Parents College at Case

The Parents College at Case is a direct opportunity for parents to become involved in the Provost Scholars program and become more connected to their Scholars’ weekly activities. During these monthly seminars, parents learn about the weekly Thursday seminars, hear lectures from prominent leaders and experts and receive additional information about how they can support their Scholars’ academic and interpersonal growth.

In November, several parents joined us for a discussion on post-secondary opportunities for their children. Katrice Williams, the program manager, recapped information from the Thursday seminar with Ms. Jo Levine and Ms. Jasmine Jordan, where they each discussed resources for helping students navigate the financial aid and college admissions process. For parents who would like help from Ms. Levine or Ms. Jordan, please contact the program manager, Katrice Williams, or visit www.case.edu.

The next Parents College will be held Saturday, January 24th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Guiford House, 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH, 44106. Each Parents College is held the fourth Saturday of every month from September through May. For more information, please contact Ms. Williams at (216) 368-5368 or katrice.williams@case.edu or you can contact Dr. Faye Gary at fgary@case.edu or (216) 368-5240.

Mentor and Mentee Highlight of the Month

Lee Thompson, PhD, MA, is the Chair of the Psychological Sciences department and a Professor at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). Her research has explored the development of cognitive skills, temperament, and language from infancy through childhood by inviting twins and siblings to participate in her research. She is particularly interested in how the genetic code is translated into complex behavior at the level of brain function. Dr. Thompson received her bachelor's degree from Case Western Reserve University and her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Her mentee is Maranda Priah.

Maranda Priah is an eighth grader at Heritage Middle School. In her words: I strive for excellence because I want to be successful. I want to be an outstanding neurologist because I am interested in the brain and the nervous system and I want to treat people with brain disorders. I also want to successfully motivate and help others to strive by sharing my experiences and serving as a role model. I am actively involved in volunteer work at my school and as a member of the National Junior Honor Society I try to keep a high GPA while doing community service. I enjoy all forms of music especially rhythm and blues and I also play the clarinet. I am an alumni of the Aspire summer program so I stay connected with the program which helps girls achieve their goals. Now, I am a proud new member of the Provost Scholars Program at (CWRU).
Applying for Financial Aid

For parents and students seeking more information on applying to college, resources are available through The U.S. Department of Education at www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships. The website includes information about federal and state grants, including the Federal Pell Grant and the Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) university scholarships, loans, federal work study, outside scholarships and the FAFSA application.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is completed by every student entering a two- or four-year college or university. This application is made available by the U.S. Department of Education, which is the largest provider of student loans. Any student wishing to apply to a college or university are encouraged to complete the FAFSA early to receive competitive financial award packages from their financial aid advisors and compare packages across schools to determine which may be the most affordable. To apply for the FAFSA, please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Outside of grants through the Education Department are opportunities to serve with AmeriCorps VISTA, a one year domestic service program for high school and college graduates. Upon graduation from secondary school, students will serve one full year with a nonprofit organization within the United States. After a year of service, AmeriCorps alumni are entitled to receive a $5,500 education stipend that can be used toward tuition or books at any eligible four-year or two-year higher education institution.

You can find information about the AmeriCorps VISTA program or other AmeriCorps programs at http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps.

Other helpful websites for the Provost Scholars:
- What types of aid can I get? https://studentaid.ed.gov/types
- Grants and Scholarships through the Rotary Club: https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants
- The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (good-through-graduation scholarship): https://www.gmsp.org/

Provost Scholars Thursday Seminars

In November, the Provost Scholars had an important opportunity to learn about college admissions, financial aid and life inside of a university. The Scholars also visited Kelvin Smith Library (KSL), in CWRU central campus, to explore philosophical and technical design considerations in the creation of games and interactive media with Mr. Jared Bendis, the Creative New Media Officer at KSL.

Ms. Jo Levine and Ms. Jasmine Jordan presented the college admissions and financial aid lecture on Thursday, November 6th. Ms. Levine, who is the Assistant Director for State Programs in the Financial Aid Office, shared with the Scholars how to apply for financial aid through FAFSA, the CSS Profile, university applications and outside scholarship applications. She also explained how to compare financial aid packages from different universities, budget for college and how to strike the appropriate balance between loan debt and savings. Ms. Jordan, an Undergraduate Admissions Counselor at CWRU, explained how to file and submit a college application and impress college admissions officers.

The Provost Scholars Program has weekly Thursday seminars which provide further learning opportunities and academic support for the Provost Scholars. The seminars are held every Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Guilford House. For more information please visit the Provost Scholars website at www.case.edu/provostscholars.

Contact Information
If you are interested in becoming a mentor, speaker, or stakeholder, please call 216-368-5240 or e-mail provost-scholars@case.edu.