

# *Onekama Consolidated Schools*

## College and Career January Newsletter Senior Class of 2018

### **Did you know...**

*Our school website has a college and career page! Check it out ☺*

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On December 12<sup>th</sup> Rick and Deanna Sayer from NextStep College and Career Planning gave a presentation to all 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Ask your son or daughter what they learned. It will be a great icebreaker to open up a conversation about the topic.

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*You can file a paper FAFSA instead of filing online.*

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*Ms. Rife will print you a form if you're interested.*

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If you are required to go to a college interview (or a job interview) prior to acceptance (being hired) be prepared to answer the following questions:

“Why are you interested in our college (company)?”

“What will you contribute to our campus community (business)?”

“Tell me about yourself.”

“In college, what do you plan to do outside the classroom?”

“What makes you special/unique?”

This is just a sample of the many questions you may or may not be asked. Consider writing answers in a journal. It is better to be prepared.

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### **Soft Skills/Employability Skills...**

*Soft skills, a.k.a. employability skills are sure to help you climb the ladder at work!  
Consider making it a goal to develop your soft skills. Your boss is sure to notice!*

\*Self-Awareness: Start thinking about who you are and what your values are.

\* Active listening: Stop the chatter and just listen. Use good eye contact and nod to let the speaker know you are “in” the conversation. Repeat or paraphrase what someone is telling you so they know they have been heard. Wouldn't it be nice if someone did that for you?

\* Motivation: Be a self-starter. Go Nike and “Just Do It”!

\*Self Control: Practice controlling your emotions and actions. Stop *reacting* to situations and start *acting* by first thinking things through. In the heat of the moment remember to just breathe.

\*Empathy: You never know what someone else is going through. Stop and think about the other person for a minute. They may end up being your next closest friend.

\*Problem Solving: Think solutions. Think positive. Just be sure to think.

\*Relationship Skills: You don't have to like everyone, but it does pay to be nice! Be a team player. Set aside differences and work together to reach your goals.

## **Scholarship Tips**

Scholarship Judges are looking for Character, Leadership and Community Involvement.

Answer ALL questions! Even the ones NOT REQUIRED. If you choose not to answer all of the narrative questions your application will likely be set aside. Judges want to know more about YOU.

## **Scholarship Dates...**

Feb. 2 – Elks Legacy Award

Feb. 15 – Richard & Elizabeth Dean Scholarship, Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship, and Leo & Alberta Thomas Utz Scholarship

Feb. 22 – Michigan Education Association

Feb. 28 – Community Choice Foundation

*Go to [launchmanistee.org](http://launchmanistee.org) to find links to the above scholarships.*

*National Scholarships can be won!!! Put in the time and effort. It just may pay off!*