



Join us for Tech Prep Day at InfoCision Stadium!

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Students: Enter to win tickets at www.akrontechprep.org

Teachers: Email Nicole for tickets



Professional Development requests are due to Nicole by **November 12, 2010**. Follow [the link](#) to access the form.

For the latest news and answers
to questions check-out

www.akrontechprep.org

Fast FERPA Facts!

Important Information for Students, Parents, and Teachers

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal directive which mandates how educational records are to be protected by secondary and postsecondary institutions in the United States.

Once a student turns eighteen, or attends school beyond high school, the rights of access to the student's records transfer to the student. This means that all academic information can only be released directly to the student unless the student has given specific, written permission to release that information to someone else.

After a student reaches the age of 18 or matriculates to college, postsecondary institutions and programs are not permitted to provide any information to parents, guardians, or teachers.

Fast Facts and Resources

1. **Students** must be aware that upon turning 18/entering college they are responsible for themselves, their grades, and their academic records. Professors and employees of the college cannot release information or discuss their progress with parents.
2. **Parents** may be permitted access to student records, grades, and financial information with written permission of the student. Interested students can access The University of Akron's form by following [the link](#).
3. **Teachers** should be aware that after graduation, details of their former student cannot come from The University of Akron or Akron Area College Tech Prep. The students must take responsibility to follow through in terms of credit banking and scheduling courses.
4. **Parents** wishing to learn more about what FERPA means for their student can follow [the link](#) to additional resources.
5. **Students** wishing to understand their rights at UA (or any postsecondary institution) can follow [the link](#) to additional resources.

Reminders and Resources

- ⊕ Students who wish to access a fee waiver must do-so [online](#) by December 1, 2010.
- ⊕ Print out the [2010-11 Tech Prep Calendar](#) to identify dates for Showcase, Senior Recognition, application deadlines, and other important information.
- ⊕ Locate your Credit Banking Agreement (CBA) online by following [the link](#).
- ⊕ Check-out the Springboard! resources and information sheets on the College Tech Prep [website!](#) (For teachers involved in Springboard! for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.)
- ⊕ Information for Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Tech Prep student can be found [online](#) under the "student" tab.
- ⊕ Encourage your school's counselors to attend our annual luncheon on Friday, October 8th. Contact [Denise Thomas](#) for details.

Office of Accessibility Did you know...?

IEP's do not follow students to college?

Students must self-declare to the Office of Accessibility at their chosen college or university in order to request services?

Postsecondary institutions cannot ask if a student had an IEP? That information can only be disclosed by the student to the Office of Accessibility.

If a student wishes to register with the Office of Accessibility at The University of Akron, they must follow the steps detailed [here](#).

Senior Program Visits are underway!

Thank-you so much for your willingness to schedule school visits!

Your support and positivity is invaluable and is greatly appreciated.

*Haven't scheduled your visit yet?
It's not too late!
Contact your [liaison](#) today!*

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

October 2010

- 2 UA Visitation Day
(Engineering, Nursing, University College)
- 2 [Tech Prep Tailgating Event/UA Zips Homecoming](#)
- 8 [School Counselor Luncheon](#)
11:30-1:30pm (Quaker Square)
- 14 Steering Committee Meeting 12-2pm
(Polsky 313)
- 23 ACT Test Date
- 25 OGT Testing Begins
- 29 UA Visitation Day
(Business, Education, Summit College, University College)

November 2010

- 1 Early Honors College admissions/scholarship deadline
- 3 UA Visitation Day
(Arts & Sciences, Creative & Professional Arts, Health & Human Services, University College)
- 6 UA Visitation Day (ALL COLLEGES)
- 7 OGT Testing Ends
- 11 UA Veterans Day Observance
- 19 [We Are IT Day](#) (Polsky)
- 25-28 Thanksgiving Recess