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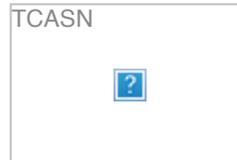
SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

What is Undermatching?

Hint: It's not affordability

Undermatching is the term that describes when an academically qualified student chooses to attend a higher education institution that is “less selective,” than their academic ability. The term “less selective” not only describes the academic profile of the students at an institution but it also describes a college’s retention rate and graduation rate. “Open access,” institutions, like community colleges, tend to have poorer retention rates, graduation rates, and lack the support systems necessary to address many of the barriers faced by low-income/first-generation college students. The evidence from studies shows that students who undermatch are less likely to graduate from college. Research also shows that high/higher achieving students of any socio-economic group should go to the most selective school that will admit them and that, once there, graduate at higher rates. [Read more...](#)



Tips for Parents of Rising High School Seniors

(from [College Parents of America](#))

1. Buy your student a good alarm clock and make her responsible for getting herself up and moving in the morning.
2. Help your student begin to develop good time management skills.
3. Make sure your student knows how to back up all of his computer data.
4. Teach your student the

Why aren't more students graduating from college?

By Jenny Mills - [Tennessee College Access and Success Network](#)



I have attended many high school graduation ceremonies where the principal or other featured speaker proudly announces how many students have applied to college and how much money the graduating class has been awarded in scholarships. The data cited at commencement is always impressive, yet overall degree attainment levels for these same high schools are pretty low in comparison when one looks at either state-level or institutional-level data. What does recent research in college access have to say about this disparity? [Read more...](#)

New Partnership in TN to address graduation rates



"It's not just enough to get kids to college, it's helping them through college." ~ Robert J. McCann, UBS

On July 15th, Tennessee College Access and Success Network (TCASN), an organization that seeks to remove higher education barriers, promote college persistence, and increase postsecondary completion rates announced joining forces with UBS to address the issues we have highlighted in the newsletter.

We look forward to sharing their initiatives and progress with you in the year to come.

SFF College Scholarship

Application window opens September 15 for 2015-16 school year



Attention business majors! Since '05 the SFF has awarded over \$3M to students from middle-TN in pursuit of a business or business-related degree. The application period is September 15th through December 15th. Please visit our [scholarship page](#) for eligibility details.

important daily life skills she may need.

5. Let your student be responsible for making necessary appointments and phone calls.

6. Talk to your student about managing money.

7. Talk to your student realistically and honestly about drinking and drugs.

8. Encourage your student to stay challenged academically during senior year.

9. Ask your student why he wants to go to college.

10. Help your student begin to think about action plans that will help her achieve her goals.

[Click here](#) to read more about each tip.

Fall Deadlines

ACT: Register by September 13th for the October 8th test.

SAT: Register by September 12th for the October 11th test.

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Featured Resource

Tennessee Student Assistance Corp

Your source for information about financing your college education in the state of Tennessee!

Learn more about the Lottery (HOPE) Scholarship, TNSTARS college savings program, Tennessee Promise, Dual Enrollment, Grants, Scholarships and more.



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Our goal is to reach as many students, families, guidance/college and career counselors in the 40 middle-TN counties.



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