



# Mark Your Calendars!



## November is “I Am College Bound” Month

Recognizing that early academic and financial preparation is essential for college-bound students and their families, The NHHEAF Network Organizations is coordinating a statewide campaign during the month of November designated “I’m Going to College” Month. The “I’m Going to College” Month campaign focuses on inspiring New Hampshire’s youngest students and providing support to their parents and teachers. One of the most powerful ways to send a message about the importance of higher education is to organize an “I’m Going to College” Day at your school in November or anytime during your academic year.

## How Schools Can Celebrate “I’m Going to College” Month:

### INVITE COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTO THE CLASSROOM INCLUDING:

- **Current high school students** to speak about the importance of high school - it's never too early to introduce role models and begin the conversation about academic preparation.
- **College students** to talk about their road to college and their high school experience - hearing from current college students will inspire middle school students to achieve their dreams.
- **Successful professionals** or college graduates to discuss their high school and college experience and what an education can do for their future.
- **The College Planning Bear** and a NHHEAF college counselor will be happy to visit your school and meet with students in a fun and exciting approach. To schedule a visit, simply email him at [collegeplanning@nhheaf.org](mailto:collegeplanning@nhheaf.org).

### ENCOURAGE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:

- **Ask students** to write a note to their parents inviting them to attend an “I’m Going to College” Day at your school.
- **Encourage students and parents** to visit a college campus for an athletic event, musical or theatre performance, camp or exhibit.
- **Educate parents** about the college admissions process, potential college costs and college savings plans by providing them with a copy of the Early College Planning Guide. To order free copies of this publication email [collegeplanning@nhheaf.org](mailto:collegeplanning@nhheaf.org); to schedule a program visit [www.nhheaf.org](http://www.nhheaf.org) or call 888.7.GRADUATE x119.
- **Encourage families** to visit the [nhcollegeclub.com](http://nhcollegeclub.com) website with their students.

### PROMOTE EARLY COLLEGE AWARENESS IN YOUR SCHOOL:

- Organize a College Sweatshirt Day to encourage faculty and staff to wear college sweatshirts and talk about what the college experience meant to them. Teachers in college logo-wear will engage students and inspire discussion about education in a more casual setting.
- Contact area colleges to see if they offer an advisor/advisee mentoring program. Working directly with local college students will develop an early understanding of what it's like to be a college student.
- Schedule an early college planning presentation for parents. The Center for College Planning (CCP) will present information to encourage and support their children's educational aspirations. Expert college counselors will address questions parents have about paying for college and will provide the facts about financial aid and saving for higher education. [www.nhheaf.org/events\\_nhheaf\\_university.asp](http://www.nhheaf.org/events_nhheaf_university.asp)
- Give out homework passes, bonus points or extra credit to students for participating in an early college awareness activity.
- **Promote exploration of the [nhcollegeclub.com](http://nhcollegeclub.com) website by encouraging students to complete the online Scavenger Hunt as a classroom activity or as extra credit!**