Parent Advantage

YOUR GUIDE TO COLLEGE, CAREERS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Practical ideas. Local opportunities. Brighter futures.



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CAREER CONNECTION

Application Systems Leader

Information Technology

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1. **Can you tell us about your role at FIS and what you do as a technology leader?**

As Director of an application system team at FIS, I lead global engineers across two continents, ensuring reliability and automation for critical credit card systems.

2. **What advice would you give to students interested in pursuing a career in technology?**

Focus on AI fluency while building a blend of core technical knowledge and strong human skills to navigate a fast-changing landscape.

3. **Looking back, what do you wish you had known about the importance of mentorship when you were a student?**

The power of mentorship: Mentorship accelerates tech careers by turning knowledge into real-world impact, bridging the gap between learning and professional success.

Opportunity Calendar

College Admissions 101: In-State Colleges

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Time: 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Location: Virtual
Details: A college-access session focused on Alabama colleges and universities, admissions preparation, and helping students understand in-state postsecondary options.
Register:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/X7BSlmviT7-c6SsIpg_6tA#/registration

Exploring Career Pathways

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Time: 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Location: Virtual
Details: Alabama Possible will host a virtual session for educators, career coaches, and community partners focused on helping students explore career pathways and postsecondary options.
Register:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6DesyIkNSAe9G4A0deu5rA#/registration

Student Action Plan

Challenge yourself this month:

✔️ Organize your school binder or digital folders.
✔️ Meet with your school counselor to discuss your goals.
✔️ Create a list of colleges, careers, or certifications that interest you.
✔️ Apply for at least one scholarship this month.
✔️ Spend 30 minutes each week researching scholarships and opportunities.

Parent Corner

Talk About Goals
Ask your student about their goals for the new school year and encourage them to create a plan for success.

Celebrate Effort
Recognize progress, persistence, and improvement—not just perfect grades.

Stay Connected
Review grades regularly and maintain communication with teachers and counselors. Small conversations today build confidence for tomorrow.