

## **College 101**

### **What the heck does “101” refer to anyway?**

Entry level college courses typically have a 100 number after the title of the class.

### **What are credits?**

Each college class has a number of credits assigned to it. Often, classes are listed as three credits or four credits. A full-time semester might be comprised of about 15 credits. Check with the college for details.

### **What is a college schedule like?**

College schedules are different than high school schedules. Some days are busier than others. It all depends on when classes are available at the time of registration and a student’s work schedule.

### **What is a major? What’s the difference between degrees?**

A major is an area of concentrated study. If a student were to graduate from a two-year program, he/she would probably receive an Associate’s Degree. Four year programs are called Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, depending on the major. After undergraduate work at a college, students have the option to continue with graduate work in a Master’s program and Doctorate’s program.

### **Will I get a scholarship to \_\_\_\_\_ college?**

The first step in knowing if a student will be eligible to receive a college scholarship or grant is to apply to the college or university and be accepted. There is some information on college sites that can provide averages, but there are little known programs within each school that could be appropriate, too. For example, if applicable, always ask if there are programs for first generation to go to college students, children of veterans, students pursuing a particular in-demand career of interest or students who have

### **Is it true that you can get scholarships for all kinds of things, not just grades?**

Yes. In fact, a current Mott senior was awarded a scholarship for being left-handed. These scholarships tend to be supplemental in size compared to the larger scholarships provided by the colleges.

### **Isn’t it really hard to get a local scholarship?**

The chances for getting these scholarships is better than most people think since so few students take the time to apply for scholarships.

### **Will the high school send reminders of important college deadlines?**

There will be general reminders about college related events such as FAFSA. Students will not be reminded of specific deadlines such as when applications to a certain college are due.

### **Who do I contact at a college?**

There are two very helpful people at the college level. You will probably email or speak with both of these people in the fall:

#### Admissions Representative

The admissions representative helps students learn about his/her school. Sometimes, the admissions representative makes decisions about which students will be accepted into their college or proceed in the process. He or she has information about financial and other resources at his or her college.

#### Financial Aid Representative

The financial aid representative assists students with programs which will help pay for college.