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College Expectations

- Average Salaries (TIME – cnn money):
  - $45,478 for all graduates
  - $49,035 for Business majors
  - $64,367 for Engineering majors
  - $36,237 for Liberal Arts and Humanities majors
Average Monthly Income

- $3,789 For all college graduates

- After Federal Taxes that is $3,031

- You still have to pay:
  - State Taxes
  - Health costs
  - Rent
  - Food
  - Loans
  - Transportation
## Average Cost for College – Collededata.com

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<th>Private Universities</th>
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<td>Tuition</td>
<td>$31,231</td>
<td>$9,139/$22,958</td>
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<td>Housing/Food</td>
<td>$11,188</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>$4,486</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL:</strong></td>
<td><strong>$46,905</strong></td>
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Paying back College – Monthly payments for 10 years

- Public In-State $1,008
- Public Out-of-State $1,622
- Private $2,083
How can we lower the Loans?

• Apply for grants and/or scholarships. These don’t have to be paid back!!
• Federal Pell Grant (Can get up to $5,815)
• See other Grants available through the University
• See other scholarships available through the University
What if I still need some loans?

• Try to stick with only Federal Student Loans – these will generally have the lowest interest rates

• There will be two main types. Both are called Stafford loans.
  • Unsubsidized – This means the interest you are charged during college will keep growing
  • Subsidized – This means the government will pay your interest while you are in school
How can I budget to avoid loans?

• Try to get enough from grants/scholarships and summer work to pay for your tuition, fees and books.
• For example, UNCG tuition is $7,029. How will you pay it?
  • $4,000 from Pell Grant
  • $1,500 from additional grant
  • $2,500 from summer job
What about living expenses?

• Try to get an on campus job.

• Most universities will have a variety of student workers. These jobs will typically pay $7.50 - $9.50 per hour.

• These jobs are limited to 20 hours per week.

• 20 hours per week at $8.50 per hour is $680. This is the money to pay for housing and food.
What else can I do?

Avoid unnecessary debt – 70% of college students carry a credit card balance

Manage your expectations by understanding your expected income and your desired lifestyle...both in and out of college
For example….

- Saving $3 from daily coffee for 4 years in college could be worth $4,720 by graduation ($132,276 by retirement)
- Saving $5 a day by not eating out for 4 years in college could be worth $7,866 by graduation ($220,460 by retirement)
- Saving $25 a month by choosing a less expensive cell phone plan could be worth $1,325 by graduation ($38,150 by retirement)
- Saving $75 a month through less expensive housing could be worth $3,976 by graduation ($114,452 by retirement)
- Saving $50 a month through less expensive transportation could be worth $2,651 by graduation ($76,301 by retirement)
Conclusions

The total savings discussed would be $20,538 while in college, and potentially $581,639 by retirement.

College is still one of the greatest investments that can be made. Let’s make sure to plan for it as intelligently and thoughtfully as possible so the students can then achieve everything we hope they will!
QUESTIONS?