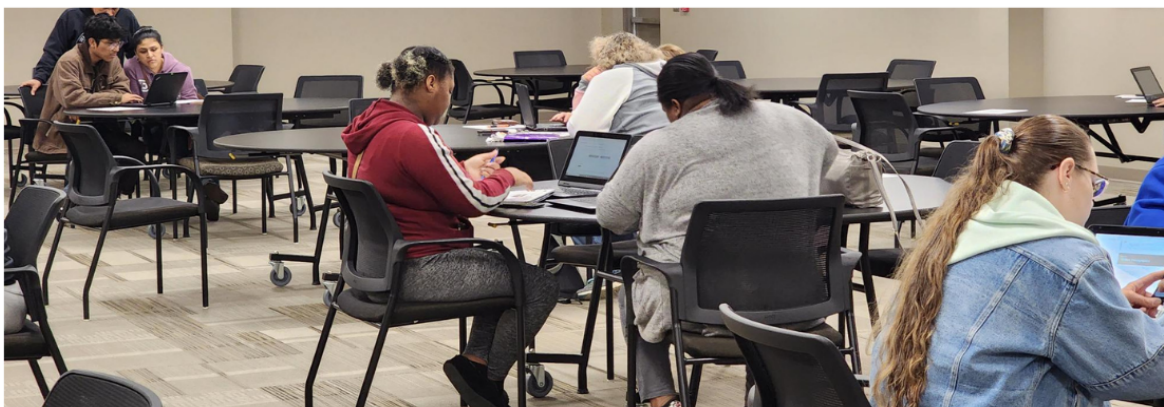


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K-12 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS/GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



WELCOME TO OUR 2023-2024 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER!

BY SHENITA BOLTON, DIRECTOR OF PREK-12 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

ATTENTION FWCS SENIORS! As you may or may not know, there are major changes and improvements being made to the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. SENIORS will be able to complete the FAFSA application beginning December.

Indiana now requires ALL seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The requirement was approved both by the Indiana Senate and House and signed by Governor Eric Holcomb. While you are waiting for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to launch, ALL seniors and parents or guardians of seniors should create their account (FSA ID). "An FSA ID consists of a username and password you create to gain access to the U.S. Department of Education's online systems. An FSA ID can also serve as your legal signature when completing electronic documents. While you are not required to have an FSA ID to complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, it is the fastest way to sign your application and have it processed. It is also the only way to access or correct your information online, or to prefill a FAFSA form with information from your previous year's FAFSA form. You must keep your FSA ID secure and never share it with anyone" (Department of Education, 2023).

During the next several months, high school guidance counselors, GEAR UP Student Advisors, and the College and Career Readiness staff will work closely with students and their families to create FSA ID's and complete the FAFSA.

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CAREER VISITS

Skilled Trades Fair: Oct 6th

I-Career: Business: Oct 24th

Trine: Health Sciences: Nov 2nd

Indiana Tech: Criminal Justice Fair: Nov 15th

COLLEGE VISITS

IU Bloomington: Oct 5th

Notre Dame: Oct 11th **(Student & Parent)**

Ball State: Oct 18th

PFW/IUFW: Oct. 26th **(Student & Parent)**

Purdue W Lafayette: Nov 16th

University of Saint Francis: Nov 17th **(Student & Parent)**



College & Career

READINESS



VISITS '23



10TH GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER VISITS

Purdue W Lafayette: 10/4/23

University of Northwestern Ohio: 10/27/23

10TH GRADE CAREER ACADEMY VISITS

Wayne: 10/10/23

North Side: 10/20/23

Northrop: 11/06/23

South Side: 11/14/23

8TH GRADE COLLEGE VISITS

University of Saint Francis:

Portage: 10/20/23

Blackhawk: 10/25/23

Purdue FW/ IU FW

Miami: 10/30/23

Kekionga: 11/02/23

Towles: 11/06/23

Manchester University

Lane: 11/01/23

8TH GRADE CAREER ACADEMY VISIT

Northwood: 10/4/23

Memorial Park: 10/17/23

Blackhawk: 10/18/23

Towles: 10/24/23

Lane: 10/25/23

Miami: 11/1/23

Jefferson: 11/29/23

SPOTS ARE LIMITED - PLEASE SEE YOUR STUDENT ADVISOR OR GUIDANCE OFFICE FOR DETAILS

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



FIND YOUR ROLE & VOLUNTEER!

Are you wanting to volunteer with Fort Wayne Community Schools? Great! To start a new background check, or renew an expiring check, volunteers can contact the Community Programs Office in one of three ways:

1. *Call the Community Programs Office at 260-467-8810*
2. *Enter the following URL in a web browser - <https://forms.gle/dVndQsV7G38kPYbF6>*
3. *Scan QR Code on the left*

TO BEGIN THE
BACKGROUND CHECK
PROCESS SCAN QR
CODE BELOW



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS - STUDY CONNECTION



Study Connection is set to kick off the Study Connection year. We are excited to welcome back our community partners from last year as well as three new community partners. AmeriCorps Foster Grandparents, Fort Wayne Housing Authority, and Grile and FACE staff are joining the Study Connection Team for the 2023-2024 school year.

To get our volunteer tutors started, Study Connection will host three tutor orientations around the District. Do it Best has graciously agreed to host an orientation session in the Don Wolf Conference Center. Waynedale United Methodist Church will host an orientation for sites on the south side of the district, and Bethany United Methodist Church will host an orientation for sites on the north side of the district. Study Connection is grateful to these three organizations for going “above and beyond” to help start the Study Connection year. It is never too late to join Study Connection as a volunteer tutor, or partner organization. If you know of a volunteer or an organization that is interested in participating in Study Connection, please have them get in contact with the Community Programs Office at 260-467-8810.

Careers in Music

Do you realize that there are a minimum of 85 careers that you can get by studying music in high school and college?

Accompanist
Actor/Actress
Architectural Acoustic Monitor
Armed Forces Band Member
Arranger
Artist & Repertoire (A&R)
Arts Administrator/Manager
Audio Recording Engineer
Broadcast Engineer
Choir Director
Choreographer
Church Music Director
Clinician
Community Development
Composer/Arranger
Conductor
Copyright Specialist
Cruise Director
Digital Audio Editor
Disc Jockey
Editor
Ethnomusicologist
Event Manager
Film Music Editor
Fundraising Director
Instrument Service Specialist
Instrumental Performer
Journalist
Licensing Representative
Lyricist

Manufacturer's Representative
Multimedia Artist
Multimedia Sound Worker
Music Agent
Music Artist Manager
Music Attorney
Music Business Accountant
Music Copyist
Music Critic
Music Director
Music Journalist
Music Librarian
Music Producer
Music Publishing Specialist
Music Reporter
Music Scout
Music Software Programmer
Music Store Manager
Music Stringer
Music Teacher
Music Therapist
Music Video Director
Music Video Editor
Musician
Musicologist
News Anchor
Orchestra Librarian
Piano Tuner-Technician
Podcaster
Producer

Professor
Promoter
Public Relations Specialist
Publicist
Radio and TV Announcer
Radio and TV Program
Director Radio Producer
Recording Technician
Recreation Director
Recreational Therapist
Royals Broadcast Monitor
Sales Representative
Singer
Songwriter
Studio Musician
Sound Technician
Synthesizer Specialist
Technical Writer
Tour Manager
Union Contractor
Venue Owner/Manager
Vocal Performer
Voice Actor/Actress

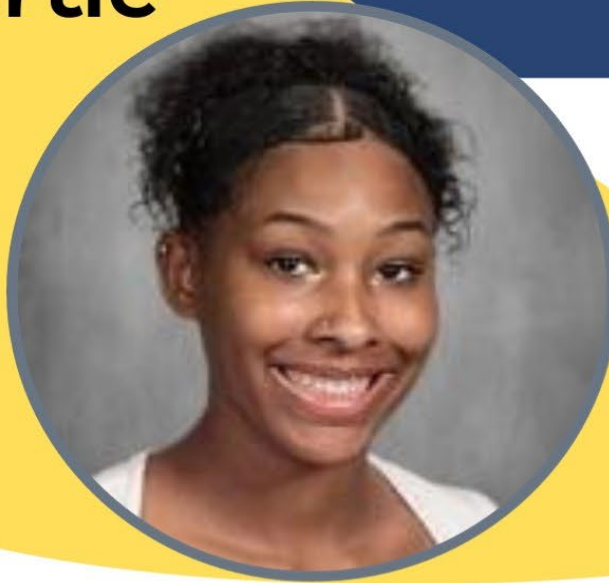
What music careers would you like to do?



instrumental

Internal Internship Spotlight

Meet Libertie



Libertie Parker, a North Side High School senior, is a current Athletic Trainer Intern. Through her internship, Libertie has learned how to stabilize a broken foot or ankle and how to test for a concussion through a concussion protocol. Her future plans are to attend college for a bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine with a minor in Exercise Science. Her internship experience is helping her learn more about athletic training both on and off the field. Libertie believes, "If you know what you want to do then chase after your goal before it is too late. Get involved and get a feel for what you want to do before you go and pursue it." When asked if Libertie would do this internship again, her response was "I actually love my internship here because I have been wanting to do this from the start of freshman year and this has been a career I wanted to go into."



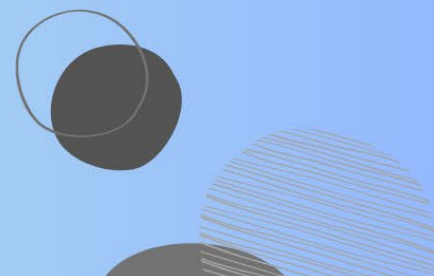
PSAT/NMSQT



Facts



- Administered to ALL 11th grade students
- NMSQT stands for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
- The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual competition for high school students planning to attend college. Numerous scholarships are awarded.
- To enroll in the competition, students will answer three questions on the PSAT:
 - Are you enrolled as a high school student (traditional or homeschooled)?
 - When will you complete or leave high school and enroll in full-time college?
 - How many total years will you spend in grades 9-12?





Join the Parent/Guardian Trailblazer Program

Are you interested in gaining knowledge, skills and abilities to support your children both academically and emotionally? To join the Parent/Guardian Trailblazer Program, contact Christine Williams, the Family Engagement Coordinator at (260) 467-7297 or email christine.williams@fwcs.k12.in.us.

**FALL BREAK ELEMENTARY
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
NOW SHOWING
"MOANA"**

FREE POPCORN AND FOOD PROVIDED

OCTOBER 13, 2023

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM

MOVIE STARTS: 6:00PM

**Wendy Y. Robinson Family and Community Engagement Center
230 East Douglas Ave. Fort Wayne, IN 46802**

REGISTER NOW



**For more information, please contact Christine Williams at (260)
467-7297 or email christine.williams@fwcs.k12.in.us**

Calling All FWCS Parents

Understanding Mental Health in Children Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

FWCS Parent/Guardian Trailblazers

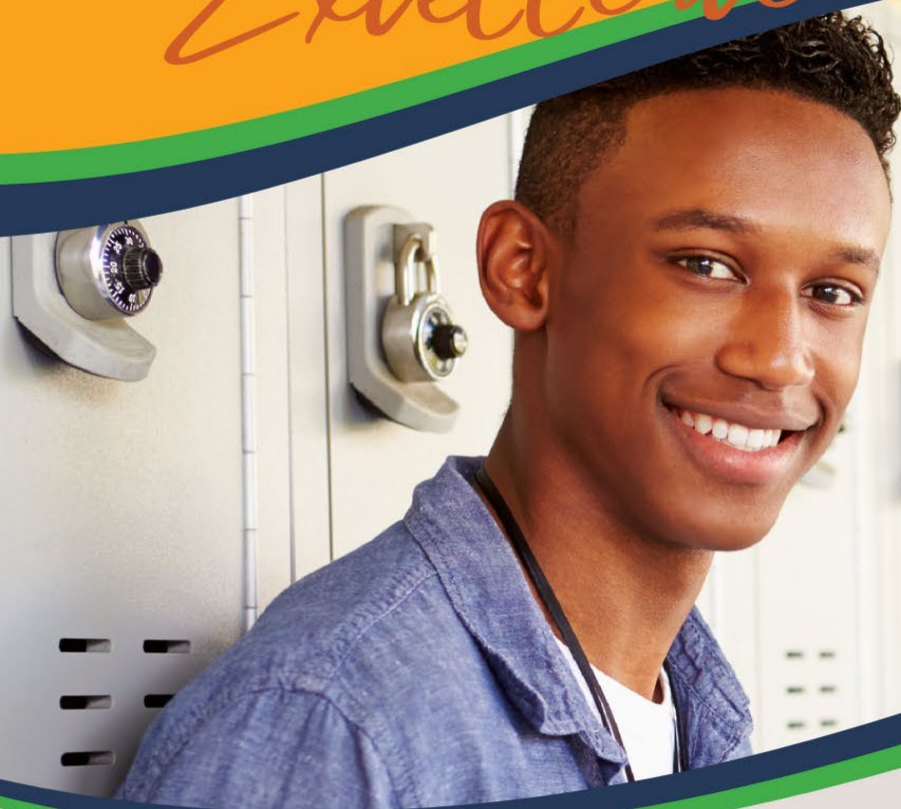


Please scan the QR
Code to register or visit
[https://forms.gle/671LM6
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For more information, contact:
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Family Engagement Coordinator at
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OR (260) 467-7297

PATHWAYS IN BLACK

Excellence



Ivy Tech Community College, Student Life Center Gym
3701 Dean Drive, Fort Wayne, IN

NOV | 29 | 2023

11TH-12TH GRADE

10:00 a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Breakout Sessions + Lunch



WE ARE YOUR SCHOOLS



IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Please see the GEAR UP Student Advisor or Guidance Office for permission form

WE ARE YOUR SCHOOLS



ENGINEERING THE PROCESS

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO

ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST

K-2ND GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Practicing responsibility and independence
- Learning core subjects, such as math and reading, at high levels
- Learning to recognize their talents and strengths and how to deal with challenges
- Demonstrate awareness of their school, neighborhood and community

With:



8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



October 21, 2023



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Community Engagement Center
230 E Douglas Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

TO REGISTER

Pick up a permission form in the Main Office . You may also contact Allen Coultas, K-12 College and Career Readiness Manager to register at (260) 467-7290. A certificate will be awarded at the conclusion of the workshop!



RENEWABLE ENERGY

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO

ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST

3RD-5TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Practicing responsibility and independence
- Learning core subjects, such as math and reading, at high levels
- Learning to recognize their talents and strengths and how to deal with challenges
- Demonstrate awareness of their school, neighborhood and community

With:



10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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THE GAME OF LIFE

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST 6TH-8TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Improves decision making skills
- Planning for the future by learning more about careers and post-secondary opportunities
- Gaining the knowledge and skills needed to be successful
- Provides direction, self-knowledge and focus
- Building relationships with peers and community

With:



1:00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.



October 21, 2023



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Pick up a permission form in the Guidance Office or see Middle School Advisor. You may also contact Allen Coultas, K-12 College and Career Readiness Manager to register at (260) 467-7290. A certificate will be awarded at the conclusion of the workshop!



THE GAME OF LIFE

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST 9TH-10TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Improves decision making skills
- Prepare future graduates to apply knowledge from classroom to solve challenges now and in the future
- Future graduates will have a plan for life after graduation and develop professional skills through hands-on, relevant career experience
- Understanding and appreciation for cultural and social diversity

With:



9:00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.



October 28, 2023



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Pick up a permission form in the Guidance Office or see the GEAR UP Student Advisor. You may also contact Allen Coultas, K-12 College and Career Readiness Manager to register at (260) 467-7290. A certificate will be awarded at the conclusion of the workshop!



ROADMAP TO POST-SECONDARY READINESS

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO **ENROLL**,
EMPLOY OR **ENLIST**

11TH & 12TH GRADE  **GEARUP** FWCS **WORKSHOP**

Benefits:

- Future graduates will apply knowledge from the classroom to solve challenges now and in the future
- Learn the importance of developing a schedule and having a master calendar.
- Connect with local colleges and universities about admission best practices
- Engage with peers and representatives in a LIVE panel

Engage with
Local Colleges:



1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.



October 28, 2023



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Pick up a permission form from your GEAR UP Advisor . You may also contact your GEAR UP Coordinators Angela Benge at (260) 467-2120 or Sade Hiegel at (260) 467-7278.

FWCS CAREER FAIR

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The event will feature companies aligned with the following Career

Clusters:

- Education & Training
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Finance

Arts, Business Management,
Government & Public Administration
and many more!

Open to 10th -12th Grade
SIGN UP NOW

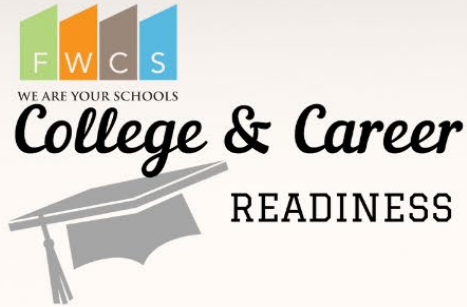
**PICK UP A PERMISSION FORM IN THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE OR CONTACT THE
GEAR UP STUDENT ADVISOR**



NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK!



COLLEGE GO! WEEK!





Help students graduate college with less debt .

Questa Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that serves the 11-county region of Northeast Indiana. Questa provides unique funding opportunities to help students from our area pursue further education after high school. Below are a few funding opportunities that could be a great resource for the students you mentor:

- **Questa Traditional Scholars program:** Students graduating high school can apply for up to \$20,000 of funding to pursue a certificate, associate, or bachelor's degree. Funding is a loan that is up to 75% forgiven* when students graduate from a partner school and return to northeast Indiana to live and work for five years after graduation. Applications are open December 1 – March 15.

- **Parkview Opportunity Scholars program:** Students graduating from FWCS can apply for up to \$10,000 in funding to pursue an associate degree at Ivy Tech. Funding is a loan that is 100% forgiven when students graduate and start their careers at Parkview Health (students receive full debt forgiveness when they work at Parkview for one year). Students are encouraged to apply by March 1, but applications will be accepted until all awards are made.

- **MadeByMe Scholarship:** Students pursuing training or certificate in the skilled trades can receive up to \$1,000 in scholarship funding to help with any related training expenses (including mileage, equipment, and training fees). Application open until all awards are made.

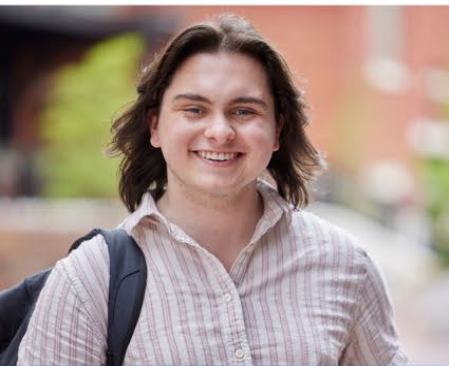
- **Scholarship Search Tool:** Questa hosts a database of local scholarship opportunities to help students find additional funding for training or college expenses. Visit www.questafoundation.org/scholarship-database to access our robust list of resources.

Questa Partner Schools: Anderson University, Grace College, Huntington University, Indiana Tech, Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne & Warsaw, Indiana Wesleyan University, Manchester University, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Taylor University, Trine University, and University of Saint Francis

*Loan forgiveness options may vary. 50% of our loan is forgiven when a scholar lives and works in Northeast Indiana for five years after graduation. An additional 25% may be forgiven when a scholar graduates from one of our partner schools.

To learn more, visit questafoundation.org.

For questions, contact Raven Morton at rmorton@questafoundation.org or call 260-407-6494, ext. 109.



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Family Night
2023

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