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The 10 Most Common Excuses for NOT Going to College & Why They're All Wrong!

1. Nobody in my family has ever gone to college before. Why not be the first? It's true that being the first to do anything can be difficult and maybe even a little frightening, but being the first in your family to receive a college education should give you a sense of pride. Not going to college is the kind of family "tradition" you should break.
2. My grades are not good enough for college. How do you know they're not unless you apply? Even if you haven't obtained all good grades in school, you can still be admitted to a good college that will be right for you. Colleges look at more than just grades and test scores. They look at such things as letters from teachers and other adults; extracurricular activities; jobs you might have had; special talents in art, music, and sports; and interviews. When deciding who gets in, colleges examine the whole person, not just one small part.
3. I can't afford it. There's a lot of financial aid available to help you pay for college. This year alone there are about \$26 BILLION waiting for students who need money for college. If you apply for aid, and you demonstrate that you need it, your chances are as good as anybody else's that you will receive help. There's money available from the federal government, from your state, from the colleges you apply to, and from thousands of grant, scholarship, and work-study programs. But you won't see any of it if you don't check it out.
4. I don't know how to apply to college, or where I want to go. You're not alone. You can start by looking at college catalogs in your high school or local library, and you can talk to your high school counselor, favorite teacher, or someone you know who's gone to college. There's a lot of good advice available, but you have to ask for it. With more than 3,000 colleges to choose from, there's bound to be one that's right for you.
5. I think college may be too difficult for me. Not likely, if you're willing to work hard.
6. I'm not sure that I'll "fit in" in college. Just about any college you might attend will have students from all kinds of backgrounds, so you are sure to find other people whom you can relate to.
7. I don't even know what I want to major in or do with my life. The great majority of college freshmen don't have a clue about these things either. Giving you choices is what college is all about. You can take courses in different fields and see what you like and what you're good at.
8. There's no way I can go to college full-time. So go part-time. Most colleges offer programs you can attend in the evening or on weekends.
9. I'm too old to go to college. Nonsense! You're never too old to learn. Even if you've been out of high school for a while, you can still go to college. Almost half of all full-time and part-time students in the country are adults older than 25 years of age. If they can do it, so can you!
10. I just want to get a good job and make lots of money. College will help you with that and more. Studies have shown that a college graduate will earn several hundred thousand dollars more during the course of his or her working life than someone who has only a high school diploma.

Student Voice *Standing Tall for Freedom*

Close your eyes and imagine America without any soldiers, without any freedoms, and without your loved ones beside you. Then open your eyes and think of the soldiers, the freedoms we have, and your family sitting beside you. Be proud that in America we celebrate Veterans Day, the national holiday every year, giving thanks for our men and women fighting to keep us safe at home. Every November 11th celebrations occur, thanks is given, and soldiers are praised. November 11th, a special day of the year when our men and women in the service are given the recognition they so very much deserve.

At Tri-Village, Veterans Day becomes a celebration to praise our armed forces, the past and the present. On this day, Tri-Village held a program at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium with refreshments followed. Former Tri-Village graduate Del Braund Jr. attended and played the bagpipes, the High School Choir sang an arrangement of America the Beautiful. The Tri-Village staff is always happy to welcome past and present soldiers to the assembly and thank them for their time of serving America.

Brave, courageous, caring, strong, loving, scared, loyal, and freedom are all words that come to mind when November 11th is heard. Don't think of Veterans Day as just any day, take the time to stop and think of how differently America would be without our soldiers. We wouldn't live in such a wonderful country if it wasn't for them, and we wouldn't be free. Just remember November 11th as a day of sacrifice, a day of pride, and a day when America unites and becomes one!

By: *Tiffany Barga*

News from MVCTC

Electrical Trades students from Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) won first place in the Gene Cinfel Scholarship Bridge Building Competition at the Ninth Annual Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana (OKI) Construction Career Days. Congratulations to Alex Shahan, who is a junior at CTC was a member of the winning team. The students were awarded a \$150 scholarship check at the MVCTC Skills USA meeting in October.



Preparing Students for College

The Tri-Village Local School District is interested in preparing more students for technical schools and college through college preparatory classes. In an age when students no longer compete with the person down the street for a job, but rather with a person on the other side of the globe it is more important than ever to have skills that make employees valuable in a world-wide labor market. In 1910-1911 Thomas Edison demonstrated the first talking motion picture, Georges Claude displayed the first neon lamp to the public, and Charles Kettering invented the first automobile electrical ignition system. What will be invented in 2010-2011 that will have the impact of these inventions? It is hard to say, but it is important for our students to develop the language skills, math, science, engineering, and technology skills that will make it possible.

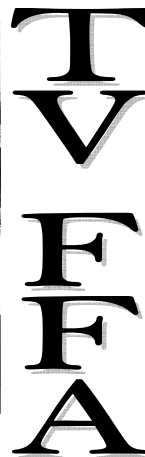


Parents, we encourage your child to take the most rigorous courses available so they are as prepared to succeed not only in college, but also in their chosen profession. It is possible to earn a high school diploma while taking the minimum requirements, but that is not what we recommend for our students, and I would encourage you not to have minimum expectations for your child. Tri-Village offers advanced placement courses where students are able to earn college credit while taking classes at Tri-Village. Encourage your child to take these courses. Even if your child does not earn an A, but they are exposed to a rigorous course and receive college credit I think that this is a worthwhile undertaking for a high school student. Taking less rigorous courses will not prepare students for the next step, technical schools or college.

I have heard reports from our recent graduates who felt well prepared for college courses and that is encouraging news for our staff and I would think comforting news to parents who wrestle with the idea of paying for their children's tuition. College is not cheap. Taking rigorous classes in high school curtails cost in the long run. Students will spend less time in remedial classes or perhaps even test out of classes which saves money as those credits will not need to be purchased from the college or university.

Traditionally, some classes have intimidated young learners. Especially, math and science courses tend to strike fear in some individuals. Tri-Village is combating this fear through a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) approach to teaching and learning. STEM is an inquiry based teaching method. The idea is to bring some relevance to why learning math and science, for example, is important. Once students see how math and science concepts help them in their everyday learning and help them become better problem solvers, then many times their view of science and math changes to a more positive impression.

Edison and Kettering are from right here in Ohio. I suspect there are young Tri-Village Patriots who have the potential to invent something that can help mankind just as these two great Buckeyes did. Please encourage the young people of this community to seek education after graduation. Training module certificates, associate degrees, bachelor degrees and advanced degrees all help young adults compete for jobs. Working together we can pass on wisdom to the young people of this community about why it is important to develop as many skills as possible to succeed in the future. We are asking everyone in the community to help train our young people up right. Instill in them the discipline they will need to make wise decisions.



Tri-Village FFA members outside the POET Ethanol Plant after touring during their National Convention Trip. (L to R) Chris Brandenburg, Kharista Davis, Cody Oyler, Austin Mikesell, Levi Stump, Austen Frech, Lysie Stocker, Alan Bradshaw, Dylen Price, Dale Brewer, Brittany Martin, Jordan Price, Dakota Finkbine, Ryan Hunt, Mike Goodpaster.

Tri-Village FFA Rural Soil Judging Team at the State Contest in Delaware County Ohio (LtoR) Brian Swihart, Alex Massie, Austin Mikesell, Brittany Martin.