

School Counselor Newsletter

Akron Area College Tech Prep Consortium

January 2011



Tech Prep Review

As you know, all Career -Technical Education (CTE) programs must transition to College Tech Prep by 2013; this includes updating current College Tech Prep programs. In order to facilitate this process for school districts, and renew current Credit Banking Agreements, Akron Area College Tech Prep will be holding a series of meetings in conjunction with The University of Akron (UA) and local school districts.

The **Teacher Workshop and Credit Banking Review** meetings are necessary to update all Credit Banking Agreements for new *and current* College Tech Prep programs. Each program wishing to maintain access to college credit at UA, will be sending a representative to the appropriate Teacher Workshop and Credit Banking Review.

This year, Akron Area College Tech Prep Consortium and The University of Akron will review and update the following career fields for programs wishing to create or maintain their partnership with UA:

- Construction Technologies (**Construction**)
- Education and Training (**Early Childhood Education and Teaching Professions**)
- Engineering and Science Technologies
- Finance
- Law and Public Safety (**Fire/EMT**)
- Manufacturing Technologies

If you would like additional information on the Teacher Workshop and Credit Banking Review, please contact Nicole Mullet at nmullet@uakron.edu or 330.972.7112.

National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week 2011 will be celebrated from Feb. 7-11, 2011, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The Akron Area Tech Prep staff would like to Thank-You for all of your hard work and dedication in helping prepare our future leaders.



What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is funds that are used to supplement family and student resources for educational purposes. Financial aid can come in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, or federal work study.

Scholarships

Scholarships are based on individual talent and achievement. They are available from colleges and universities, private companies, as well as state and federal levels. Scholarships usually do not require repayment.

- [UA Scholarships](#)
- [Summit College Scholarships](#)
- [Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program](#)

Grants

Grants are awarded on a financial need basis. They come from state and federal funds and do not require repayment. Types of grants include:

- [Federal Pell Grant](#)
- [The Academic Competitiveness Grant \(ACG\)](#)
- [Institutional Grants](#)
- [Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant \(FSEOG\)](#)
- [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant \(TEACH Grant\)](#)

- [The National Science & Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant \(National SMART Grant\)](#)
- [Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant](#) (Beginning July 1st, 2010)

Loans

Loans are funds that come from state, federal, and private programs. Loans have eligibility requirements and require repayment upon finishing college. Types of loans include:

- [Direct Stafford Loans \(Subsidized and Unsubsidized\)](#)
- [Plus Loans \(Parent Loans\)](#)

Federal Work-Study

Federal Work-Study (FWS) provides part-time job for undergraduates and graduates with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the recipient's course of study. For more information on the FWS program click [here](#).

College Goal Sunday

If your students and parents need help filling out the FAFSA or have any questions regarding the financial aid process, then College Goal Sunday is their destination!

February 13, 2011
The University of Akron
Simmons Hall

Located on the corner of
Buchtel Ave. & College St.

For more information, please
visit

www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org



Pictured Above: Simmons Hall

Department Spotlight: Summit College

Location: The Polsky Building
Dean: Stan Silverman
Website: sc.uakron.edu

About Summit College:

The University of Akron's Summit College offers opportunities for success and achievement to students throughout their educational and professional journey. Summit College is home to the Police Academy, the Cisco Networking Academy, the Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Policy Research, the Akron Area College Tech Prep Consortium, and the Training Center for Fire and Hazardous Materials.

We offer 11 Bachelor degree programs, 45 Associate Degree programs and 25 technical certificate programs and in Allied Health Technology, Business Technology, Engineering and Science Technology, and Public Service Technology. Additional pathways for student success are always being developed. New initiatives in Criminal Justice, Respiratory Therapy, and Industrial Computer Application have emerged as Summit College continues to be responsive to the changing demands of the market by providing students with the tools needed for advance educational opportunities while providing them with employable and promotable skills.

Department Spotlight: Office of Student Financial Aid

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About Student Financial Aid:

The Office of Student Financial Aid assists with the financial aid process, offers information on student loans, grants, and scholarships. The office also provides individual counseling for students and families who are experiencing family hardships that will affect their ability to pay for college. The Federal Work Study program is also a part of the financial aid office. If your student has received federal work study in their award packet, you will need to contact the financial aid office or visit the website to search through the listing of federal work study jobs.



Summit
College



Math Lab



Upcoming Events

College Goal Sunday

February 13, 2011

The University of Akron Office of Student Financial Aid will be hosted College Goal Sunday on February 13, 2011. Please encourage your seniors to attend! For more information please click [here](#).

Credit Banking Notification Deadline

March 1, 2011

March 1, 2011 is the notification deadline for students wishing to access and/or attempt to transfer Tech Prep credits to another institution. Please contact the Tech Prep Office at 330.972.7141 for more information.

FAFSA Priority Deadline

March 1, 2011

For more information in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) please click [here](#).

Northeast Ohio Tech Prep Showcase

March 15, 2011

The Northeast Ohio Tech Prep Showcase will be held on March 15, 2011 at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). For more information on the Tech Prep Showcase click [here](#).

PSEOP Applications Due to Tech Prep Office

April 29, 2011

Tech Prep students who wish to make use of the fee waiver and/or do not meet traditional PSEOP requirements and are requesting the Dean's permission must submit their application and fee waiver request by April 29, 2011. The application must be submitted in its' entirety and there will be no exceptions made for students submitting any part of the application late.