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SENIOR NEWS

THERE IS STILL TIME...

ABBOTT & FENNER SCHOLARSHIP

JUNE 10

The A&F scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post-secondary institution. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site: www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

BIGSUN SCHOLARSHIP

JUNE 19

The BigSun Organization is offering a scholarship opportunity for students who have participated in athletics while they were in high school and has plans to continue their involvement in that sport at either a two- or four- year college. Applications are available on-line at www.bigsunathletics.com

HONORS NIGHT

Monday, May 15

7:00 pm

GRADUATION 2023

Wednesday, May 17@ NIU

7:00 pm

Comparing Financial Aid Award Letters

You may receive award letters from different colleges. Keep the following in mind when making your final decision.

Look carefully at your award letters: Letters from different schools will probably have their figures and costs in different formats. Compare each award letter so you can see how their offers measure up.

Compare loan offers: Interest rates, how interest compounds and repayment terms vary widely from loan to loan. Also, each college may have different cancellation provisions.

Compare the terms of eligibility: The terms of your loan may change in subsequent years (e.g., grants might be replaced by loans), making your education more expensive as you go. Compare affordability of aid offers over time.

Pay attention to the real bottom line: The school with the lowest cost of attendance may not be the most affordable. The amount and type of aid offered will influence affordability.

Don't accept an offer just because it has the lowest "unmet need": You may save more by accepting an offer with a higher unmet need, if the aid package offers more scholarships and grants instead of loans.

Compare like terms: How do the schools determine cost of attendance? Do they all include direct costs (tuition, fees, room and board) as well as indirect costs (transportation and personal expenses)? How do they handle outside scholarships? What work-study options are available?

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

The Counseling Department would like to express our congratulations on your upcoming graduation. We wish you happiness and success in your adventures after high school. Best Wishes!!!