

Cottle County Higher Education Prep/Scholarships

Relevance:

Paducah ISD is in need of increasing their ACT scores and college/trade school preparedness in its students. This Higher Education Prep/Scholarship plan will provide knowledge to parents and student preparing to take that next step towards higher education. Representatives from colleges, trade schools, financial aid institutions, and ACT experts will be utilized to develop and present educational programs.

Response:

Cottle County Extension staff worked collaboratively with Paducah ISD faculty and administrative staff to present a series of educational programs to students as well as parents addressing higher education prep and scholarships.

- * Higher Education Task Force (1/7)
- * Financial Aid 101 (FASFA) (2-16)
- * Scholarship Workshop (3-2)
- * Higher Education Newsletter (3-9)
- * Higher Education Task Force (4-1)
- * Higher Education Newsletter (7-1)
- * Higher Education Task Force (8-13)
- * Higher Education News Article (9-2)
- * College/ Career Day – Goree (9-9)
- * Ace the ACT (9-15)
- * Importance of ACT Workshop (9-21)
- * Higher Education News Letter (10-1)
- * Higher Education Task Force (10-7)
- * Student Financial Preparedness for College (10-8)
- * South Plains Electric Scholarship Meeting (10-9)
- * College day (10-15)
- * Resume Building (10-21)
- * Research Papers (11-30)

Results: In order to determine program results of the Cottle County Higher Education Prep/ Scholarship program a retrospective post was given to Paducah ISD Juniors and Seniors. A total of 15 of 22 total youth returned the instrument. Results are below:

15 of 15 (100 %) knew that the ACT is important to help obtain scholarships as well as get into college.

13 of 15 (87%) knew the importance of career choices and that choice relates to a college degree plan.

14 of 15 (94%) knew the importance preparing a good resume.

15 of 15 (100%) recognized the importance of applying to colleges early.

15 of 15 (100%) recognized the importance of preparing scholarship applications early.

13 of 15 (87%) knew the importance of the FASFA.

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The Cottle County Extension Office will continue its programming efforts in Cottle County and this information will be used as an interpretation piece to stakeholders.