

Congressman Filemon Vela

(34th District of Texas)



Presentation to High School Seniors

Options after High School

- Work
- Military
- Technical Programs
- College



How many of you
want to

make
more

MONEY?!?!?!?



Young adults with an

associate's degree

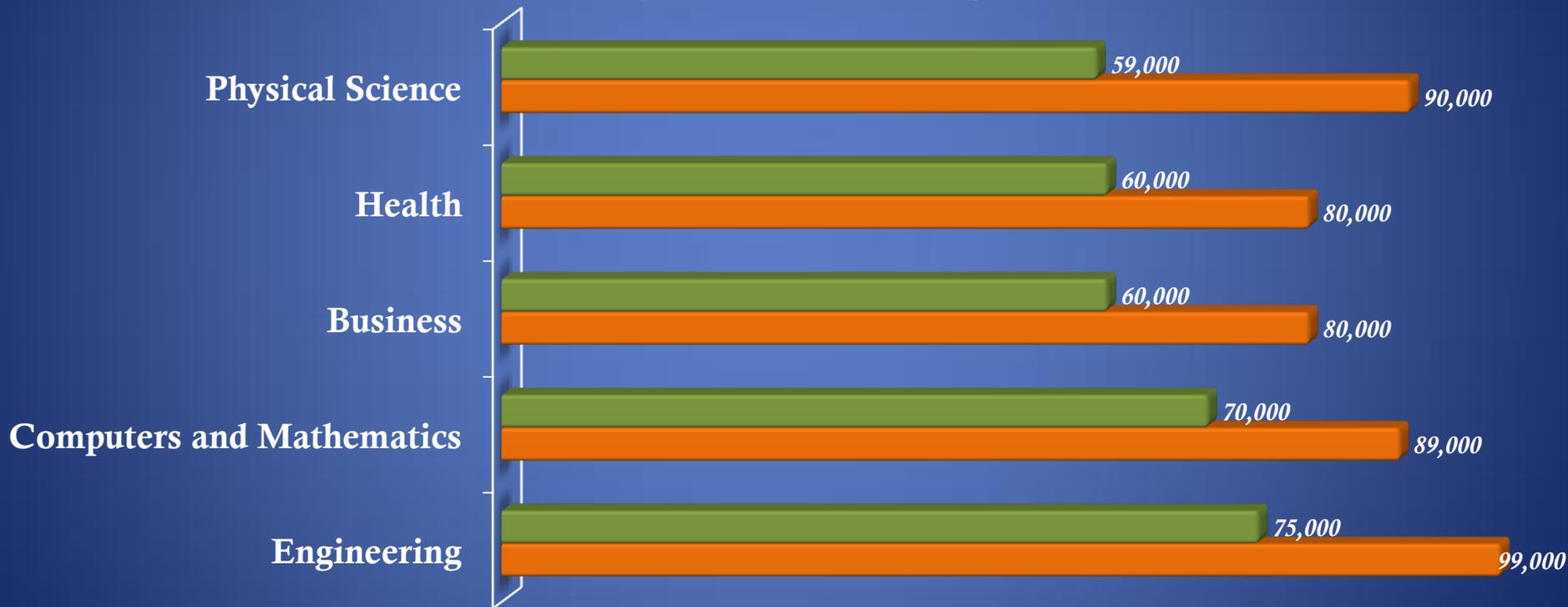
earn an average of

\$6,000 more per year

than their high school graduating
counterparts!

DATA SHOWS: MORE EDUCATION = MORE MONEY

- Median Earnings for those with a Bachelor's Degree
- Median Earnings with a Graduate Degree



EARNINGS SNAPSHOT: IMPACT OF EDUCATION ON NURSING PAY

24
MONTHS
OF STUDY ▶

\$46 PER HOUR
EARN

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING-
NURSE PRACTITIONER
\$95,680 / year

48
MONTHS
OF STUDY ▶

\$29 PER HOUR
EARN

BACHELOR OF NURSING +
NCLEX-RN EXAM:
REGISTERED NURSE
\$60,320 / year

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\$29 PER HOUR
EARN

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF NURSING +
NCLEX-RN EXAM:
REGISTERED NURSE
\$60,320 / year

24
MONTHS
OF STUDY ▶

\$18 PER HOUR
EARN

2-YEAR LVN PROGRAM +
NCLEX-PN EXAM:
LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE
\$37,440 / year

\$11 PER HOUR
EARN

STATE-APPROVED TRAINING + EXAM:
CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT
\$22,880 / year

EARN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR G.E.D. **\$7.25 per hour**

MORE REASONS TO GO TO COLLEGE:

EXPLORE NEW INTERESTS

MEET NEW & INTERESTING PEOPLE

INCREASE EARNING POWER



ACHIEVE A PERSONAL GOAL

STUDY ABROAD

LIVE IN A NEW PLACE



PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Consider the following



LADY GAGA & THE SOCIOLOGY OF FAME



LEARNING FROM
YOUTUBE

HOW TO WATCH
TELEVISION

POPULAR FLOPS:
BAD MOVIES

TREE CLIMBING

ANOTHER
REASON TO
ATTEND COLLEGE...

COOL CLASSES

IPHONE APPLICATION
DEVELOPMENT

SURVIVING THE
COMING ZOMBIE
APOCALYPSE

HARRY POTTER
LITERATURE



JAPANESE
SWORDSMANSHIP

SENIOR YEAR STEPS TO GET INTO COLLEGE

COLLEGE!!

- 
- #1: Prep
 - #2: Apply to Colleges
 - #3: Apply for Scholarships & Financial Aid
 - #4: Choose College
 - #5: Final Prep

STEP 1 :

PREP

THINK ABOUT WHAT KIND OF COLLEGE YOU WANT TO ATTEND

FIRST THINGS FIRST:

Think about where you will be **most likely to succeed**—

- Big v. Small
- Texas v. Out-of-State
- Liberal v. Conservative
- Private v. Public
- 2-Year Associate's v. 4-Year Bachelor's
- Religious v. Secular
- Demographic Makeup



1: PREP

SUGGESTIONS FOR SENIOR YEAR

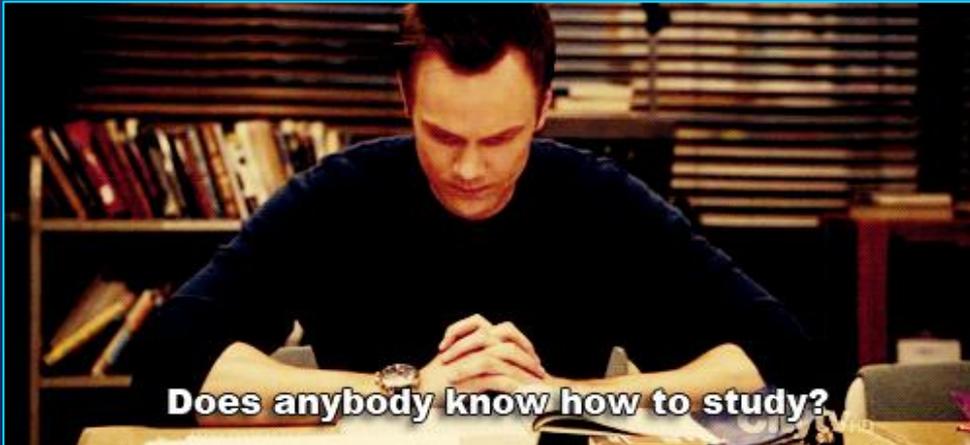
GET TO KNOW YOUR
HIGHSCHOOL TEACHERS

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT!
(AP/Dual-Credit Courses)

DEVELOP GOOD
TIME MANAGEMENT
& STUDY HABITS!

TAKE THE SAT/ACT

TAKE AT LEAST
RECOMMENDED CORE
COURSELOAD!



1: PREP

DO THE EXTRAS DURING SENIOR YEAR

VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES

VOLUNTEERING

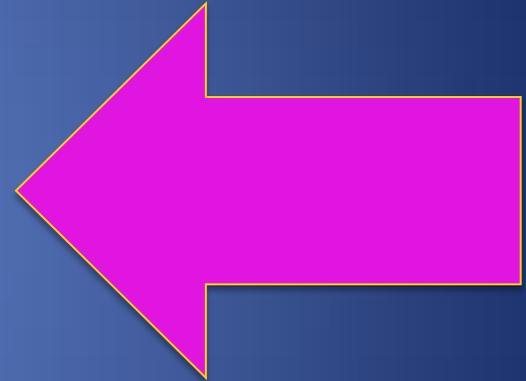
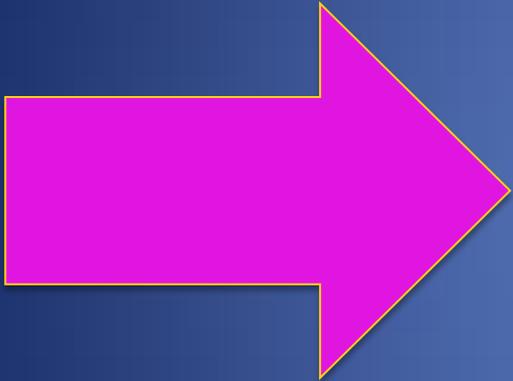
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JOBS

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

ATHLETICS

1: PREP



**STEP 2:
APPLY**



DIFFERENT SCHOOLS HAVE DIFFERENT STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

| ADMISSION STANDARDS | TYPICAL ACT COMPOSITE SCORE AVERAGES |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| OPEN - All high school graduates are accepted until the school's enrollment capacity. | 16-21 |
| NON SELECTIVE - Some freshmen who are accepted are in the lower half of their high school graduating class. | 17-22 |
| TRADITIONAL - Majority of freshmen accepted are in the top 50% of their graduating class. | 18-24 |
| SELECTIVE - Majority of freshmen accepted are in the top 25% of their graduating class | 21-26 |
| HIGHLY SELECTIVE - Majority of freshmen accepted are in the top 10% of their graduating class. | 25-30 |



2: APPLY

BE ON TIME

Apply for
admission
and
meet
all
deadlines

- Submit application materials (paper/electronic)
 - Application for admission
 - High school transcript
 - Recommendations
 - Admission test results
 - Essays
 - Fill out Free Application for Federal Student AID (FAFSA)



2: Apply

Upcoming Testing Dates

SAT

| Test Date | Registration Deadline |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| November 3, 2013 | October 3, 2013 |
| December 7, 2013 | November 8, 2013 |
| January 25, 2014 | December 27, 2013 |

ACT

| Test Date | Registration Deadline |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| October 26, 2013 | September 27, 2013 |
| December 14, 2013 | November 8, 2013 |
| February 8, 2014 | January 10, 2014 |

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Do it again.

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Essay prompts for U.S. Freshman and International Freshman Applications will be changing for Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015. (Essays for Summer 2013, Fall 2013, and Spring 2014 Applications are NOT changing.) You may preview the [new essay prompts here](#).

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username

password

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2: APPLY

STEP 3: PAYING FOR

COLLEGE



DEVELOP A PLAN

Develop a **plan** to
pay for your **education**

- Determine college costs
- Investigate ALL possible resources
 - FINANCIAL AID: SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND WORK-STUDY
 - Parents
 - Savings
 - Summer earnings
 - Other sources
- Secure necessary forms and note deadlines
- APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE!!!!



3: PAYING

DETERMINING COSTS

Estimated Expenses for a Year of College

| Budget Item | Average Annual Range |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Tuition and fees | \$5,000 – 21,000* |
| Room and board | \$5,000 – 8,000* |
| Books and supplies | \$ 800 – 1,700* |
| Transportation | \$ 400 – 1,500* |
| Miscellaneous (laundry, entertainment, and recreation) | \$1,200 – 2,700* |
| Total | \$12,400 – 34,900* |

*These figures represent average tuition and fee costs for Midwestern states. Some schools will be lower in costs, while other schools will have higher costs. These figures should be used as a guide only. Students should check with the institution(s) in which they are interested to determine more specific costs.

3: PAYING

DETERMINING COSTS

Universities in 34th Congressional District:

University of Texas at Brownsville

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tuition and Fees | \$5,928 |
| Room and Board | \$6,706 |
| Books and Supplies | \$1,278 |
| Estimated Personal Expenses | \$1,916 |
| Transportation Expenses | \$1,916 |
| Estimated Total Per Year | \$17,744 |

Texas A&M University Kingsville

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tuition and Fees | \$6,940 |
| Room and Board | \$6,858 |
| Books and Supplies | \$1,300 |
| Estimated Personal Expenses | \$2,762 |
| Transportation Expenses | \$1,937 |
| Estimated Total Per Year | \$19,797 |

COST of ATTENDANCE



University of Texas at Austin
\$25,704



Texas Tech University
\$22,837



Texas A&M University
\$21,581



Texas State University
\$20,710

FINANCIAL AID

FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA WITH YOUR PARENTS!

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Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Returning User?

FAFSA
applications
open January 1,
2014!!

3: PAYING

FAFSA Checklist

- ✓ Encourage your parents to complete income tax forms early
- ✓ Set up a Federal Student Aid PIN at www.pin.ed.gov
- ✓ Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible starting January 1, 2014
- ✓ Contact a school's financial aid office if you have questions
- ✓ Review your college acceptances and compare the financial aid offers

A graphic with a blue and white sunburst background. The text "IT'S FAFSA TIME!" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. "IT'S" is on the top line, "FAFSA" is on the middle line in a larger font size, and "TIME!" is on the bottom line.

**IT'S
FAFSA
TIME!**

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SEARCH

FAFSA4caster

FAFSA4caster will help you understand your options for paying for college. Provide some basic information and we'll estimate your eligibility for federal student aid. Your estimate will be shown in the "College Cost Worksheet" where you can also provide estimated amounts of other student aid and savings that can go towards your college education. Go ahead and get started now! If you need help for a question, read the Help and Hints on the right.

Student Information

Are you a U.S. citizen?

SUBMIT

NEED HELP? | EXIT

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Help and Hints

Are you a U.S. citizen?

You must select the option that indicates your citizenship status.

Select **U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)** if you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

Select **Eligible noncitizen** if you are:

- A U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551), or a Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms that you were

FAFSA4Caster will help you understand your options for paying for college by estimating your eligibility for Federal Student Aid

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



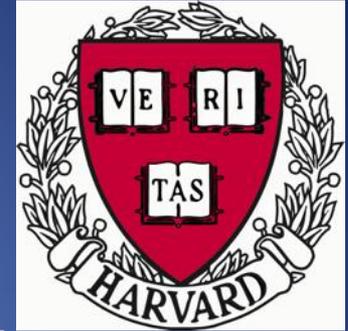
STEP 4:

CHOOSE!



Baylor University

LOTS of GOOD
OPTIONS
Here are a few...



Harvard University



University of Texas



Georgetown University



Texas A&M University



Texas A&M University Kingsville



University of Texas at Brownsville



University of Texas-Pan
American

VISIT YOUR FINAL CHOICES

Checklist for a **CAMPUS VISIT**

- 
- ✓ Meet with an admission counselor
 - ✓ Verify admission requirements
 - ✓ Determine actual college costs
 - ✓ **Ask about financial aid opportunities**
 - ✓ Take a campus tour
 - ✓ Investigate your academic program(s)
 - ✓ Attend a class
 - ✓ Talk with students and faculty

4: CHOOSE

STEP 5:



**YOU'RE ON
YOUR WAY!**

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

HOUSING

- Watch for housing forms and other information
- Roommates
- Find out how your room is laid out and which amenities will be provided (refrigerator, microwave, air conditioning, etc.)

PERSONAL

- Banking arrangements
- Work-study job or other financial aid
- Medical & pharmacy
- Insurance
- Transportation
- Computer & other technology
- Technology repairs

5:ON YOUR WAY!

Before your 1st day of college...

- ✓ Attend Orientation and other college workshops
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Transferring your AP credits and/or dual credits
- ✓ Placement tests
- ✓ Student ID card
- ✓ Send deposit if applicable



QUESTIONS?