

Forest Park Jr/Sr High School: College & Career Readiness

College Resource Highlight:

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There are more than 2,000 colleges and universities in the United States! It can be overwhelming for a student to know where to begin as they start to explore what options they may have when looking for a college. BigFuture is a program through the College Board that will match you with potential schools based on your interests. Some of these factors include: location, college major, type and size of college, sports and activities available, on campus services, etc... Whether you're a senior getting ready to apply to school or a freshmen looking to start setting college goals, BigFuture is a great starting point to either explore options or narrow down your list.

Welcome back Forest Park Rangers!

Welcome back to school from your new college and career counselor! This is my first year at Forest Park High School under a brand new role. While I may be new to Forest Park, I have been a school counselor for the past ten years. I am thrilled to join Ranger Nation and especially excited about this new opportunity.

With a few weeks of school behind us, we have already been busy with college and career exploration, especially as our seniors start to brainstorm what their life might look like upon graduation. Seniors have worked hard in English classes to draft a college admissions essay, which will help them when they go to submit their college applications. Seniors have also heard from me in a group setting during English classes about the college application process. This is just the first step towards their end goal of graduation and beyond!

Seniors have also begun to have 1:1 college and career planning sessions with me as we work through any barriers that they may be confronted with during their college/career planning. Of course, seniors are always



encouraged to reach out with individual questions along the way.

With this new position, my hope is to grow a College and Career program for our students that rivals one of a private college and career coach. I envision Forest Park being the one stop shop for students to explore career options while using myself as a personal advocate for their future.

With that in mind, I encourage all parents and guardians to reach out to me regarding their individual student's needs. I am a parent myself and know that parenting can be overwhelming. When it comes to your child's future, I hope that I become, over the years, a key player in your student's success. Please do not hesitate to reach out for guidance regarding your student's needs. I look forward to getting to know each and every student and family here at Forest Park Jr/Sr High School!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, August 31st: A representative from University of Southern Indiana will be at FP during advisory/study hall. All interested juniors and seniors are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 7th: There will be a senior meeting during 4th period regarding Next Level Jobs. All seniors will attend.

Tuesday, September 7th - Wednesday, September 8th: All 21st Century Scholar Students (Grades 9-12) will meet during study hall/advisory to go through Scholar Success Program

Tuesday, September 21: A representative from Franklin College will be here at FP during advisory/study hall. All interested juniors and seniors are welcome to attend.

Monday, October 4th: Vincennes University Jasper Campus is hosting a College Fair in their gym from 6:00-7:30. All college bound high school students are encouraged to attend.



College & Career Student Spotlight

Avery Knight Forest Park Senior

Meet Senior Student Avery Knight!

College Plans: Avery plans to attend Ivy Tech in the fall where he looks forward to advancing his knowledge on computer software and cyber security. Avery has already applied and been accepted to Ivy Tech.

Future Outlook: In 10 years time, Avery sees himself working as a Senior Network Engineer at a company like Cisco. He would like to move to a bigger city such as Evansville or Cincinnati.

On The Job Experience: Avery has been working as an intern for Southeast Dubois School Corporation offering his IT skills to teachers, faculty, and students. He loves troubleshooting computers, fixing problems, and seeing the faces of people when he solves their IT issues.

Advice for Younger Students: Avery suggests that younger students look into classes that interest them. He said he is especially glad that he took an IT Support Class. He also suggests that students look into all the Dual Credit options available here at school.

Visiting College Options:

Whether you're a freshman or a senior, it's important to get yourself on campus to visit any colleges and universities you're interested in. It can become stressful for seniors who wait until spring of their final high school semester to begin actually exploring what it feels like to be on a college campus. Fall break is a great time to plan a college visit! Contact your college admissions offices to set up tours and meet with an advisor. If you're unable to visit in person, there are plenty of options for virtual tours! LearnMoreIndiana has a link to every college's virtual tour. While it's always better to see it in person, virtual tours are a great start.