



# Tassel Talk

## 6th Grade campus invasions!

For two months this fall during six separate lesson plans, A Call to College staff put Newark sixth graders to the task of learning important college terms like bachelor's degree, scholarship, transcript, high skills certificate, admissions counselor and extracurricular activities, just to name a few. Students also discovered what it takes to attend college and why education beyond high school is so important. Then on three days last November every sixth grader had the opportunity to test this new knowledge by visiting one of eight partner colleges: Capital, Central Ohio Technical College, Denison, Kenyon, Mount Vernon Nazarene, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio State Newark and Otterbein. At each school, the students heard an admissions presentation, toured the campus and enjoyed a delicious lunch in the dining hall.



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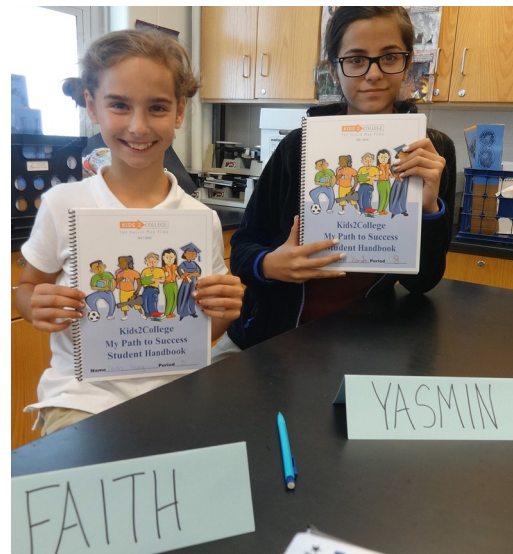
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Two Heritage Lions give the Ohio Dominican campus a big thumbs up!



In the dining hall at Capital University, three Wilson Tigers are all smiles.

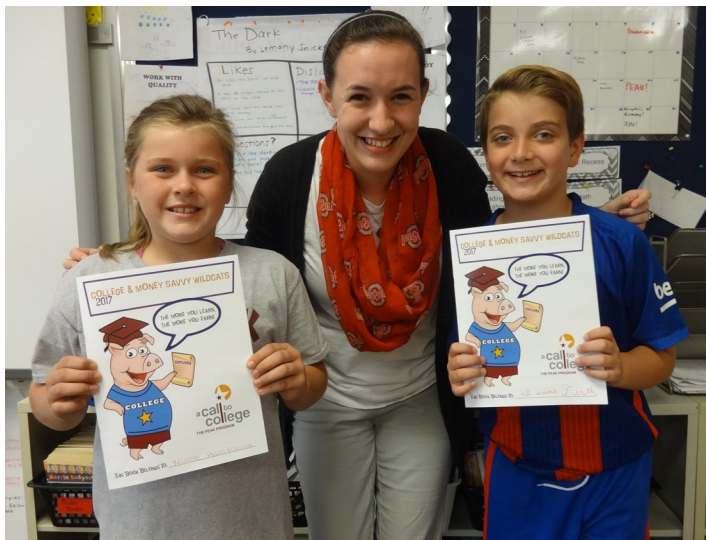


In Kids2College, six weeks of classroom lessons cover everything from learning styles to what the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is. Every sixth grader, like these two Liberty Jaguars, also receive a special workbook during the first lesson plan.

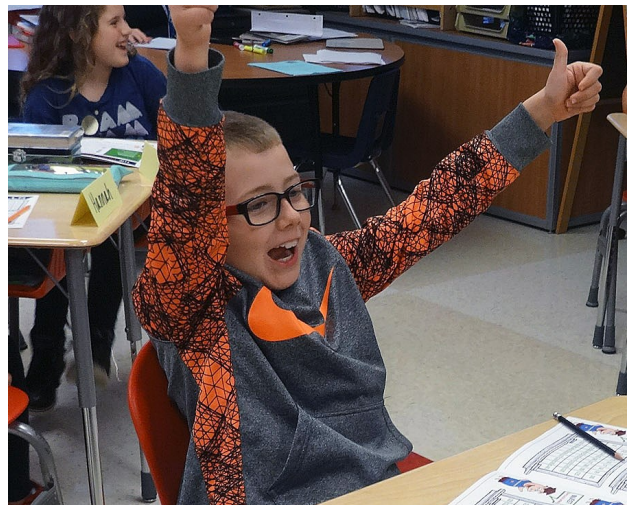
# College & Money Go Hand in Hand

For nine weeks this fall Newark fourth graders once again learned all about one Ohio college, the relationship between education and earning power, and what it means to budget. Students play the Piggy Bank Game, earning tokens each week by demonstrating the four important college-going behaviors, and through the programming, they also learn about the money management skills of saving, spending, donating and investing.

Another key message of these special lesson plans: how important it is to save and that budgeting means having a plan for one's money. Making college possible financially takes students and parents planning together. Newark families should take comfort in knowing that A Call to College provides free and expert counseling about sources of money for college, in addition to awarding renewable grants to qualified graduates.



Legend fourth grade teacher, Miss Hetterscheidt, with two of her College & Money Savvy Wildcats. Their class learned all about Ohio University and pretended to invest in The Nike Company.



This young man lets out a big cheer upon learning that his classroom's Apple stock went UP!



A Cherry Valley student "feeds their classroom Piggy Bank" a token earned for demonstrating excellent attendance, while staff member Angelique Sharp looks on.

## Did You Know?

Recent research shows that students with an educational savings account in their name, no matter how small, are nearly three times more likely to attend college and four times more likely to earn their degree.



# 'Cats in College – The Inside Scoop

This past fall nearly 220 Newark High School graduates headed off to over 60 different colleges across the country with a Last Dollar Grant from A Call to College helping them pay for their post-secondary schooling. Let's meet one of these students in depth:

**Ryan Drumm** is a 2014 NHS graduate who will receive his Bachelor's of Science in Physics this May from Denison University.

## **What were the 3 most important things you did in school to make going to college a reality?**

I was committed to going to college. I worked diligently on my studies, sought help if needed and took challenging classes while at NHS. Taking college classes at OSU Newark my senior year also gave me a realistic feel for how college would be and let me enter Denison with college credit.

## **What have you liked about living on campus?**

Before college, I was wary of living in a dorm with strangers. I only considered the drawbacks. However, living in residential halls now is one of the most cherished parts of my college experience. Living on campus let me form relationships with many different students and professors, as well as meet people from all over the United States and the world. Being a residential student really helped me grow as a person.

## **How is college different than high school?**

Adapting to the rigorous coursework! Adjusting from high school assignments that might take about an hour to complete to assignments that were taking multiple hours for multiple classes was a struggle.

## **What tips you would give to a NHS senior about how to succeed in college?**

First, take your time on school work. With college assignments, spelling errors, math mistakes and turning in rushed assignments can drop your grades very quickly. Second, reach



*Ryan outside the student union at Denison*

out for help in college if you do not understand the material! Simply getting by in a class not only hurts your grade, but it will also hurt you in the future because other courses build on that information. Finally, you have to know yourself. Having a sense of who you are is extremely important. It determines your decision making, study/sleeping/eating habits, how you interact with others on campus and so much more.

## **Have you had a special educational experience at Denison?**

For eight weeks in the summer of 2017 I had the chance to do research with several Denison faculty and two other students. We worked in a campus lab measuring the electron affinity of several different negative ions. At the end, we presented our research to faculty, staff, students and campus visitors. Doing ground breaking research on topics that I previously thought I would never understand was a fantastic experience.

## **Where do you hope to be in 5-10 years?**

As of right now I am considering: joining the Air Force as an officer or becoming a systems engineer in Columbus or a being a helicopter pilot in San Francisco. I know there are plenty of possibilities! 🐾

## Reading Rocks!

This fall second graders from all seven elementary buildings experienced a special story hour, a guided tour, a guest interview and the opportunity to interact with Denison students during the "Reading Rocks at The Library!" field trips sponsored by the PEAK Program.



While discussing the themes of determination and the importance of a positive attitude in the book, *The Little Engine That Could*, Denison sophomore, Michael O'Hara, engages a group of Legend students.



While one-half of the second graders enjoy story hour, the other half interview a volunteer from Kendal at Granville and then they take a behind the scenes tour of the entire library. Here staff member, Shannon Chiacchira, points out the study rooms on the top floor to a group of Carson Cubs.

**Head Conductors:** Dennis Kohler, Brooke Stiles, Jane Krueger, Erin Hedrick, Linda Price, Mitchell Baughman and Edie Norlin

**Interview Guests:** Reed Browning, Gary Wimer, Barbara Condon, David Skeen, Rich and Judy Clark, Virgil Hoftiezer, Tom and Myra Gallant

## Celebrity Reader Week



Twenty four community professionals volunteered to read the book, *Career Day*, in each second grade classroom during PEAK's Celebrity Reader Week. After the story hour, the students interviewed their guest about his or her occupation and then were given their own career reader, *Whose Gloves Are These?*, to take home. Above a McGuffey Bobcat listens to a heartbeat with the help of Celebrity Reader and nurse, Holly Lantz.

Corey Love – Licking County Sheriff's Office

Jeff Hall – Mayor of Newark

Lt. Colonel Monroe Bradley – Air Force ROTC

Holly Lantz – Denison Health Center

Ginger Wortman – West Licking Fire Department

Anne Balogh – Licking County Park District

Mia Law – Turner Construction

Mike Bolte – Newark Fire Station 1

Rebecca Smith – The Works

Christine Weingart – Denison Biology Department

Andrea Devito – Licking Memorial Health Systems

David Trautman – Park National Bank

## We Thank Our Celebrity Readers

Rori Leath – The Works

Dave Doney – WNKO Radio

Amy Gantt – Licking County Library

Brian Merritt – Licking Memorial Health Systems

Marcia Downes – The Works

Cole Tomplait – Mock Woodworking

JoEllen Ohl – Jannot's Designs LLC

Alyssa Richeson – Salon 43023

Pam Wilkins – Salon 43023

Mandy Gadrow – Rstudio

Bob Ghiloni – Denison Men's Basketball

Angela Wallace – Licking Memorial Health Systems

Katherine Bickle – ProCare Vision