



# FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER and AVID NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2021 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**Thedford Jackson, College and Career Academy Coach and Christy Evans, AVID District Co-Director**



**Happy New  
Year  
FHS Pretzels!**

We are so excited to start the new year with all of you!

As we face our new challenges we are ready to face them together. Please visit us in the College and Career Center. We are very excited to increase the collaboration between our two programs.

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. As an AVID Co-District Coordinator, Ms. Evans will continue to help push our AVID students to explore rigorous classes and focus on organization. We will also look at exploring college and career options.

The College and Center provides a variety of services for both parents and students. The services we provide are: financial aid workshops, scholarships, college visits, career and summer opportunities, as well as several assessments to help guide your career and college choices. Mr Jackson has joined FHS this year as a College and Career Academy Coach.

Please stay safe and be well!  
Christy Evans and Thedford Jackson

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## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Website: [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

Contact: **Silvia Diaz (779) 707-5062** [silvia.diaz@illinois.gov](mailto:silvia.diaz@illinois.gov)

What is Financial Aid? It is the money students can get for their educational expenses. Financial aid is designed to supplement the amount students and their families contribute.

If students have not applied for the FAFSA yet, they should probably get started on that right away. **In fact, a complete FAFSA application is a new requirement for graduation for the class of 2021.** If a student is not planning to attend college then a FAFSA non participation form needs to be filled out. Contact Mr. Jackson in the College and Career Center for the form.

Students need to apply for their FSA ID first. After applying for the ID a student will receive an email with an ID number that will be needed to start to fill out the full FAFSA document. The entire document is done on-line and takes about thirty minutes to an hour to complete.

The following documents are needed to complete the FAFSA:

- 2019 tax return (student and parent)
- Social security number
- Drivers license
- W2 or other records of income earned
- Current bank statements

Once a student has submitted the FAFSA, an email from the government will verify your submission. The email will contain your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) and any other grant dollars you will be receiving from the government. (MAP grant and PELL grant).

Then you can use that information to go on the website ([studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)) and update the colleges you want to send your financial aid information to at any time.

Colleges will need you to have your financial aid information sent to them in order for them to offer you a financial aid package.

## SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

### UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS:

- January 13, 2021 Boys and Girls Club Scholarship
- February 1, 2021 Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship
- February 24, 2021 Illinois Chemical Education Foundation
- February 28, 2021 Monroe Clinic Volunteer Services
- March 1, 2020 Minority Teacher of Illinois
- March 20, 2021 Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity
- April 1, 2021 Highland Community College Scholarship
- May 22, 2021 B.Davis Scholarship
- June 19, 2021 Big Sun Organization

[SCHOLARSHIP SPREADSHEET](#)

## COLLEGE FAIR 2021: February 17, 2021

Mark your calendar for our next event!

## PRETZEL Spotlight:

### JAMIE RODRIGUEZ - AVID SENIOR

#### DID YOU KNOW...

- Jamie has applied to eight colleges/universities and has been accepted to all eight of them.
  - Western Illinois University
  - Monmouth College
  - Mount Mercy College
  - Central College
  - Loras College
  - Northern Illinois University
  - Southern Illinois University - Carbondale/Edwardsville
- Jamie currently has a 3.829 GPA and is ranked 27 out of 270 seniors.
- Jamie is involved in tennis and AVID at Freeport High School.
- Jamie was selected to the NIC-10 Honorable Mention All-Conference team for the 2020 season.
- Jamie wants to be an Immigration Lawyer



## PRETZEL Spotlight:

### HALEY THIES- JUNIOR

#### DID YOU KNOW...

- Haley was picked by several teachers and businesses during our Career Fair as a student who was engaged and ready to learn.
- Haley is very involved in Freeport High School.
- She is currently on the Speech Team.
- Haley is also a member of:
  - Student Council
  - National Honors Society
  - Servant Leadership
  - Varsity Swim Team
  - Thespians
- Haley was named a fall 2020 NIC-10 Honorable Mention All Conference Swimmer
- Haley carries a 4.071 GPA and is currently ranked 1 of 281 Juniors.



## 2020 Virtual Career Fair a Success!!!

A huge thank you to all of our students and staff that made our 2020 virtual career fair a huge success. We had a variety of businesses that attended and gave us feedback. They were impressed by the maturity of our students and the questions that our students were asking. Thank you students for staying engaged and for your cooperation throughout the event. Our staff commented on your professionalism and your excellent participation during the career fair. We are looking forward to the 2021 Career Fair and the upcoming 2021 College Fair coming in February.

