



# A PLAN OF ACTION

How to use UCanGo2's college planning materials throughout the school year:

#### **FALL SEMESTER**

## Distribute UCanGo2's College Planning Checklists to each grade level.

**Purpose:** Outlines specific steps students can take throughout each school year to prepare for college.



### Send your juniors, seniors and their parents to a college fair.

**Purpose:** Gives students the opportunity to receive valuable information from many different college representatives.

- Regional college fairs are held in September and October; check with your high school counselor for information about college fairs near you.
- Print the <u>College Fair Worksheet</u> from the <u>Publications</u> section at UCanGo2.org and distribute to juniors and seniors who will be attending a fair.



#### Offer a scholarship search computer lab.

**Purpose:** Opens the door to free money for college, which can help reduce the need for student loans.

- Research scholarship websites listed in UCanGo2's Are You Looking for Money? booklet.
- Emphasize the importance of applying for as many scholarships as possible throughout the year.
- Visit <u>UCanGo2.org</u> to find monthly scholarships as well as links to several resources to help make your scholarship application process successful.
- Visit <u>OKcollegestart.org</u> to find a scholarship database of over 20,000 scholarships that will match awards to your needs and interests.



# Offer a college search computer lab.

**Purpose:** Allows students to compare colleges and make informed choices about the institutions they may want to attend.

- Visit UCanGo2.org for information and tools.
- Visit OKcollegestart.org to compare campuses and degree programs.
- Visit OklahomaMoneyMatters.org for personal finance education tools and resources.
- Visit okhighered.org to view the State Regents' latest college planning publications.
- Encourage students to visit <u>OKCollegeAppWeek.org</u> to find a list of <u>college websites</u> and the <u>application fees</u> for each.



# Introduce the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship to your students. Eligible students may apply in the 8th grade through December 31 of their senior year.

**Purpose:** Ensures that students and parents in every qualifying household are aware of Oklahoma's Promise. Visit <u>okpromise.org</u> for more information and materials in English and Spanish.

#### SPRING SEMESTER

#### Send students to **OKcollegestart.org**.

**Purpose:** Keeps students engaged in college planning and helps them track their required college prep courses. Career surveys and scholarship search tools can also provide assistance in making their college planning goals easier to reach.



## Encourage students to visit campuses of the institutions they're interested in attending.

**Purpose:** Introduces students to campus life, enabling them to feel more comfortable in a college setting. Print Making the Most of Campus Visits from the UCanGo2.org Publications section. Students can also view a list of Oklahoma colleges that offer virtual campus tours at OKcollegestart.org.



## Use the interactive resources available at <a href="UCanGo2.org">UCanGo2.org</a> with your students.

**Purpose:** Presents college planning information in a fun and entertaining manner.

- Download and print the following games and tools:
  - College Terms Word Search
  - Crossword Puzzle
  - Financial Feud
  - Jeopardy
  - Word Scramble
  - Wheel of Fortune



# Encourage community involvement and volunteer work during the summer months.

**Purpose:** Gives students an edge for scholarship and college admission applications and real-life experience that may help them choose a college major.



# Share the <u>Transition to College flyer</u> with high school juniors and seniors, available at UCanGo2.org.

**Purpose:** Shows students that college is very different than high school, so they know what to expect and how to get ready.



