

Community Foundation Promoting the Importance of Post-Secondary Education

The Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. recently committed to offering programming through the National Center for College Costs to all of Switzerland County's high school students with the goal of getting more of them to pursue post-secondary educations.

At the end of September, all high school students attended a workshop showing them the world labor force with which they must compete and some of the technological changes that are coming in their lifetimes. In October, high school sophomores and juniors were taken by charter bus to Indiana University Southeast and Ivy Tech Community College in Madison so that they could experience what it was like to be on a college campus and realize that attending college can be a reality if they prepare themselves while in high school.

On February 1st, the College Costs Estimator Workshop will take place at Switzerland County High School. That evening, the Foundation will be giving away a laptop and other prizes to high school students. Families have a chance to enter to win prizes up to three times. Those families attending the February 1st meeting will earn an entry into the drawing and those families that complete a College Costs Estimator by January 30th will earn two entries into the drawing. If a parent/guardian is able to attend the College Costs Workshop and the high school student is unable to do so, the student will still earn an entry into the drawing.

All of the National Center for College Costs' programming will be free to all Switzerland County families courtesy of the Community Foundation and Lilly Endowment Inc. Those families completing a College Costs Estimator also have staff at the National Center for College Costs available to them via a toll-free phone line in the months and years ahead as they continue to have financial aid and college cost questions.

For more information on the programming being offered through the National Center for College Costs, contact the Community Foundation at 427-9160 or info@cfsci.org.