

## 2016 GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE CONFERENCE

FOR USE August 22-October 29, 2016: This year's Getting Ready for College Conference will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium and Convention Center. This free conference is open to all 10th, 11th and 12th graders and their parents throughout the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Students and parents will learn about college life from former WCCUSD students and how to make college a reality by participating in workshops on Personal Statement Writing, How to Be Competitive for College, and Choosing Your Best Fit College. Applications for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CA Dream Act Application are being accepting for the first time this year starting October 1<sup>st</sup> and students will have the opportunity to complete their financial aid applications at the conference.

Graduating WCCUSD seniors will be eligible for two \$500 scholarships that will be raffled off at the end of the conference.

The event is hosted jointly by the Ed Fund, City of Richmond, West Contra Costa Unified School District, WriterCoach Connection, and the West County College Access Network, a consortium of 25+ organizations dedicated to increasing the number of college-bound students in the district.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend together, but students may attend without their parents. Advance registration is preferred but not required. To register, go to <http://edfundwest.org/grfcc/register>.

### **Ed Fund**

The Ed Fund, West Contra Costa's Public Education Fund, is a nonprofit organization that is focused on developing collaborative groups that provide resources and support to aid students with college readiness, access, and completion. Tax identification number 68-0005307. <http://www.edfundwest.org>.

## **Our Collaborative**

Our Collaborative is a partnership between over 25 agencies that support the success of children and youth who attend public schools within the enrollment area of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. The Collaborative is a collective impact initiative committed to ensuring that *every* West County child graduates from high school prepared for college, career and life.

The Collaborative is committed to nothing less than every West County child graduating from high school prepared for college, career and life. By 2025, we will increase the number of West County children and youth who earn a degree or certificate. We are individually and collectively committed to aligning our strategies and resources to eliminate the systemic inequities faced by underserved and underrepresented children, youth and families.