

Learn what it takes to be a successful college student!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

STUDENTS

Students with disabilities who are planning to secure a two- or four- year college degree are invited to apply. Applicants must be current high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors pursuing an Advanced Studies, Standard, or Modified Standard Diploma, or students of high school age seeking a GED. Participation is limited to 50 students.

Workshop topics for students include:

- Selecting a two-year or four-year college
- Understanding academic life at college
- Enjoying student life at college
- Using assistive technology supports
- Surviving the transition to college

STUDENT COST on or before May 1, 2009:

\$90.00 for registration, campus lodging, and meals

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

PARENTS

Parents of students who participate in **Say YES to College** are encouraged to attend, as well. Parent workshops provide suggestions to help families prepare their children for college life and explore the changing roles of parents as children transition to college.

Workshop topics for parents include:

- Preparing your child for success in higher education
- Considering the best postsecondary school option
- Understanding your changing legal status
- Preparing your child for life away from home

Parents also have opportunities to interact with college service providers and college students with disabilities. **If you plan to attend, please complete the parent portion of the registration form.**

PARENT COST on or before May 1, 2009:

\$ 70.00–84.00 per person registration, campus lodging, meals

or

\$ 50.00 per person for registration and meals only

Visit the **Say YES to College** web site at www.lions.odu.edu/org/vats/sayyes.htm for a program of activities, lodging information, and registration forms.

Contact Joann Ervin at 757-683-3639, or e-mail jervin@odu.edu for additional conference information or to request an alternative format of this brochure or the registration form.

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Say YES (Your Education Solution) to College

A College Transition Program
for Students with Disabilities
Campus of Old Dominion University
May 29 - 30, 2009

Enrollment in postsecondary education is steadily increasing for students with disabilities. Yet many students are not adequately prepared to deal with the academic and social demands of this environment. **Say YES to College** is designed to ease the transition from high school to college.



Say YES to College participants will:

- ◆ Meet other students with disabilities who have successfully made the transition to college;
- ◆ Hear a variety of speakers who will offer information and suggestions to make college a positive experience;
- ◆ Experience a taste of life in a dormitory setting; and
- ◆ Connect with other high school students who have the same questions and concerns about their readiness for college life.