

ANNUAL DIRECTIONS 2014 EVENT APPROACHING FOR STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



In an effort to help encourage and provide guidance for parents transitioning their students out of high school and into vocational or collegiate opportunities after graduation, District 211 is part of a team of local educational institutions participating in Directions Fair, which will take place on September 30 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., in Arlington Heights.

The event is sponsored by District 211, Township High School District 214, Barrington Community Unit School District 220, William Rainey Harper College, and St. Viator High School.

Directions Fair is scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014 with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the evening's events will be presented from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd. in Arlington Heights. All students who have received any type of special education programming, as well as their families, are encouraged to attend.

"The time we have with our students is limited and invaluable, and all steps taken to prepare them for their futures are critical," said Renee Erickson, Director of Special Education at District 211. "Directions night provides District 211 with the great opportunity to partner with our neighboring districts and post-secondary institutions, and to support students and parents in taking the next step in planning for the future."

The evening will begin with a keynote from Nicole Mangiaracina, a Fremd High School graduate who attended Harper College and now studies at Elmhurst College. Harper College helped Mangiaracina transition and adjust to college while dealing with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and other subsequent health challenges so that her educational goals were not sidelined.

Following her presentation, attendees can choose from four breakout sessions, including Career Training Programs, Four-Year Colleges and Universities, Life Skills Training Programs, and Community College Options.

The evening will also include a college and career fair with representatives for colleges and post-secondary institutions available to meet with students and their families and provide additional literature about their programming resources for prospective students.

For further information or information about special accommodations, please visit the Directions Fair [website](#).