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Learn about college admissions, financial aid, at IU Kokomo events

KOKOMO, Ind. — Learn about college life, and get free help filing your financial aid forms, with two events Sunday, February 23, at Indiana University Kokomo.

IU Kokomo admissions specialists will prepare future students and their parent to successfully navigate the college admissions process during the “Parents’ Roadmap to College: Guide Your Student to Success” program.

The “Roadmap to College” program begins with a question and answer session at 1:30 p.m., followed by the program at 2 p.m., in the Kelley Student Center, Room 130.

Admissions Counselor Allison Foust said the college admissions process can be overwhelming to parents, especially those who did not experience it themselves.

“We will talk with parents about what they can do to help their student while he or she is still in high school, and what to expect through the admissions process and when your child starts college,” she said. “We want to help make this process as easy as possible.”

The event includes discussions with representatives from admissions, financial aid, career and accessibility services, athletics, academics and advising, campus life, and more. For more information about the “Roadmap to College” program, contact Foust at anfoust@iuk.edu. Parents should RSVP to attend by Thursday, February 20, at iuk.edu/parent-visit

Current college students, high school seniors, potential college students, and their parents, can file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during College Goal Sunday. The event is open to families considering or attending any college or university. No RSVP is required for College Goal Sunday.

Vinny Vincent, assistant director of financial aid, said even those not sure if they will go to college during the 2014-2015 school year should attend and file their financial aid application before the March 10 deadline.

“You get the most from your financial aid by filing on time or early,” he said. “You don’t want to pass up potential aid or scholarships by filing late, or not filing at all.”

Financial aid experts will assist students and their parents, in several computer labs on campus. Volunteers will direct participants to a lab from the Kelley Student Center.

Vincent added that IU Kokomo gives priority for its scholarships to students who file their financial aid applications by March 1. Those who haven’t filed their 2013 taxes may complete their application as an estimate, and then correct the form later, he added.

He said it is critical for students in the 21st Century Scholars program to meet the deadline. Changes in that program’s administration means those who miss the deadline are no longer eligible for the program, for the rest of their college career.

Check in for College Goal Sunday begins at 2 p.m. in Alumni Hall, and volunteers will direct those attending to computer labs from there. Financial aid experts will walk through the form line-by-line and answer questions during the session. Students should attend with a parent or guardian, and bring their parents 2013 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 forms, and other 2013 income and benefits information. Students who worked in 2013 should bring their own income information. Those 24 and older may attend alone, and should bring their income information.

Students and parents may apply for a U.S. Department of Education Personal Identification Number (PIN) at www.pin.ed.gov before attending College Goal Sunday.

Additional FAFSA help sessions are planned from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, February 24; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 26; 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, February 27; 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, and Thursday, March 6; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 10.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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