IN THE NEWS
from college, career, and military

FAFSA IS OPEN! Graduation Requirement
Illinois Governor Pritzker signed HB 2917 into effect August 2, 2019. His amendment to the school code mandates ALL high school students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid upon receiving their diploma. Parents and students can look to liaisons & counselors for assistance.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Alternative Application for State Aid
Created in 2020, the Alternative Application serves as a new path for qualified undocumented and transgender students who are not eligible for federal financial aid to apply for MAP grants. Students who qualify for the Alternative Application should NOT apply for the FAFSA. Applications can be found at isac.org

Monthly Meeting
10/5 @ 2:30 PM
Inviting Seniors and underclassmen to attend a formal presentation that delivers a brief overview of FAFSA. Seniors will learn how to access the FAFSA and receive an update on college and career related events.

Day in the Life of Careers & Colleges
For the month of October, Rich Township Alumni will be sharing their professional and student experience all on Instagram. Follow @raptorscareers Instagram to watch a day in the life of a OBGYN Nurse, West Virginia’s New Anchor, a freshman at Columbia, and two of former Rich East’s Rockets take on NIU during COVID.

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# Events & Visits

**October 2020 - 2021**

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October 14, 2020: Experience the Day in the Life as a News Anchor on Instagram (@raptorscareers)

October 15, 2020: AV with Ball State University at 9:10 am.

October 15, 2020: Insight to a career as a News Anchor at 10:30 am – 11:10 am.

October 15, 2020: Virtual Application Workshop at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

October 16, 2020: AV with Johnson & Wales University, Providence 10:50 am.

October 19, 2020: Virtual Application Workshop at 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

October 19, 2020: AV with Governors State University at 11:50 am.

October 20, 2020: Virtual Application Workshop at 10:50 am – 12:10 pm.

October 22, 2020: Virtual Chat with a Northwestern University Alumnus at 10:10 am – 11:50 am.

October 22, 2020: Virtual Application Workshop at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

October 23, 2020: Experience the Day in the Life at Columbia College on Instagram (@raptorscareers)

October 26, 2020: Virtual Application Workshop at 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

October 27, 2020: Virtual Application Workshop at 10:50 am – 12:10 pm.

October 29, 2020: Virtual Application Workshop at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
# totalraptortotalcareer Challenge

## October 1st - October 30th

### #collegechangeseverything

**October 1st:**
Post about FAFSA!

**October 2nd:**
Ask a senior what college applications they completed.

**October 5th:**
Shout out your favorite college team!

**October 6th:**
Share any club or organization you joined or will like to join.

**October 7th:**
Take a selfie in a College T-Shirt!

**October 8th:**
Greek Roll Call

**October 9th:**
Ask a District 227 Alumni about their college experience.

**October 12th:**
Scholarship Check. Received any scholarships? Post about it.

**October 13th:**
Share your first job after college or dream job.

**October 14th:**
Take a selfie in a College T-Shirt!

**October 15th:**
Share a struggle or fear about college. Be sure to add how you overcame it!

**October 16th:**
Shout out an HBCU OR HSI!

**October 17th:**
Tell someone about your major.

**October 20th:**
Ask a senior if they applied for FAFSA.

**October 21st:**
Take a selfie in a College T-Shirt!

**October 22nd:**
Share why you choose to go to college.

**October 23rd:**
Shout out someone in the Armed Forces!

**October 26th:**
Share advice to future college students or rising seniors.

**October 27th:**
Shout out someone in the trades.

**October 28th:**
Take a selfie in a College T-Shirt!

**October 29th:**
Share a throwback college selfie.

**October 30th:**
Post COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING.

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Students, staff, alumni, and parents are encouraged to participate. Try sharing in virtual classrooms, Schoology, and social media.