

Career and Post Secondary Education Resources and Websites (3-1-12)

The resources and websites listed in this document are only a snapshot of what is available to school counselors, students and their families. If there are additional resources and/or websites not listed and should be included or if there a website listed that is no longer available and should be deleted, please email Ann Gaulin at ann.gaulin@ct.gov. This document will be updated in the spring of 2012.

Career Interest and College Preparation Related Programs

Career Interests Game

www.career.missouri.edu/students/majors-careers/skills-interests/career-interest-game

Career Self-Assessments from the Office for Students with Disabilities Portland Community College

http://spot.pcc.edu/~riacobs/career/new_page_5.htm

College & Career Quest Exercise

www.njsca.org/col/colquest.htm

Connecticut Department of Labor Job and Career Connection

www.ctjobandcareer.org

Connecticut Department of Labor: Pathways to the World of Work for Young Adults Self-Assessment

www.ctdol.state.ct.us/youth/assessment.htm

Connecticut Labor Market Information

www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi

Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS)

www.cttech.org

Engineer Girl!

www.engineergirl.org

Kids.gov

www.kids.gov/k_careers.htm

NIEHS KIDS' PAGES: Health and Science Careers

www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/labcoat.htm

Sci4KIDS

www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids

Science Careers – www.mbayaq.org/lc/kids_place/kidseq_careers.asp

<http://www.ct.edu/initiatives/readiness/#middle>

The Fun Works for Careers You Never Knew Existed

<http://thefunworks.edc.org/SPTUI--FunWorks/funworks/accessible/home.php>

Mapping Your Future

<http://mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer>

College of Technology

www.comnet.edu/services/college_of_tech.asp

Connecticut Early Childhood Education Interactive Career Map

<http://ctearlychildhoodcareerdev.info>

Connecticut League for Nursing: A Guide to Nursing Education in Connecticut 2010-2012

www.ctleaguefornursing.org/clnnursingguide.php

Connecticut State Department of Education: Certification Information (How to Become a CT Teacher)

www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cert

H.O.T. Health Occupations and Technology Careers in Connecticut

www.healthcareersinct.com

Institute of Sustainable Energy: Green Jobs in Connecticut

www.ctenergyeducation.com/images/greenjobCT709.pdf

Job & Career Connections

www.ctjobandcareer.org

The National Association of Music Education

www.menc.org/careers

Ocean Careers.com

www.oceancareers.com/2.0/index.php

The Riley Guide (A comprehensive career planning resource)

www.rileyguide.com

SIAM: Thinking of a Career in Applied Mathematics

www.siam.org/careers/thinking/intro.php

Major Resource Kits

www.udel.edu/CSC/mrk.html

Career Guide to Industries

www.bls.gov/oco/cg

CareerOneStop

www.careeronestop.org

Collegeboard.com: Major & Career Profiles

www.collegeboard.com/csearch/majors_careers/profiles

Exploring Career Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: What Do You Like?

www.bls.gov/k12

JobStar Central: Career Guides

www.jobstar.org/tools/career/index.php

College Crunch

www.collegecrunch.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco

Occupational Outlook Quarterly

www.bls.gov/opub/ooq

O*NET OnLine

<http://online.onetcenter.org>

UCONN Mentor Connection

www.gifted.uconn.edu/mentor

Post Secondary Education Preparation and Readiness Information

- **ACT®: College Planning**
www.actstudent.org/college/index.html
- **College Board**
www.collegeboard.com
- **College.gov**
www.college.gov
- **College Week Live** (Free website for students, schools and families to participate in college tours and post secondary education preparation programs)
www.collegeweeklive.com
- **Common Application**
www.commonapp.org
- **Connecticut State University System New Academic Requirements (2015)**
www.ct.edu
- **ED.gov: Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education**
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html
- **Financial Aid and other Publications for School and College Counselors (Order Bulk Copies)**
www.FSAPubs.gov
www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov
- **Financial Aid and other Publications for Students and Families (Order Single Copies)**
www.edpubs.gov
www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs
- **International Baccalaureate**
www.ibo.org
- **KnowHow2GoConnecticut**
www.KnowHow2GoCT.org
- **My Future My Way: First Steps Toward College**
www.studentaid.ed.gov/early

- **New England Board of Higher Education**
www.nebhe.org
- **NUMBER2.com**
www.number2.com
- **Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education**
www.ctohe.org/edinfo/default.shtml
- **Supporting Success - A framework for Program Enhancement:
Improving Higher Education Outcomes for Students from Foster Care**
www.casey.org
- **PETERSON'S**
www.petersons.com
- **Princeton Review**
www.princetonreview.com
- **Vocabulary University®**
www.vocabulary.com

Financial Aid Resources and Information

Providing Effective Financial Aid Assistance to Students from Foster Care and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth: A Key to Higher Education Access and Success

By: Tracy L. Fried and Associates Contact: John Emerson, Postsecondary Education Advisor, Casey Family Programs, jemerson@casey.org or 206-270-4941

College Goal Sunday Connecticut

www.collegegoalsundayct.org A statewide program that assists families in completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Visit this website to register at one of the locations and materials to bring. The program usually runs the Sunday before Super Bowl Sunday. Financial aid officers will help you complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

College Crunch Financial Aid Resources

www.collegecrunch.org/college-financial-aid-resources/

The Connecticut Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education's financial aid webpage

describing state and federal programs.

www.ctohe.org/sfa

www.KnowHow2GoCT.org – College planner for 8th-10th graders and mentors.

www.conntacinc.org – Free statewide educational counseling, scholarships, and career planning services. Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov – The U.S. Department of Education's tool for students and parents to estimate a student's eligibility for federal financial aid.

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html – “Funding Education Beyond High School” – the U.S. Department of Education's guide to federal student aid.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/LoanForgivenessv4.pdf> – The Federal Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees Program.

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/repaying_loans/index.html – Your Federal Student Loans, Learn the Basics and Manage Your Debt – A new pamphlet to explain what you should consider when you're planning on borrowing money for college.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/IBRPlan.jsp> – Income Based Repayment (IBR) is a repayment plan for the major types of federal loans made to students. Under IBR, your required monthly payment is capped at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on your income and family size.

www.irs.gov/publications/p970/ – Information on the Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits and the new, as of tax year 2009, American Opportunity Credit.

www.abetterchance.org – Scholarships and other resources for minority students.

www.collegeanswer.com – A searchable scholarship database sponsored by Sallie Mae; registration is required.

www.collegeboard.org – Click on Students to access scholarship search, and the College Scholarship Service CSS/Profile Supplementary financial aid application required by many colleges.

www.collegenet.com/mach25 – A good jumping off point to many links.

www.cspaaa.com – Click on “Educational Foundation” for information about State Police Academy Alumni Educational Foundation scholarships.

www.educationisfreedom.com – A national scholarship program for qualified high school seniors.

www.fastweb.com – A searchable scholarship database

www.finaid.org – A searchable scholarship database

www.hsf.net – The Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

www.iefaf.org – A searchable database for students who wish to study abroad.

www.nasfaa.org/Home.asp – The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

www.nebhe.org/programs-overview/rsp-tuition-break/overview – Tuition savings for New England residents studying in other New England states.

www.smartmoney.com/college/?nav=dropTab – College savings resources and calculators.

www.uawlocal571.org/index.html – UAW Local 571, Marine Draftsmen Association scholarships for graduating high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing.

www.uncf.org – The United Negro College Fund.

www.yahoo.com/education/financial_aid – A directory of searchable scholarship databases.

College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) Partnership Project

State of Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education, Manchester Community College and Manchester High School (MHS) along with East Hartford High School (EHHS)

Bridges Program

<http://www.wcsu.edu/bridges/>

<http://www.ct.edu/initiatives/readiness/#bridges>

Collaboration between Western Connecticut State University, Bethel Public Schools and Danbury Public Schools

College Career Pathways (CCP) -formerly known as Tech Prep

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?A=2678&Q=320746>

Partnership involves all 12 Connecticut Community Colleges with feeder high schools

Concurrent Enrollment Programs in CT

UConn Early College Experience

Link: [Early College Experience | UConn](#)

Manchester Community College – Great Path Academy (GPA)

<http://www.mcc.commnet.edu/students/current/programsGPA.php>

Capitol Community College – Capitol Preparatory Magnet School

<http://www.capitalprep.org/>

Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) and Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) Quinebaug Valley Middle College High School (QVMCHS)

www.eastconn.org/QVMCHS/index.htm

University of Hartford – University High School of Science and Technology

<http://www.choiceeducation.org/university-high-school-of-science-and-engineering-9-12>

Connecticut Community Colleges Dual Enrollment Partnership Program <http://www.commnet.edu/planning/research/DualEnrollment/DualEnrollmentv1.asp>

Summer Transition Programs in CT

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

<http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=2062>

Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) Summer Transition at Eastern Program /Contract Admission Program (STEP/CAP)

<http://www.easternct.edu/asc/stepcap/>

Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Summer Educational Opportunity Program (SEOP)

<http://www.southernct.edu/SEOP/>

Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) Educational Achievement and Access Program (EAP)

<http://www.wcsu.edu/pcaap/eap/program.asp>

University of Connecticut (UConn) Student Support Services (SSS)

<http://admissions.uconn.edu/programs/sss.php>

Summer Transition Program for students with borderline academic records due to SAT falling slightly

below minimum and /or noted weak academic GPA granted conditional acceptance, 5 week program, provided tutoring and mentoring throughout college

Partnership Programs with Connecticut Middle Schools and Connecticut State Universities

<http://www.ct.edu/initiatives/readiness/#middle>

Other Connecticut Education Initiatives

<http://www.ct.edu/initiatives/readiness/#resources>

<http://www.ct.edu/initiatives/readiness/#know>

<http://www.bpef.org/maacs.htm>

Connecticut Virtual Learning

Connecticut's provider of online high school courses taught by CT certified teachers to meet CT Standards www.ctvirtualllearning.org