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18.0 °F

Current Temp

A Few Clouds

Wind : South at 4.6 MPH (4 KT)
 Humidity : 77 %
 Pressure : 1025.1 mb



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For 16 years, congressman Richard Neal has been coming backing to his Alma Mater at AIC to guide students and parents along the sometimes confusing process of applying for college and financial aid.

"The process in and of itself is daunting, but not impossible, and I think that if individuals persevere, and encourage the students to stick with it as well, that there is light at the end of the tunnel," said Congressman Richard Neal.

With an ongoing recession, high unemployment rates, a college students need for financial aid is critical. These experts a good first step, is sitting down together to being the process.

"Doing that together is important, because it is a family affair, students are most likely going to have to incur some loans on their behalf, and parents

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are really trying to allocate resources, so it's important for everyone to know what's going on,:" said Gail Holt.

And when you do sit down the first order of business is to fill out the forms, especially the FAFSA form, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Experts say get it done early so you don't miss the deadline, because if you miss that you could be missing out on some major cash.

"If you don't file the FAFSA and you don't do it by the deadline then you might be missing out on the free money opportunities, so know what the deadline is and filling out the FAFSA is the most important thing," said Gail Holt of Massachusetts College Goal Sunday.

With family budgets becoming ever tightening, sacrifices might have to be made, these experts say don't get discouraged.

"You may have to make some priority decisions about putting things off, those vacations ,etc, the student may not go to their absolute first choice school, there are allot of decisions that could be made, to assume that it's not possible because of that quote sticker price would not be a good assumption," said Linda Degrady.

In the end Congressman Neal says it's an investment, the return being the gift of endless opportunity.

"I think that one of the most pleasant days for any parent is that graduation day, but you can't get to graduation day without having participated in these opportunities to avail oneself for the prospect of financial aid, " said Congressman Richard Neal.

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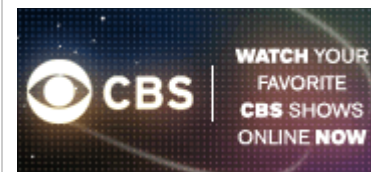
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