

## Ramp-Up News

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### For You:

Have you heard about the Dunwoody College of Technology's Youth Career Awareness Program (YCAP)? The program was started in 1988 and since then it has assisted more than 1300 students. YCAP's mission is to enhance the career opportunities of under-represented youth, empower high school juniors and seniors to graduate from high school, and to encourage students to earn a degree from Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis. In addition to YCAP's mission, its goals are to provide more females and students of color who come from a disadvantaged background the opportunity to attend college. All applicants must:

- Be in good academic standing at their schools (2.5 G.P.A. or higher)
- Be driven to succeed
- Be interested in learning more about Dunwoody's technical careers
- Have a strong financial need
- Attend a six-week summer camp at Dunwoody (weekly stipends, bus passes, and free lunch are provided)

Students who attend summer camp, graduate from high school, decide to attend Dunwoody receive:

- A \$20,000 scholarship for tuition.
- \$500 per semester for two years to assist with books and technology fees.
- Monthly workshop trainings on topics like personal finance, time management, and job interviewing.

Do you know any students who would benefit from YCAP? More information can be found at <http://www.dunwoody.edu/ycap/>

### For Staff:

Teachers know that relationships matter dearly in the classroom, but in the busy, hectic school day the significance can sometimes get lost. This blog quickly and simply states five things teachers can do to build relationships:

1. Get to know students from day one.
2. Set high expectations for all students.
3. Celebrate ALL success.
4. Listen to students.
5. Last, but not least, be vulnerable.

The entire blog can be found at: <http://inservice.ascd.org/relationships-matter-beyond-the-curriculum/>. Consider sharing it with your staff!

### For Parents:

Although filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) might be a student's responsibility, parents do share a large role in the process. In order to help parents, the U.S. Federal Government has created a "FAFSA Checklist for Parents." This tool can be found online, and it is loaded with tips for filling out the FAFSA from the start to the finish at:

[https://blog.ed.gov/2015/12/parents-guide-completing-fafsa/?utm\\_content=sf52411464&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=spredfast&utm\\_campaign=Federal&sf52411464=1](https://blog.ed.gov/2015/12/parents-guide-completing-fafsa/?utm_content=sf52411464&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=spredfast&utm_campaign=Federal&sf52411464=1) Check it out and pass it on to your students' families.