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Dear Parents or Guardians of Senior Student(s),

College planning is well-underway, nearing a pinnacle for your student. Throughout this process, educational funding becomes increasingly important. As the college counselor, it is my desire to make college and technical education accessible for all students, which encompasses assistance with college admissions and facilitation of scholarship and financial aid information.

In an effort to best serve your student, college planning and scholarship access presentations will be made in U. S. Government classes within the next several weeks. Scholarship information at Durango High School will be available daily in regularly posted scholarship bulletins, The Pathfinder parent and community newsletter, the Clark County School District (CCSD) website <http://www.ccsd.net/cpd>, Durango's website <http://www.ccsd.net/schools/durango> and the daily production of Durango's own Z-TV. You will also find helpful college planning information as well as post-secondary options on the CCSD website. Check the Durango website regularly for current workshop and scholarship information. Scholarship bulletins will be posted in U.S. Government classes, in senior English classes, and in the counseling department. Please also plan to take advantage of special informational presentations throughout the year regarding scholarships and financial aid. While it is the responsibility of each student to request and complete applications by the designated deadline, I am available to assist you and your student(s) with the process.

Other sources of scholarships may be obtained through the Computer Information Systems' Aidsort Program which students may access online. The public library, in addition to world-wide web searches, will provide a myriad of options for the cautious consumer. Utilizing these resources can be as effective as a scholarship search service, without the cost.

The Clark County College Fair, to be held at Cashman Field October 16-17, 2006, from 5-8 p.m., is an excellent source of information on college and post-secondary options. A college planning and scholarship informational meeting will be held at Durango High School, Thursday, October 12, 2006, in room 404, from 6:30-8 p.m., to provide detailed instructions for Durango students. Save the date and look for your personal invitation in the mail.

As a parent, you play a significant role in your student's life as it relates to college and scholarship applications. Students often underestimate the time needed to complete applications and gather the necessary materials. You can encourage your student to budget his or her time well, make the most of available resources, and pay close attention to deadlines. I look forward to working with you and your student(s) throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

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College Counselor