



A Parent's Pride Issue One June 2010

Dear Parent,

Spoon River College understands that you deserve to have your son or daughter succeed in college. We are committed to that goal as well. "A Parent's Pride" is a quarterly e-newsletter designed for you. We hope that it will be a resource for you as you advise your child while they are attending college.

College Finance News

- Federal Direct Student Loans...

All colleges in the country were directed by the United States Department of Education to issue student loans through the Direct Loan Programs. The loan application and funds are issued directly by the college.

Interest rates are fixed at 4.5% and freshman college students can borrow up to \$3,500. Contact the Spoon River College Financial Aid Office for more information – (309) 649-7030 or www.src.edu/financialaid.

- Spoon River College – A Very Affordable Choice

At \$3,000 for tuition and fees for a full-time enrollment, Spoon River College is one-third (1/3) of the cost of an Illinois state university and up to 90% less expensive than a private university.

Career Planning Resources

Many college students are undecided on their career plans. Spoon River College has advisors on each campus that can help your college student with career-planning. We also suggest these free career planning resources:

www.careercruising.com

www.collegecentral.com

College Success Tips

There are a number of things that a new college student can do to achieve academic success. Here are just a few and some great resources as well.

88 College Success Tips: <http://oedb.org/library/college-basics/88-surefire-tips>

College Survival Guide: <http://bruteforcestudyguide.com/StudentSurvivalGuide.html>

How to Study for College Success?: www.how-to-study.com