



The Jacksonville COMMITMENT

The mission of The Jacksonville Commitment is to establish a college going culture in our city. To this end, we have established the following elements of The Jacksonville Commitment Program:

1. Commitment College Advisors

A Jacksonville Commitment College Advisor will be housed in the public high schools to encourage and facilitate contact with eligible students. These Advisors will work closely with parents, community college access partners, school counselors, and College Admissions representatives to ensure ongoing collaboration and smooth transitions for each participating student.

2. College Awareness

Many students who desire to attend college have unrealistic ideas and very little experience with college expectations. The Jacksonville Commitment will help to introduce college culture to students and will provide activities on the college campuses of our postsecondary partner institutions.

3. Middle and High School Academic Fitness

Students will be encouraged to take part in academic enhancement activities and academic safety net programs available at their schools and/or provided through our community college access partners. Students will also be encouraged to enroll in a challenging academic curriculum.

4. College Application Assistance

Admissions representatives from each of the four postsecondary partner institutions will work closely with Jacksonville Commitment College Advisors to ensure a seamless transition from high school through college matriculation.

5. Full College Scholarship

Each postsecondary partner institution has committed to providing funding to cover tuition for eligible students. The scholarship award varies based on the cost of attendance at each institution and each student's particular need.

6. College Support and Retention Services

After starting college, Jacksonville Commitment Scholars will be mentored and monitored throughout their college years. The design committee has planned a curriculum that includes retention and support services. A few examples are College Success courses, cohort instruction, summer enrichment, and tutoring.

7. Parent Engagement

Parent participation and investment are critical for student success. Parents will be involved and informed throughout the program. Information sessions intended for parents will include (but not be limited to) financial planning, financial aid, and how to encourage children to pursue academic excellence.

Compared to similar programs, we offer four significant and unique characteristics:

- Inter-institutional Collaboration
- College Access Program Partnering
- Middle School, High School and College Pipeline Services
- Post secondary Recruitment Partnering

If you have questions about The Jacksonville Commitment or would like to schedule an information session, please contact Ouida McNeil.

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