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***High School and Beyond* family nights**

It's never too late – or too early – to plan for success during and after high school

High School and Beyond is the title for three information packed evenings being held at each of the district's comprehensive high schools in October.

This is the first year the district has included programs for parents of students of all ages – from preschool through kindergarten. “Each school year is an important part of a solid education that prepares students for high school and the years after high school,” Superintendent Gary Cohn emphasizes. “That is why we are inviting families from preschool through 12th-grade to visit with school staff and with colleges, universities and training centers to learn what those institutions expect their incoming students to know and be able to do – and what high school classes are required to attend those institutions.”

To make it easier for families to get to and from the high schools, and to alleviate what could be congested parking lots, the district is providing school bus shuttles from school neighborhoods. Bright yellow school buses will ferry families to and from the sessions. Transportation details for families in each high school attendance area, [Cascade High School](#), [Everett High School](#) and [H.M. Jackson High School](#), are on the Web.

Interpreters and translators will also be available. “Parents are key to each student's success in school. It is very important that they have firsthand access to information about how to support student learning and expectations at home,” noted Cohn.

Details about each school's activities and speakers are available below and from the [district's homepage](#). Also on the homepage is a link to Dr. Susan Quattrociocchi's latest book, *Help, I've got a Middle Schooler!* Dr. Quattrociocchi is Director of the Washington State Initiative, *A Call to Parents; How to Cut the High Costs and High Risks of Education after High School* and the [Northeast Tech Prep Consortium](#). She will be speaking at each of the high school events along with others who have information and tips about how to motivate and encourage students to plan and learn for their futures.

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Tues., Oct. 19, Cascade High School, 5-8:30 p.m.

The evening begins with pizza and mingling and then kicks off with Anthony Kelley telling his story of overcoming many obstacles to attend college. As a University of Washington linebacker, Kelley was part of the 2001 Rose Bowl victory over Purdue. He is now the University of Washington Admissions Officer.

From 6:45-8:30 p.m., mini classes for parents of students from kindergarten through high school will outline specifics about college preparation, including *Giving children hope and skills for the 21st century*.

Wed., Oct. 20, H.M. Jackson High School, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For H.M. Jackson High School, this will be the 10th annual High School and Beyond event. The evening starts off with more than 30 different colleges, universities and technical schools available for conversations and information about careers of the future and how students of all ages can plan today for their success after high school. At 6:30 high school students and families will be able to attend two mini break-out sessions from among a large variety of offerings. For elementary and middle school families, the events will get underway in the gym at 6:30 p.m. as they listen to special guest speaker Dr. Susan Quattrociocchi. From 7:15-8 p.m., elementary and middle school families may visit the college fair. This is a relaxed way to learn more about many colleges, and talk to representatives about any questions you may have.

Thurs., Oct. 21, Everett High School, 6-8:30 p.m.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a pizza dinner. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., several mini classes will be held to empower parents and students to set education beyond high school as an achievable goal. Anthony Kelley, a former University of Washington linebacker who was a part of their 2001 Rose Bowl victory over Purdue University will be a workshop presenter. Dr. Susan Quattrociocchi will be the special guest speaker for elementary and middle school families. A college fair will also be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (ongoing, drop in any time). Representatives from more than 30 different colleges, universities and technical schools will be available for conversations and information about careers of the future and how students of all ages can plan today for their success after high school. Free fun activities are planned for younger attendees.

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