – Room LGI

Tips and Tricks to Support the College Application Process

Grades 10-12

The college application process can feel intimidating. Information and resources will be provided to help prepare for meeting the requirements.

Presenter: Tara Holwerda
All Sessions – Room #103

Create a 4-year High School Schedule to Support Career Pathways

This session is designed to help students and parents begin to plan a framework for courses to take in high school years, based on a projected career and/or academic pathway.

Presenter: Ken Parker
Sessions 1 & 2 – Room LGI

Mastering the College Search in 15 Minutes or Less

Grades 10-12

Planning and exploring colleges can be overwhelming. Learn how to research colleges/universities and develop a top 5 list.

Presenter: Sarah Young
All Sessions – Room #105

Financial Planning to Support College Tuition

The realities of paying for college, how student loans work and ideas to minimize student loan debt as well as available tax credits.

Presenter: Plan Member Securities DBA Williams & Company
All Sessions – Room #114

Exploring KISD Opportunities While in High School

Learn more about the KISD programs available to high school students. Launch U, KCTC etc.

Presenter: Dr. Bill Smith, KISD.
All Sessions – Room #150

Aquinas College

Discover AQ - Aquinas College, an inclusive educational community rooted in the Catholic and Dominican tradition, provides a liberal arts education with a global perspective, emphasizes career preparation focused on leadership and service to others, and fosters a commitment to lifelong learning dedicated to the pursuit of truth and the common good.

Presenter: Renae Gavitt
Session 2 – Room #107

Ferris State University: Test Optional Admissions (NEW for 2019 Admits)

This year, Ferris launched a Test-Optional Admissions program for students who have at least a 3.0 GPA but didn't do as well on their SAT as they would have liked. Come learn about the new process & what scholarships you may still be eligible for.

Presenter: Jeff Stewart
Sessions 1 & 2 – Room #110

Ferris State University: Different Students, Different Visits

Ferris State offers different types of visit opportunities throughout a student's college-decision journey. We'll go over our general admissions visits, our Saturday events, Admitted Student Open Houses, and our new Crimson & Gold program, where you can shadow a student in your program of interest.

Presenter: Jessica Davison
Session 3 – Room #110

REF | ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Rockford Education Foundation (REF) supports learning in Rockford by funding both basic and innovative programs requested by teachers, students and the community. The funding awarded by REF advances educational programming for learners of every age, from early childhood through school age and onto elder programming.

REF has awarded Rockford Public Schools \$25,000 each year to fund the Early College Program. This program gives high school students the opportunity to pursue a career pathway and achieve college credits while at Rockford High School. REF is proud to partner with Rockford Public Schools to offer this unique educational opportunity and lessen the financial burden for families paying for college credits.

Please consider making a donation to REF to help the organization continue to offer this program to our students and award grants to all of education in Rockford.

GRCC - High Wage, High Demand and High Skilled Career

Community colleges are not educating individuals that are enlisted in a “consolation prize” - we are educating those that are enlisted in the American dream. Join me to learn about GRCC’s one and two-year offerings to pave your way to a high wage, high demand and high skilled career

Presenter: Dr. Amy Mansfield, Dean of Workforce Development

Session 1 – Room #111

GRCC - Honors Program, Scholarship Opportunities, and College Partnerships

Many GRCC students save significant dollars by earning an associate’s degree and then transferring to a four-year university. We also offer an Honors Program, including scholarships, for students in any of our degree pathways. Join me to learn about GRCC’s Honors Program, scholarship opportunities, and partnership agreements with 4-year universities.

Presenter: Dr. Sheila Jones, Dean of Instructional Support

Session 2 – Room #111

GRCC - Workforce Training

Learn about short term education programs where you can explore careers and gain skills through active learning. A student can go to work right away at a middle-skill job or continue on a degree pathway for further education.

Presenter: Ms. Julie Parks, Executive Director of Workforce Training

Session 3 – Room #111

GVSU - 4 Year College Planning and Opportunities

Overview of Grand Valley State University to learn more about majors, housing, tuition, scholarships and various opportunities to visit campus. This session is intended to help students discover why Grand Valley State University might be a great fit, and will help them understand the college search and application process.

Presenter: Libby Bonnell

Session 1 – Room #107

Ivy League and Highly Selective College Admissions

The Secret of what it REALLY takes to get into an Ivy League (or any other “highly selective” private school) these days! A short and to-the-point inside look at boosting your shot at getting into an Ivy League or other “highly selective” program from an Ivy League grad and Regional Enrollment Director for Dartmouth College for over 15 years.

Presenter: Jean Bina

Sessions 1 & 2 – Room #104

Universal Forest Products Business School

Are you a self-motivated, high-energy student eager to get into the business world? Then Universal Forest Products has an opportunity for you. We offer a unique and dynamic opportunity to earn income as a paid employee while also receiving a college-level education at no cost to you.

Presenter: Jeanie Colella

Session 3 – Room #104

Open Systems Technology (OST)

Open Systems Technologies is a technology consulting company. We will explore the many types of career opportunities in our world: Programmers, System Administrators, ERP Consultants, Security Consultants, Project Managers and leadership roles. If you have any interest or passion around technology come here about our world!

Presenters: Rob Kellner - Principal; Beth VanSlyke - Lead Recruiter

All Sessions – Room #137

VDA Labs

Vulnerability Discovery & Analysis (VDA) Labs is a cyber-security business. Our services include: ethical hacking (penetration testing), vulnerability remediation, malware analysis when organizations are breached, application security and code auditing, compliance, and training in any security domain. One of our current projects is to help Activision secure their new Call of Duty: Black Ops 4 Companion Mobile Application.

Presenters: Dr. Jared DeMott, Founder/CEO; Michelle Lentz, Office and Financial Manager; Greg Hatcher, Cyber Engineer

All Sessions – Room #135

Blue Medora

Women in Technology and Leadership: This presentation will outline steps women can take to enter the tech field, grow into leadership roles, and articulate the importance women play in the industry. It’s imperative that a diverse mindset is represented in the technology field and at the leadership table.

Presenter: Joy Ducey Miller, Sr. Director of Operations

All Sessions – Room #139

Atomic Object

Almost every business, in almost every industry, needs software to be successful. At Atomic Object, we’ve partnered with everyone from auto manufacturers, furniture companies, educational institutions, government organizations, airlines, and flower distributors to build custom software that solves their unique needs. Come learn what it’s like to work creatively with clients to turn their big ideas into working software.

Presenters: Molly Alger, Software Consultant and Developer; Jesse Hill, Accelerator Manager

All Sessions – Room #134

Why is enlisting in the US Military a Viable Option?

So, you are considering your options for the future and thinking about the military. Joining the military is unlike any other option because there are benefits you won’t find anywhere else. Breakout sessions will include advanced and specialty training, education benefits, as well as leadership training. These benefits can last a life time!

Presenters: US Navy; United States Army; Michigan Army National Guard

All Sessions – Room Media Center

Learn about a Career in the United States Marine Corps

The United States Marine Corps will provide an overview of options available through the Marines. Topics discussed will be tuition assistance, apprenticeship programs, and learn about professional development as well as other opportunities while in the USMC. Please join the discussion as this session is offered third session only.

Presenters: Staff Sergeant Gavin Smith, Sergeant Peter Escebedo

Session 3 – Room #107

Join the Police Force and Make a Difference in your Community

We will present on being a police officer, as well as some of the programs we offer to high school and college age students that may be interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. We offer our Youth Police Academy, Police Explorers as well as an internship program at GRPD.

Presenter: Officer Andy Snyder

All Sessions – Room #127

Job Satisfaction and a Good Wage are Available in the World of the Skilled Trades

The skilled trades offer a variety of job paths with the opportunity to earn a good wage. Transferable skills and job satisfaction are among the rewarding experience the skilled trades will provide. With the growth potential and the number of job openings this is a session to learn more about various jobs available in the world of the skilled trades.

Presenters: Kellermeier Plumbing Inc.; Mark of the Z - Heating & Cooling; ResCom - Electric & Integration

All Sessions – Room #115

Show Me the Money

Learn about the many high-demand, high-wage careers in the field of public accounting. Learn tips and strategies to help you be successful in this highly-competitive, energetic environment.

Presenters: Hillary Mullennix and Rick Chrisman, Hungerford Nichols CPAs and Advisors

All Sessions – Room #125

