

# DIPLOMA+ DIGEST

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. ERVIN:

I'm so excited about the work happening in the College and Career Readiness department! Our department works with various partners to bring meaningful experiences and support for all students. I want to acknowledge GEAR UP for all the work they are doing in our high schools to support students in 9th and 10th grades. Through grant funds, the partnership's goal is to increase academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education, increase high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary institution without remediation, and collaborate to have parents actively engaged in activities associated with assisting students in their preparation for college. If you are interested in learning more about GEAR UP at our high school campuses, please contact the Lead College and Career Coordinator for more information.

~Dr. LaShonda Bilbo-Ervin Director of Diploma+

### ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Project Launch helps launch students into hands on, problem based learning. Our librarians at Frances Willard, Hazel Grove, McKinley, ME Pearson, New Chelsea and Stony Point South are helping students in kindergarten through fifth grade with learning exciting things about science, technology, engineering and math through exploration.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Ready to explore some local colleges? Click here to see some local admissions presentations.

Ever wondered about the KU TRIO program? Want to get involved early in your college and career goals? Consider joining the informational session on the KU TRIO Talent Search Program. This program offers many academic, college, and career readiness services to students in grades 6-12. Click the icon below to register for the October 24th, informational session.



### HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

We still have a variety of colleges lined up to present on Wednesday, October 21st and 28th. Click here to see the schedule of schools slated to attend. You can also click the icon below to register, or update your registration, for the upcoming dates. Can't make the sessions, don't worry we are recording all the sessions! In the coming days you will have access to the entire library of the 2020 KCKPS College Fair presentations. Still need help? Contact your Lead CCC or College Adviser at your school to schedule an appointment to discuss your future today.



### DUAL/CONCURRENT UPDATE

If you are interested in taking dual or concurrent college level courses in the spring, please read this entire portion. Due to the uniqueness of this school year, we are asking any students interested in enrolling into college classes to please speak with your counselor. Need help reaching out to your counselor? Need more information about the college courses at your high school? Each high school has a College and Career Facilitator, that is dedicated to ensuring you have what you need to succeed in these courses. Click the icon below to see each Facilitator's contact information. Still need help? Reach out to our Department Coordinator Ms. Lauren Clay, Lauren.clay@kckps.org



### SENIORS!! NEED HELP WITH THE FAFSA? STILL WONDERING WHAT THE FAFSA IS? JOIN US FOR FAFSA LIVE!

Diploma+ continues to strive to make the impossible possible. We aren't going to let COVID stop us from ensuring our students get support in securing funding for college. We will begin hosting "FAFSA LIVE" sessions beginning October 19th. Sessions will cover everything from creating a FSA ID, clarifying what the FAFSA is, in English and Spanish, and reviewing what special circumstances may impact your application. That isn't all, Diploma+ is committed to supporting you every step of the way, we have dedicated staff at each high school ready to help you complete this application. Click the icon below to register for a session or to make an appointment with an adviser.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual College Fair Registration

KU Talent Search Registration - 10/24/20

FAFSA LIVE - Registration

