

Dear students,

_____ seniors recently participated in Missouri Decision Day where their plans for higher education or military service were recognized and celebrated. Making a final decision is an important step to the future.

Now that you've made your decision, it is important to consider these following next steps:

- If you've applied for financial aid by completing a FAFSA, review your Student Aid Report (SAR) carefully to make sure it is correct and complete. This will be used to determine your eligibility for federal and possibly non-federal financial aid. If you have questions, be sure to share them with your college's financial aid office. If you haven't completed a FAFSA yet, consider filing at www.fafsa.gov.
- To enroll, follow the directions in the official acceptance letter/email you received from your college. Each college has its own steps and system for officially enrolling. Most likely, you will be directed to the college's official website and instructed to log into the internal student information system. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask questions to your college. If you have not received an official acceptance following your submission of the admissions application contact the admissions office.
- Some colleges require a monetary deposit to officially enroll. This deposit can range from \$100 to \$500 or more. To pay, you can use money from your MOST529 college savings account, your own savings or your family's savings. If you need help, don't hesitate to contact the college's financial aid office to discuss options.
- As part of the enrollment process, you will likely be prompted by the college to sign up for campus housing, accept your financial aid award, and register for summer orientation.
- After you have officially enrolled, you will also get information from your college about summer orientation and placement exams. Be sure to sign up for any required testing and attend orientation events.
- After you have officially enrolled, make sure to request a copy of your FINAL high school transcript to be sent to your college.

Students, don't melt this summer! "Melting" means you have followed all the steps to officially enroll in college, but for some reason, you don't show up on campus in the fall. To keep you from melting, here are some tips:

1. Stay active this summer through jobs, internships, clubs, sports, etc.
2. Talk about your college dreams, plans, and fears to your friends, family, and people you trust.
3. Figure out how you will physically get to college in the fall, and ask for help if you need it.
4. Help your family prepare for your college experience — this isn't just a life change for you, but also for them.

If you have any questions please call _____, at _____ or email me at _____.

Sincerely,