



September 24, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The **CHOICES Committee** is a consortium of counselors and special educators representing high schools in the northern suburbs of Chicago. Each October, our consortium presents **CHOICES: A Post-Secondary Planning Night for Students with Special Needs**. This year's program will take place beginning at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 22, 2018** at **Deerfield High School** in Deerfield, Illinois. **Please visit the Choices website for directions to Deerfield High School and for additional details about the October 22nd program.**

www.postsecondarychoices.org

CHOICES has provided students, parents and educators with important information to assist in post-secondary transition planning. Last fall, approximately sixty colleges, universities and transition programs sent support services representatives to the Choices Fair. More than 900 students and parents, as well as local high school special educators, attended the event. This year, our program will again offer a series of informational sessions.

Breakout Informational Sessions

6 – 6:40 p.m. (Choose one)

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| Managing the Stress of Transition to College | (North Cafe) |
| Accessing Disability Services at a Large Public University | (Auditorium) |

6:50 – 7:30 p.m. (Choose one)

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| Planning for Success at College for Students on the Autism Spectrum | (North Cafe) |
| The Nuts and Bolts of the Application Process | (Auditorium) |

As usual, one of the evening's highlights will be the availability of student disability service and admission representatives from higher education institutions and transition programs from across the country. In addition, we have an amazing post-high school reference guide available to each family attending the fair.

Over the years, this event has become one of the premier conferences of its kind in the United States. We sincerely hope you will make time to attend the CHOICES Conference on **Monday, October 22nd at Deerfield High School.**

The CHOICES Committee

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Choices



A POST SECONDARY PLANNING FAIR FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Monday, October 22, 2018

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

6:00 – 6:40 PM

6:50 – 7:30 PM

College Fair

7:00 – 9:00 PM

DHS Exhibition Gym

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Disability Services at a Large Public University

Auditorium

Randall Ward, DRC Director or Kara James, DRC Senior Asst. Director, Purdue University

Transition from high school disability services and support to a large college and the disclosure of a disability.

Managing the Stress of Transition to College

North Cafe

Pamm Ambrose, Illinois State University

From Baseball to Cricket-- It's a New Ballgame: The Transition from High School to College. Learn about the different expectations between high school and college and how you can prepare and manage a seamless transition.

6:50 – 7:30 p.m. (Choose one)

Planning for Success at College for Students on the Autism Spectrum

North Cafe

Roger Pugh, Ph.D. Achieve Director, Southern Illinois University

The focus of this presentation will be on helping students with autism understand and access appropriate supports on a college campus. Learn strategies to help students increase independence in preparation for the college transition.

The College Search & Application Process for Students with Disabilities

Auditorium

Gretchen Stauder, Post-High School Counselor, New Trier High School

Diane Spillman, School Counselor, Maine South High School

This presentation will cover the basic process of researching and applying to college, including what parts of the application process are similar and different for persons with disabilities.

Questions about the fair? Check our website!

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