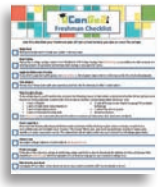
A Plan of Action

How to Use UCanGo2's College Planning Materials Throughout the School Year

Fall Semester

Post UCanGo2's *Facebook Flyers* around your school (available online)
Purpose: UCanGo2's Facebook page provides information about scholarships, FAFSA tips, ACT and SAT reminders, event announcements and motivational statements to encourage students to pursue higher education. People who "Like" our page will receive these updates and links to` helpful articles and publications.

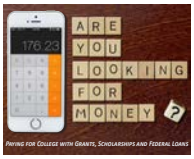


Distribute UCanGo2's *College Planning Checklists* to each grade level (grades 6 - 12)
Purpose: Outlines specific steps students can take throughout each school year to get ready for college. (Checklists for grades 6-8 are available online only.)

Use the *Instructor's Guide* to present lessons from UCanGo2's *Student Workbook*
Purpose: The student workbook exposes students to various college options and encourages them to develop an interest in college and discuss their interests with peers. UCanGo2 offers guides and workbooks for middle schools (online only) and high schools.

Send your juniors, seniors and their parents to a college fair
Purpose: Gives students the opportunity to receive valuable information from many different college representatives.

- Regional college fairs are held in September and October; visit **UCanGo2.org** for a list of scheduled college fairs in your area.
- Print the *College Fair Worksheet* from the Publications section at **UCanGo2.org** and distribute to juniors and seniors who will be attending a fair.



Offer a scholarship search computer lab
Purpose: Opens the door to free money for college, which can help reduce the need for student loans.

- Research scholarships on websites listed in UCanGo2's *Are You Looking for Money?* booklet.
- Emphasize the importance of applying for as many scholarships as possible.
- Remind students that scholarship funds are limited and many are awarded early in the year.

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Purpose: Allows students to compare colleges and make informed choices about the schools they may want to attend.

- Visit **UCanGo2.org** for information and tools.
- Visit **OKcollegestart.org** to compare Oklahoma campuses and degree programs.
- Visit **NCES.ed.gov/CollegeNavigator** to compare colleges nationwide.
- Point out the back cover of the State Regents' *What's Your Plan for College* publication and encourage students to visit campus websites. Visit **okhighered.org** to view the State Regents' lastest college planning publication.

Introduce the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship to students in 8th, 9th and 10th grade
Purpose: Ensures that students and parents in every qualifying household are aware of Oklahoma's Promise. Visit **okpromise.org** for more information and materials in English and Spanish.

Spring Semester

Sign up to receive the UCanGo2 FAFSA Toolkit for Counselors

Purpose: Helps you promote early and accurate submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to high school seniors.

- Visit the Educators' pages at **UCanGo2.org** to download and print FAFSA publications.
- Share **StartWithFAFSA.org** with your students to help them find answers to their frequently asked FAFSA questions. Consider adding a link from your school's webpage to direct students to our FAFSA website.
- Present the *FAFSA Fundamentals* PowerPoint, available on the Educators' High School page at **UCanGo2.org**. A UCanGo2 team member may be available to provide FAFSA training for your staff or a workshop for your seniors and their parents. Call 405.234.4239 or 866.443.7420 to check staff availability.

Send students to OKcollegestart.org

Purpose: Keeps students engaged in college planning and helps them track their required college prep courses.

Encourage students to visit campuses of the schools they're interested in attending

Purpose: Introduces students to campus life, enabling them to feel more comfortable in a college setting.

- Print *Making the Most of Campus Visits* from the **UCanGo2.org** Publications section.

Promote the State Regents' Summer Academies in Math, Science and Technology hosted by Oklahoma colleges and universities

Purpose: Prepares students academically for college-level courses. Statistically, Summer Academy students require one-third fewer remedial college courses than all other students.

- Visit **OKcollegestart.org** or call 1.800.858.1840 for more information.

Use the interactive resources available at UCanGo2.org with your students

Purpose: Presents college planning information in a fun and entertaining manner.

- Download and print the following games and tools:
  - → Career Interest Quiz
  - → College Terms Word Search
  - → Crossword Puzzle
  - → Word Scramble

Encourage community involvement during the summer months

Purpose: Gives students an edge for scholarship applications and real-life experience that may help them choose a college major.

Share the *Transition to College* brochure with high school juniors and seniors, available at UCanGo2.org

Purpose: Shows students that college can be very different than high school, so they know what to expect and how to get ready.

Emphasize the importance of tracking classes and achievements, as well as the ACE requirements

Purpose: Lets students keep track of the classes and accomplishments that will help them earn scholarships and admission to college.

- Visit the Publications section at **UCanGo2.org** to download/print the *Tracking My Classes and Achievements* worksheet and the *ACE Requirements Checklist*.

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