

# ANNUAL DIRECTIONS 2015 COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR 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 College and Career Fair 2015.

The event, which will take place on Sept. 29 from 5:45 – 8:30 p.m. at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., in Arlington Heights, is sponsored by Township High School District 211, High School District 214, Barrington Community Unit School District 220, St. Viator High School, William Rainey Harper College, and Northwest Educational Council for Student Success.

All students who have received any type of special education programming, as well as their families, are encouraged to attend. Representatives from colleges and post-secondary institutions will be available to distribute literature and discuss their programs.

“Township High School District 211 is excited to once again be part of bringing the Directions College and Career Fair to the northwest suburbs,” said Renée Erickson, director of special education in District 211. “Directions College and Career Fair is a great opportunity for students with special education needs, and their families, to explore post-secondary education and training options as they plan for the future. With over 50 post-secondary education and training organizations participating, this is set to be the greatest event this group has hosted to date.”

The evening will begin with a keynote from Dr. Mark Harris, the director of Student Disability Services at the University of Iowa. He will be speaking about some of the top mistakes parents make during the transition to college.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend the College and Career Fair that will take place during the event. From 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., attendees can view a panel discussion with representatives from four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, career training programs, and Life Skills training programs.

To register in advance, obtain further information or for special accommodations, please visit the [website](#).

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# ANNUAL DIRECTIONS 2013 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 will host its annual Directions 2013 event.

The District has teamed up with other local educational institutions to participate in the event, which will take place on Oct. 1 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., in Arlington Heights.

The event is sponsored by the Northwest Educational Council for Student Success, in conjunction with District 211, Township High School District 214, Barrington Community Unit School District 220, William Rainey Harper College, and St. Viator High School. All students in special education programs, as well as their families, are welcome to attend.

“We encourage students from all grade levels to attend Directions 2013 so they can start reviewing their post-secondary options,” said Diane Pfister, transition specialist at District 211. “Our goal is to provide parents and students with the information needed to develop a solid post-high school transition plan.”

The session will start with a welcome from Deb Franzen, Accommodation and Transition specialist with the Access and Disabilities department at William Rainey Harper College. From there, there will be four different breakout sessions to attend, with the option of a college and career fair that will be going on the entire night.

Representatives from several different organizations will be there to discuss their programs, answer questions, and hand out materials. The breakout sessions include: Career Training Programs; Four-year Colleges and Universities; Life Skills Training Programs; and Community College Options.

“Our event features a range of post-high school options,” Pfister said. “Representatives will be available from life skills programs, career training programs, and from two and four year colleges and universities.”

For more information on Directions 2012, please visit the [website](#) or contact Diane Pfister at [dpfister@d211.org](mailto:dpfister@d211.org) or (847) 755-1851 or Patrick Abraham, director of Transition Services, at [pabraham@d211.org](mailto:pabraham@d211.org) or (847) 755-1848.