Seniors & Parents,

Your senior year has started, and it's time to start thinking about your next steps! If you are thinking about going to college after graduating, ICAN has a series of tools and reminders for high school seniors about college planning and financial aid. If you would like to sign up for these reminders, visit www.icansucceed.org/signup. This will provide you with important information about next steps and deadlines.

If you have not already visited a few college campuses, talk to your family about getting those scheduled in the next few months. Most colleges and universities have already opened up their applications for the fall of 2022, so you should begin preparing to apply for admission. The earlier you can apply, the better!

If you have specific questions about college planning or financial aid, use ICAN as a free resource. You can visit their website, www.ICANsucceed.org, to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment, or call their toll free number, 877-272-4692 to talk to an advisor.

If you are going to college next year, there are some important dates coming up in the near future that you need to be aware of. The **FAFSA** (**Free Application for Federal Student Aid**) becomes available on **October 1st.** This is an important step in the financial aid process that gives you access to federal student loans, grants, and work-study opportunities as a college student.

To get ready to file the FAFSA, you and one of your parents should set up a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). This is a username and password that you will use to fill out and sign the FAFSA form. **Visit studentaid.gov/fsa-id** to set up your ID, and don't forget to write it down! You'll use the same FSA ID every year to file the FAFSA.

If you have questions about paying for college, or would like **free help filing your FAFSA**, ICAN offers free resources for college planning and financial aid. You can visit their website, www.ICANsucceed.org, to schedule an appointment, or call their toll free number, 877-272-4692 to talk to an advisor. Stay on top of the process, and **file your FAFSA** as soon as possible after October 1st!

Sincerely,

Tim Chesnut

The Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) provides parents and students the following services:

- One-on-One Personalized Advising Sessions
- Community and Virtual Presentations
- Special Events & Programs
- Planning Tools and Resources
- Resources for College Access Professionals
- College Planning https://www.icansucceed.org/college-planning
- Financial Aid Planning https://www.icansucceed.org/financial-aid
- Career Planning https://www.icansucceed.org/career-planning



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ICANsucceed.org/FAFSAReadyIA

- Receive professional help filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Ask questions and get advice on paying for college
- Learn about scholarships
- Understand your next steps
- ICANsucceed.org/whattobring
- *Help available in Spanish/Ayuda en Español disponible

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