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Dear Students & Families:

College Month

October is Michigan College Month. From October 21-26, the Warren Mott counseling staff will help graduating seniors complete at least one college application, apply for financial aid, and complete a scholarship application, if they have not already done so. This event is possible due to the collaborative efforts of the administration, faculty, and staff, as well as students, their families, and volunteers from the community.

In addition to assisting in college applications, the Warren Mott Counseling Team will review the several types of financial aid available to college students:

- Scholarships: money awarded for college expenses on the basis of academic or other achievement
- Grants: money awarded on the basis of need that does not have to be repaid (Example: the federal Pell Grant, which awards up to \$5,730)
- Loans: money borrowed for college that must be repaid, with interest
- Work Study: program through which students earn money to help cover college expenses

The key to unlocking these benefits is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Throughout this week, counselors will work with all seniors on how to begin and complete this application process. While the FAFSA application may seem long and requires personal information, it is an opportunity for students to collect thousands of dollars in free aid.

In order to complete college applications and to begin the FAFSA application, students must be familiar with the following information in advance:

- Social Security Number, or Permanent Resident Number
- Current address, phone number, and email address

While assisting your student in gathering the above information, it is a good idea to initiate a discussion on how important it is to keep personal information safe and private, yet accessible.

While attending college might not be part of your student's post-graduation plan, this is a valuable opportunity to discover exactly how much free aid is available, and to receive assistance in navigating the FAFSA application. On Monday, October 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, parents are invited to Warren Mott to learn more about financial aid and receive assistance in completing the FAFSA.

For more information on applying for college, financial aid, and other events, please contact us or visit the counseling department website at http://wmhscounseling.weebly.com/

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