



College Goal Sunday

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The Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA) is holding its annual event College Goal Sunday. This year is the 30th year of this event. The purpose of this event is to help high school students who plan to attend college to understand

financial aid and how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with their parents or guardians.

I can attest from personal experience these workshops are helpful. My mom is a high school graduate and my dad earned an associate's degree at Ivy Tech. Since neither one of my parents earned a four-year degree, my high school counselor told me I was considered a first generation college student. I had the opportunity to attend college tours and she made sure I had the information I needed to ensure I would attend college. The College Goal Sunday event is one she put on my radar.

I was part of desegregation busing so even though my parents lived within the boundaries of Indianapolis Public Schools, I was bused out to the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township. The closest College Goal Sunday event that was being held the year I was first informed of the event was at Arlington High School, the school I would have attended if I wasn't bused out to Lawrence. My parents decided we would attend the event there since it was close to our house. It was my first time entering that high school.

My parents found the event informative. They were able to get their questions answered. Getting our questions answered helped ensure I got my FAFSA turned in on time.

This year, the first event happens Sunday, October 28, 2018, and there will be another event on Sunday, February 24, 2019. If you have a high school senior who plans to attend college next school year, make sure your family attends this event. Click [here](#) for the locations.