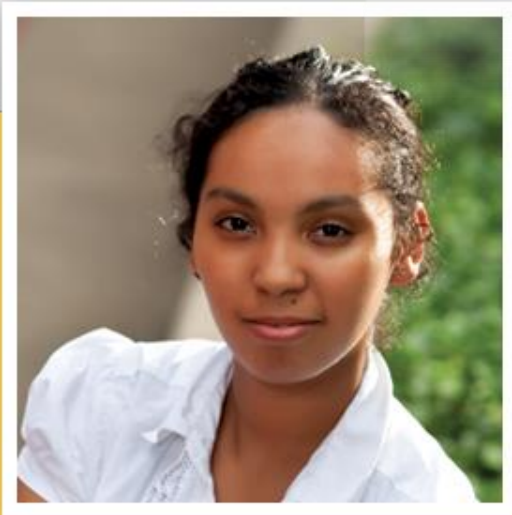




Great Expectations

FOSTERING POWERFUL CHANGE



A Resource for Virginia's Foster Youth

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What expectations do you have for your youth?

What expectations do they have for themselves?





Tonight's Agenda

- ❖ *Great Expectations* Program Overview
- ❖ *Great Expectations* at NOVA
- ❖ *Great Expectations* Services
- ❖ *Great Expectations* Students
- ❖ Program Eligibility
- ❖ Questions & Answers



About *Great Expectations*

Current *Great Expectations* Virginia Community College locations

- ❖ Blue Ridge
- ❖ Central Virginia
- ❖ Danville
- ❖ Germanna
- ❖ Reynolds
- ❖ John Tyler
- ❖ Lord Fairfax
- ❖ Mountain Empire
- ❖ New River
- ❖ Northern Virginia
- ❖ Patrick Henry
- ❖ Piedmont Virginia
- ❖ Southside Virginia
- ❖ Southwest Virginia
- ❖ Thomas Nelson
- ❖ Tidewater
- ❖ Virginia Highlands
- ❖ Wytheville



About *Great Expectations*

- ❖ An initiative of the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education
- ❖ Launched in 2008 at 5 Virginia Community Colleges
- ❖ Offered at 18 colleges



About *Great Expectations*

- ❖ Helps Virginia's current/former foster youth age 17-24 gain access to community college education.
- ❖ Provides education and employment opportunities that will improve the likelihood of success for foster youth.
- ❖ Offers individual support for at-risk foster youth as they finish high school, leave their foster homes and transition to living on their own.



College Pathway Initiatives

- ❖ Pathway to the Baccalaureate

www.nvcc.edu/pathway/

- ❖ Pathway Connection

www.nvcc.edu/cpi/connection.html

- ❖ Adult Career Pathways

www.nvcc.edu/acp/index.html

- ❖ Great Expectations

www.nvcc.edu/cpi/ge.html



Great Expectations Services

- ❖ Participation in workshops, college tours, community service, etc.
- ❖ Individualized tutoring
- ❖ Help with the college admissions/financial aid
- ❖ Career exploration and coaching
- ❖ Job preparation
- ❖ Life skills training
- ❖ Personalized counseling
- ❖ Help with transportation, housing, food, etc.



Demographics

- ❖ Age & Gender
- ❖ Geographic region
- ❖ Family circumstance
- ❖ Living situation



Great Expectations Student
Marianna Langenbeck
NOVA/GE Graduate – Class of 2015



- ❖ Age 17-24
- ❖ Currently/previously in VA foster care system after age of 13
- ❖ Adopted after age of 13
- ❖ Special Needs Adoption-any age



Educational Paths

What educational paths can foster youth take at NOVA?

- ❖ Career Readiness Certificate (CRC)
- ❖ Workforce Development
- ❖ Certificate
- ❖ Associate Degree - Job Placement
- ❖ Associate Degree - Transfer



College & Career Readiness

The Four C's

- ❖ Conversations
- ❖ Chunking
- ❖ Conquering Challenges
- ❖ Collaboration



Challenges

Academic/Educational

- ❖ Educational pathway
- ❖ Financial aid
- ❖ Placement testing
- ❖ Course selections
- ❖ Domicile & Tuition
- ❖ Disability services

Non-Academic

- ❖ Life circumstances (support system, parenting, transitioning)
- ❖ Emotional/Medical
- ❖ Financial
- ❖ Housing



Questions & Answers



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