

# DIPLOMA+ DIGEST

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. ERVIN:

As we approach Family Advocacy days this week, please reach out to our Diploma+ campus based staff members in middle and high school to discuss college and career readiness and what that looks like for your child. Our goal is to inform you of all post-secondary opportunities so that you and your child can make an informed decision about their future. We may not be able to be physically in the same place but we will continue to provide quality programming that enhances our students educational experiences. We are pleased to announce our high school partnerships with GEICO to provide students with essential employability skills through our career and technical education classes. In addition, we are also hosting virtual college fairs in the months of September and October to help assist students and parents with choosing the college and/or university that will be a best fit. Our department is excited to serve our families on this educational journey!

~Dr. LaShonda Bilbo-Ervin Director of Diploma+

### ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Want to learn more about College and Career Readiness at your school? Have questions or need additional support with the Connector platform? Reach out to our Elementary Diploma+ Coordinator, Dr. Renee Freers at [Renee.Freers@kckps.org](mailto:Renee.Freers@kckps.org)



### MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Get to know our Diploma+ Liaisons. We have 4 dedicated staff members at our Middle Schools to help you with all your College and Career Readiness needs! Need help with Naviance, the Connector, or interested in visiting a college campus? Click the icon below to find the Diploma+ Liaison for your campus.



### HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

#### NEW Career and Technical Education Digital Resources

It's an exciting year for KCK CTE pathways as we implement new digital curriculum! At the high school level, over 40 courses have new digital resources through Cengage. Students will be able to navigate their digital textbook through the Mindtap platform. MindTap provides a text reader that reads the textbook to students, allows students to highlight and take notes in the textbook, provides interactive activities to reinforce learning, and so much more! Students will be provided with instructions on how to access their new textbook from their teacher. For more information on Cengage MindTap, check out this video to hear why students love the platform and this video to discover how to navigate the platform.

### DUAL/CONCURRENT UPDATE

Have questions about our K-STEP UP program. please contact Ms. Julia Linkous at [Julia.Linkous@kckps.org](mailto:Julia.Linkous@kckps.org).

Did you know that we have support staff in each high school that can support students with all their college and career readiness needs? Click here to access the College and Career Facilitators who can help with College and Tech classes. Need help with planning for life after high school? Have questions about Naviance? Need money for college? Click here to find the College and Career Coordinator at your school.

## SENIORS!! NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?!?!

The KCKPS scholarship initiative is designed to ensure students have options when making a college decision. If you choose to participate, colleges and universities will have the opportunity to evaluate your transcript, ACT Score, and GPA. They will use this information to generate scholarship offers for your student. Most students receive thousands of dollars in scholarship offers.

In order to participate in the Scholarship Initiative, you must SIGN and Return a Transcript Permission Form to your schools Lead College and Career Coordinator. We cannot allow students to participate without the permission of a parent/guardian. If you need a form or more information please click here to access the contact information for your Lead College and Career Coordinator.

**Special Note: You may have received a form in the mail, it is not too late to submit your form. We will accept them up until September 4, 2020. You can also call or email the College and Career Coordinator at your school.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### First Day of Classes

**KCKCC Dual and Concurrent Courses - 9/8/20**

**All KCKPS Classes 9/8/20**

#### Upcoming Events

**Family Advocacy Days- See your schools webpage**

**Virtual College Fair - Sept and Oct**