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 by giving participants the opportunity to:

- Meet other students with disabilities who have successfully made the transition to college;
- Interact with 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.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICANTS**

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 40 students. Workshop topics for students include:

- Selecting the right college for you
- Understanding academic life at college
- Securing academic and other supports
- Appreciating the Importance of self-determination
- Utilizing assistive technology supports
- Surviving the transition to college

**STUDENT COST FOR REGISTRATION, CAMPUS LODGING, AND MEALS**

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**PARENT APPLICANTS**

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. Topics for parents include:

- Preparing your child for academic success
- Preparing your child for life away from home
- Preparing for challenges you both will face
- Understanding your changing legal status

**PARENT COST**

$145.00 (double) – $155.00 (single) per person for registration, campus lodging, all meals

$65.00 per person for registration, two lunches, one dinner

**REGISTER ON-LINE AT** [https://events.membersolutions.com/event_detail.asp?content_id=31590](https://events.membersolutions.com/event_detail.asp?content_id=31590)

**Contact** Dale Pennell (dppenn@wm.edu) or Joann Ervin (jervin@odu.edu) for additional information.
**FOR STUDENTS**

**Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 pm – 10:15 pm**

- Check-in
- Orientation/Team-Building
- Recreation Activity

**Wednesday, May 23, 9:00 am – 10:00 pm**

- Opening Session
- Self-Determination for College Success
- Attendance at a Mock College Class
- Technology that Supports Academic Success

**Thursday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm**

- Understanding Requirements Necessary to Receive Academic Supports
- Orientation to College Services of Particular Interest to Students with Disabilities
- Similarities/Differences Among College Options ï Selecting the Best Fit
- Similarities/Differences Between High School and College ï Course Selection, Registration, Teaching Methods, and Daily Schedules
- Closing Session
- Check-out

**NOTE: ALL STUDENTS MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR GROUPS UNTIL THE END OF THE CLOSING PROGRAM**

**FOR PARENTS**

**Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm**

- Check-in (registered attendees)
- Conference Overview (parents of all students)
- Structured Discussion (registered attendees)

**Wednesday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 pm**

- Opening Session
- Understanding the Loss of Your Child’s Educational Rights under IDEA and Your Child’s Eligibility for Supports under the Rehabilitation Act
- Appreciating the Critical Role Self-Determination Plays in College Success
- Technology that Supports Academic Success
- Experiencing Instructional and Assistive Technology Your Child may Require
- Optional Evening Workshop “Developing Secondary IEPs that Support Transition to College” (7:15 p.m. ï 8:45 p.m.)

**Thursday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm**

- Panel Discussion with Successful College Students with Disabilities
- Financial Planning/Services Specifically for Students with Disabilities
- Getting the Lowdown on Student Life/Challenges for Undergraduates on Today’s College Campuses