



A Parent's Pride Issue Two January 2011

Spoon River College understands that you desire 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.

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College Finance News

It is now time to begin planning to secure **financial aid for the 2011-2012** academic year.

- Make preparations to get your **2010 taxes** completed as soon as possible in 2011.
- Once your taxes are completed assist your college student in completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Do it on line via www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Start searching for **scholarships**. Work with the high school, explore awards from any organizations that you belong to, and search for scholarships via a search tool. The best one is comprehensive and FREE. It is www.fastweb.com.

Career Planning Resources

Encourage your college student to do career planning. The time invested in career planning will ensure that they are focused during their college career and it should increase their chances of completing their education goals (degree, certificate, or diploma). If they are going to a university, they could obtain their Bachelor's completed in **four years versus five**. Think of the savings!!! It could \$15,000 or more!!! We 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 success. Here are just a few websites that will provide you with some great resources as a parent.

- Actual College Student's Comments on Their Keys to Success
www.mycollegesuccessstory.com
- A Guide to College Admission, Financial Aid, and College Survival
www.gocollege.com

Special Notice from SRC: Spoon River College received an "A" for campus safety from American-School-Search.com!!!