



## Early College Awareness for Middle School Students and Families

**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

**8:30am – 12:10pm**

**Cost: FREE**

**Mary Gates Hall, Room 241**

**University of Washington Campus**

**Seattle, WA**

Please join us for an opportunity to learn about the benefits of college, how to pay for college, and how to prepare for any 2-year or 4-year college. Students, parents and guardians are welcome. Bus transportation will be provided from Aki, Mercer, and Washington. The buses will depart from the school loading zones at 8:00am. The attached permission slip must be completed and turned into your school in order to ride the school bus.

### **8:30am Registration & Welcome**

**9:00am – 9:35am - PART ONE:** What is college like? Is it hard work? Is it fun? Will I make new friends? What do you do after college? We'll have a conversation with recent college graduates from a variety of colleges who will speak about how college has broadened their horizons and created important opportunities for them.

**9:40am – 10:15am - PART TWO:** How much does it cost to go to college? How will I pay for college? Can I afford to go to college? We'll focus on how to pay for college, including scholarships, grants and loans, plus other types of financial assistance available for college students and families. Our speaker is Alexis Wheeler, who graduated from UW and Harvard Law School.

**10:20am – 10:55am - PART THREE:** How do I prepare and plan for college? We'll discuss how best to prepare for college during middle school and the four years of high school. Our speaker is Susanna Cerasuolo, Founder and CEO of CollegeMapper.com, college preparation expert, and Harvard alum.

**11:00am – 11:35am - PART FOUR:** What was my journey to college and how did it affect my life? Our speaker will talk about his experience before, during, and after college.

**11:40am – 12:10pm:** Optional walking tour of some of the highlights on the UW campus

**12:10pm:** Yellow school buses begin loading for return trip. Bus departure is at 12:30pm.

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## UW Campus Map around Mary Gates Hall ECA Suggested Walking Tour



**FREE Parking in Padelford Garage – Enter using Gate 2 or 3 – Tell attendant “Seattle is College Bound” to park FREE**

**Mary Gates Hall** – Career Center, Minority Affairs, Honors Program, other undergraduate services

**Gerberding** – President’s office and other university administration offices

**Meany Hall** – School of Music, Dance, Concert Hall

**Odegaard Undergraduate Library** – Library

**Kane Hall** – UW Television station, photography

**Suzzallo Library** – Books, Maps and digital services

**Quad** – cherry trees in bloom

**Schmitz Hall** – Office of Admissions, Student Financial Aid