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Never too early to think about College Financing

Monroe, WA – For many youth being accepted into college is the target but that is only half the goal. Financing is the other half. Monroe High School aims to prepare families and students of all ages for the financial realities of a college education by offering a Financial Aid Night on October 27.

At Financial Aid Night students and parents will learn the ins and outs of how college educations are funded, the financial options for every income level, and why it's important to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) regardless of your income.

Each year the school brings in Gina Anderson of Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. to discuss all the financial aspects of funding a college education, whether public or private. Anderson is a financial advisor and financial education specialist located in Bellevue. Anderson gives provides guidance to family at all income levels.

Patty Johnston, Career Center specialist at MHS, emphasized that it's important to learn the facts now, even before students have applied to colleges. "She'll help them figure out where to get started and go from there, how the whole funding process works, private or public," Johnston explained.

Attending Financial Aid Night can be a good first step for parents and students with plans of attending college. "Especially the parents. It's a really huge, confusing thing for people and she breaks it down into manageable steps," Johnston said.

Financial Aid Night will be held October 27 at 6:30 pm at the MHS 300 Learning Center.

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