

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

## Career Resource Highlight:

A resume is an extremely helpful tool to use when applying for a job, scholarships, or even leadership opportunities. It's never too early to start creating your resume.

Students as young as junior high should start building their resume. All Forest Park Students have access to a program called **Naviance**.

**Naviance** is a robust college and career platform to help students navigate various aspects of their college & career planning. **Naviance** offers a feature in which students can enter information for their resume including an objective, education, volunteer & job experience, activities, and achievements. Naviance will then create a professional resume for the student with a simple click of a button.

During their time at Forest Park, students will learn how to use the Resume Builder feature in Naviance, but it's never too early to start.

Students can access Naviance through their chromebooks and get started on their resume today!



Counselors Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Dilger, and Mrs. Thimling all celebrated College Go! Week this month.

## Forest Park Celebrates College Go! Week

It has been a great month at Forest Park, especially with the celebration of College Go! Week. College Go! Week is a state wide initiative dedicated to helping students find the right college that fits their personality and interests. We focused especially on exploring college options right here in our home state of Indiana. One of the highlights from the week was Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. All students were able to participate in college activities during their lunch periods. We had a variety of activities for the students to participate in including College Trivia Plinko, The College Wheel of Fun, and a 6 foot map of the state of Indiana where students raced to see how quickly they could identify locations of Indiana college and universities. It was great to see the students get involved, test their college knowledge, and learn about their post-secondary options.

Students also participated in College Go! classroom lessons. A highlight for students was playing college related games like College Bingo and Guess the College Mascot. Students were even able to learn some fun facts about the college experiences of our teachers and staff right here at Forest Park. It was an interesting way to start conversations between students and their adult role models here at Forest Park. This state wide initiative is a great way to begin the process of talking about college options. The term "college" is constantly changing. College is no longer just a traditional 4 year bachelor's degree. When I speak to students, I remind them that "college" means any extension of their education after high school, including associates degrees, career and technical education, on the job education and training, and more.

## Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>:** A representative from Proteus will be here during study hall to speak to juniors/seniors who have an interest or experience in an Agriculture related career.

**Monday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Indiana State University will be here during study hall for any interested junior/senior.

**Monday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Vincennes University-Jasper will be hosting a college fair from 6-7:30 in their gym. All students welcome.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Purdue University will be here during study hall for any interested junior/senior.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Vincennes University Jasper Campus will be here during study hall for any interested junior/senior.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** FAFSA Night for all college bound seniors and guardians at 6:00 in the auditorium.

**Thursday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Indiana Tech will be here during study hall for any interested junior/senior.

**Monday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>:** All seniors will learn Naviance Resume Builder and create their own resume.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>:** All freshmen will visit Vincennes University!

**Friday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>:** A representative from Masterbrand will be here during study hall to present to interested juniors/seniors.



## College & Career Student Spotlight

Dylan Weyer  
Forest Park Senior

### Meet Senior Student Dylan Weyer!

**College Plans:** Dylan has applied to Purdue University for Mechanical Engineering. He looks forward to completing his Bachelor's degree at Purdue and then possibly pursuing additional education in Business.

**Future Outlook:** In 10 years, Dylan hopes to be back here in Dubois County sharing his talents with our local industries. He is considering companies such as Kimball International, Masterbrand, or OFS.

**High School Influence:** Dylan participated in a STEM challenge his sophomore year which he states made an impact on his career choice. He also has built a relationship with Mr. Jacob Berg, a former engineering teacher at Forest Park, who Dylan now keeps in touch with while he works at Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

**On the Job Experience:** Dylan is an intern at Kimball International where he works in their research and development lab. He enjoys programming robots, 3D printing, and 3D scanning. He has enjoyed seeing things from a new perspective, learning about product testing, and meeting new people.

**Advice for Younger Students:** Dylan suggests that students challenge themselves in every way they can through academics and extracurricular activities. He also suggests meeting as many people as possible because networking has helped him quite a bit, even as a high school student.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship:

The thought of paying for college can certainly be a daunting one. Indiana has created an opportunity for students in grades 7-8 to apply for additional funding to public college and universities within the state. Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program provides up to four years of undergraduate tuition to eligible students at participating colleges or universities in Indiana, as well as step-by-step guidance and support to make sure they succeed in college and finish their degree. Parents can apply online at [scholartrack.in.gov](http://scholartrack.in.gov). Once enrolled, counselors here at Forest Park will help high school students ensure that they are on track to receive the scholarship. For parents and guardians of junior high students, please consider reaching out to the counselors here at FP for more information. The deadline to apply is June 30<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.