

# **Your Child of Color Should Be Going to College**

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**WARNING:**

College is **NOT** for everybody.

# Who Am I?

## Undergraduate – Stony Brook University

- Bachelor of Arts in English, & Bachelor of Arts in History

2010

## Graduate – Stony Brook University

- Master of Arts in Teaching, English – 2012

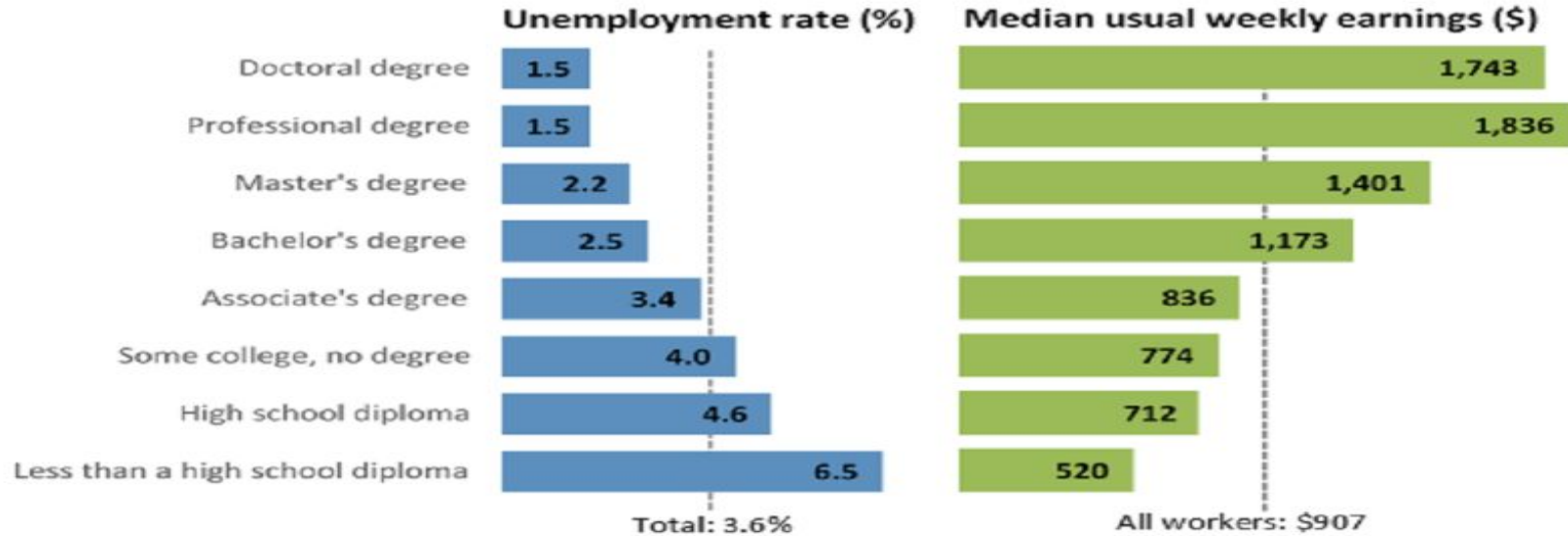
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# Why Am I Here Today?



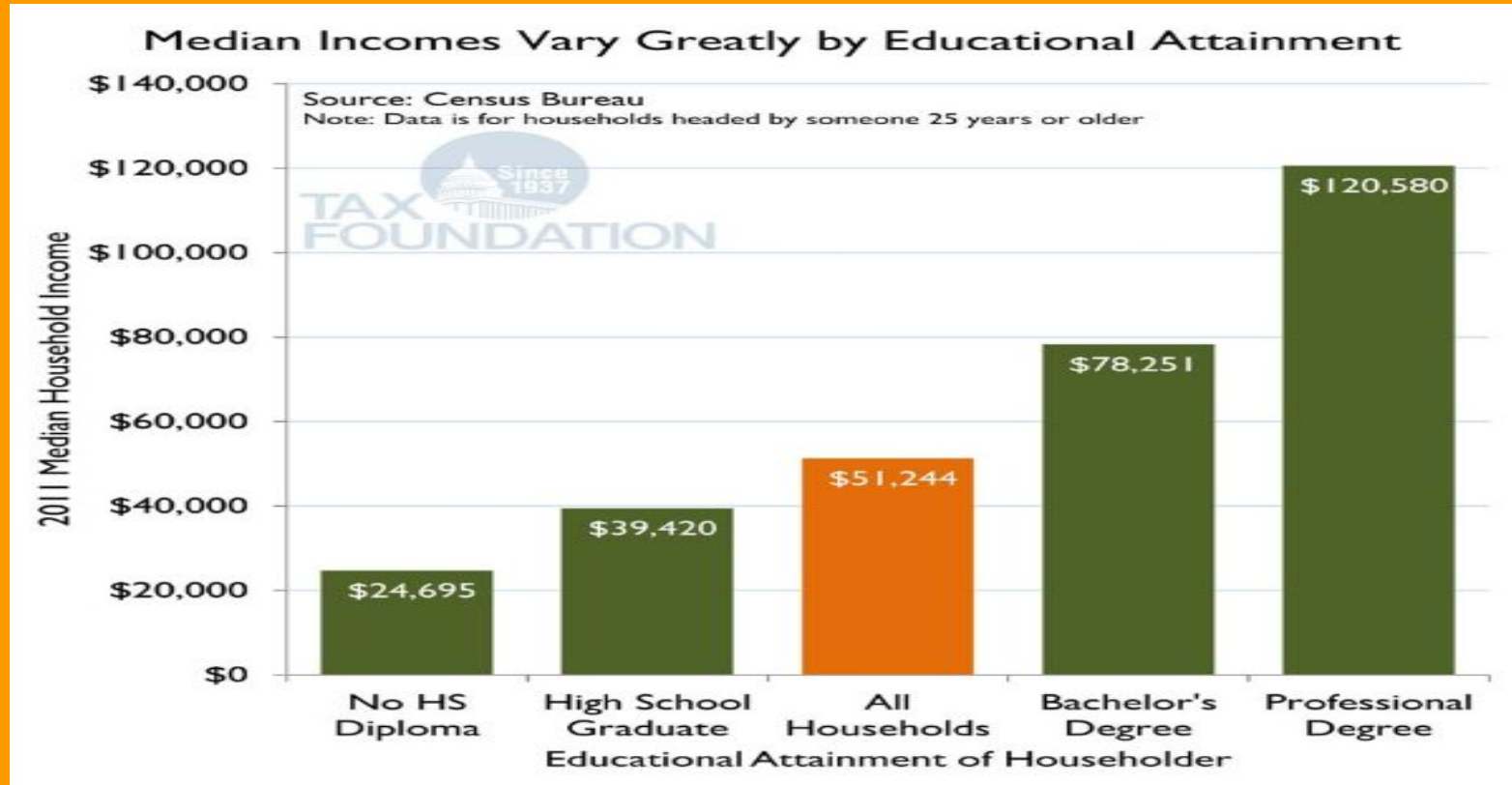
# The Value Of Higher Education

## Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2017



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

# The Value Of Higher Education



Reference: Lundeen, Andrew. "Educational Attainment Drives Level of Income." Tax Foundation, Tax Foundation, 16 Jan. 2017, [taxfoundation.org/educational-attainment-drives-level-income/](http://taxfoundation.org/educational-attainment-drives-level-income/).

# Demographic Data

## Race/Ethnicity (self-reported)

\* This section uses the Federal IPEDS guidelines for reporting racial/ethnic data. guidelines, see <http://www.vpaa.uillinois.edu/RaceEthnicity/index.cfm>

African American: 2,499 (5.2%)

Asian: 7,171 (14.99%)

Hispanic: 4,439 (9.3%)

Multiracial: 1,268 (2.65%)

Native American/Alaska Native: 25 (0.05%)

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 29 (0.06%)

White: 20,778 (43.44%)

International: 11,084 (23.18%)

Unknown: 533 (1.11%)

Reference: “Demographics.” Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, [oiir.illinois.edu/about/demographics](http://oiir.illinois.edu/about/demographics).

# **My Role As A Parent**

**YOU are essentially important  
in getting your child into  
college!!!**



Every Parent  
Can Do It



# My Role As A Parent

Parent involvement positively impacts:

Grades

Test Scores

Attendance

Social Skills

Graduation Rates

College Attendance

**School Success**

# Foundations of College Preparedness

1. Academic
2. Social
3. Emotional

# Academic College Preparedness - Infancy & Early Childhood

Ages: Birth - 8

Grades: Pre-K - 3rd

Take advantage of Pre-K programs.

“Students who are given the advantage of attending a pre-K program develop much needed emotional, academic, and social skills they may otherwise lack when entering kindergarten.”- Bethanie Moore, Achievement School District, Memphis, TN.

Reference: Malone, Tamera. “The Importance of Pre-K: A Teacher's Perspective.” SCORE, 7 Jan. 2019, [tmscore.org/the-importance-of-pre-k-a-teachers-perspective/](https://tmscore.org/the-importance-of-pre-k-a-teachers-perspective/).

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“Early childhood education is inextricably linked with broader goals of college and career readiness, largely because early learning builds the foundation for later success.”

Reference: Guilfoyle, Christy. “For College and Career Success, Start with Preschool.” How Student Progress Monitoring Improves Instruction - Educational Leadership, ACSD, [www.ascd.org/publications/newsletters/policy-priorities/vol19/num04/For-College-and-Career-Success,-Start-with-Preschool.aspx](http://www.ascd.org/publications/newsletters/policy-priorities/vol19/num04/For-College-and-Career-Success,-Start-with-Preschool.aspx).

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Grades: Pre-K - 3rd

Read aloud to your child!!!

“Reading aloud is the best way to help children develop word mastery and grammatical understanding, which form the basis for learning how to read”

Reference: Frey, Susan. “Study Says Reading Aloud to Children, More than Talking, Builds Literacy.” EdSource, [edsources.org/2015/study-says-reading-aloud-to-children-more-than-talking-builds-literacy/82045](https://edsources.org/2015/study-says-reading-aloud-to-children-more-than-talking-builds-literacy/82045).

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“The likelihood of observing a rare word not contained in the most common 5,000 words in English was more... that found in adult-directed speech.”

Reference: Frey, Susan. “Study Says Reading Aloud to Children, More than Talking, Builds Literacy.” EdSource, [edsources.org/2015/study-says-reading-aloud-to-children-more-than-talking-builds-literacy/82045](https://edsources.org/2015/study-says-reading-aloud-to-children-more-than-talking-builds-literacy/82045).





# Academic College Preparedness - Middle Childhood

Ages: 8 – 12

Grades: 3rd – 5th

Introduce your child to the idea of college.

“As a parent, your expectations have a huge influence on what your child expects of herself, even if she doesn’t want you to know it.”

Reference: GreatSchools Staff. “A Middle School Parent's College Prep Guide.” Parenting, [www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide/](http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide/).

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Start to track your child's academic performance

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# Academic College Preparedness - Early Adolescence

Ages: 12 - 14

Grades: 6th - 8th

Get more proactive about college exposure and awareness.

“If you have specific questions about academic programs or campus life (or just want to touch base with the admissions officer assigned to your geographic region), sending an e-mail to college admissions will get you the essential information you need AND show your enthusiasm for the school.”

Reference: Franek, Rob. “6 Quick Tips for Contacting Colleges.” Student Life Survey Press Release | The Princeton Review, [www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/contacting-colleges](http://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/contacting-colleges).

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Reference: GreatSchools Staff. “A Middle School Parent's College Prep Guide.” Parenting, [www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide/](http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide/).



Rockford

Rapids

City

Chicago

Naperville

Peoria

ILLINOIS

Springfield

INDIANA

Indianapolis

St. Louis

Evansville

Louisville

Fort W

Mark Twain

## **\*Colleges and Universities Within 150 Miles:**

Chicago State

Indiana State

Washington

Illinois-Chicago

Butler

Harris - Stowe

Northwestern

Purdue

Bradley

DePaul

U of I

Western Illinois

UChicago

Illinois State

Eastern Illinois

UIndy

Saint Louis

\*and many others

# Academic College Preparedness - Late Adolescence

Ages: 14+      Grades: 9th+

Get to know your high school student's School Counselor.

Area	Subject	Years
a.	History and Social Science (including 1 year of U.S. history or 1 semester of U.S. history and 1 semester of civics or American government AND 1 year of social science)	2
b.	English (4 years of college preparatory English composition and literature)	4
c.	Math (4 years recommended) including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or higher mathematics (take one each year)	3
d.	Laboratory Science (including 1 biological science and 1 physical science)	2
e.	Language Other than English (2 years of the same language; American Sign Language is applicable - <u>See below about a possible waiver of this requirement</u> )	2
f.	Visual and Performing Arts (dance, drama or theater, music, or visual art)	1



**COLLEGE**



# Social College Preparedness

College is a trip unlike any other, before or after.

- Your child will meet many people who are very different.
- Your child will encounter almost too many new experiences.
- Your child will learn more outside of the classroom than inside of the classroom.

# Social College Preparedness

“Be open-minded, try new things, challenge each other and yourself intellectually, time management... And when I hit academic barriers, I persisted and kept moving forward. I took advantage of tutoring, the counseling center, the math center, the writing center, anything that could help.” -  
Ronald Brown, Chicago; Graduate of Trinity College, CT

Reference: Felton, Emmanuel. “Is Social and Emotional Learning Key to College Success?” The Atlantic, Atlantic Media Company, 2 Mar. 2016,  
[www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/03/when-social-and-emotional-learning-is-key-to-college-success/471813/](http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/03/when-social-and-emotional-learning-is-key-to-college-success/471813/).

# Social College Preparedness

## How Do I Foster Social Preparedness?

1. Allow your child to take risks, make mistakes, and fail.
2. Encourage the quality of persistence.
3. Celebrate the process!
4. Develop or connect with a support system.
5. Keep the goal of college graduation in mind all the time.

# Emotional College Preparedness

Because of everything college throws at you, many students struggle with the emotional demands.

- Homesickness
  - Isolation
  - Depression
    - Anxiety
    - Stress
- Recklessness

# Emotional College Preparedness

How Do I Foster Emotional Preparedness?

1. Teach time-management and techniques of how to manage your time.
2. Expose your child to ‘coping skills’ - meditation, list-making, volunteering, prioritizing, exercise, etc.
3. Develop, or connect with a support system.

# The College Admission Process

The admissions process begins in High School -  
or earlier.

- Grades from Freshman year through Graduation are reflected on the Transcript.
- GPA's and Class Rank are determined by every grade earned in High School.
- Different types of classes - AP & Weighted Option - are important.

# The College Admission Process

Taking the SAT/ACT is essential.

- The PSAT is offered in Sophomore Year of High School. Make sure to encourage your child to take this test!
- Either the SAT or the ACT can be used for college admissions.
- \*Scores on the SAT and ACT are used to determine more than just admission to schools.

# The College Admission Process

Getting in is about more than grades and test scores.

- Extracurricular activities are important.
- Work experience is a big plus!
- A great recommendation is as valuable as a perfect admissions test score.



# How Do I Pay For College?

- 1) File a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - This document is a MUST
- 2) Be willing to ask schools for assistance.
- 3) Carefully consider loans as an option.
- 4) \*Look for any scholarships available.

# Scholarships, Pt. I

There are scholarships available for almost everything!

Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship (\$2,000)

Fifth Month (May) Scholarship (\$1,500)

Greeting Card Contest (\$10,000)

Make Me Laugh Scholarship (\$1,500)

Tall Club Intl. Scholarship

(\$1,000)

Hicks Lefty Scholarship Program (\$1,000)

Reference: Davis, Ben. "Unique Scholarships for College Students Unusual Scholarships & Awards You Didn't Know Existed." Affordable, [www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/unusual-college-scholarships/](http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/unusual-college-scholarships/).

# Scholarships, Pt. II

Be aware that many schools offer scholarship money to accepted students, based on their GPA and SAT/ACT scores.

References: Schwartz, Debbie. "What I Wished I'd Known About Paying For College." Road2College, 13 Sept. 2018, [www.road2college.com/paying-for-college-what-i-wish-i-knew/](http://www.road2college.com/paying-for-college-what-i-wish-i-knew/).

Wasik, John. "How to Land Scholarships Few People Know About." CBS News, CBS Interactive, 28 Feb. 2017, [www.cbsnews.com/news/how-to-land-scholarships-few-people-know-about/](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-to-land-scholarships-few-people-know-about/).

## Scholarships, Pt. III

Each year, millions, if not billions of grant & scholarship money goes unused.

In 2017, an estimated \$2.3 billion in Pell Grants went unclaimed.

References: “Unclaimed Scholarships From Last Year.” ScholarshipOwl, 12 June 2018, [scholarshipowl.com/blog/find-scholarships/unclaimed-scholarships/](http://scholarshipowl.com/blog/find-scholarships/unclaimed-scholarships/).

Questions?

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