Great Expectations at NOVA

Great Expectations Program
703-845-6477
www.nvcc.edu
GreatExpectations@nvcc.edu

Produced by NOVAGraphics | July 2014
What Is Great Expectations?
Great Expectations is a program that helps Virginia’s current or former foster youth gain access to community college education and transition successfully from higher education to a self-sustaining career. Great Expectations focuses on the value of a college education as the best way to prepare for a career pathway and achieve independence. Great Expectations works with enrolled students to ensure their success in community college and beyond, connecting them to community resources, scholarship opportunities, and other supports. Students can pursue an associate degree, get workforce training, and/or transfer to a four-year college—often for free!

Who Can Join?
Current or prospective NOVA students age 17–24 who are or were formerly in the Virginia Foster Care system are eligible for the Great Expectations program.

What Will a Great Expectations Student Get?
- A personal contact at NOVA to assist them in their academic journey and personal challenge.
- A personal contact who will review and monitor their academic progress.
- A mentor who will provide one-on-one academic, life, and career-focused support.
- Participation in retreats, workshops, college tours, athletic events, community service, and campus activities.
- Access to help with transportation, housing, food, and other necessities.

What’s Next?
- Students can join Great Expectations at any time by completing an application and meeting with the Great Expectations Advisor.
- Students will automatically be admitted to the Pathway to the Baccalaureate Program upon admission to Great Expectations.
- Students will meet with their Great Expectations Advisor to consider their goals and discuss how NOVA can assist them with accomplishing them.
- Students will keep in contact with the Great Expectations Advisor throughout their college experience.
- Students will participate in Great Expectations and Pathway to the Baccalaureate programs and activities.

Where Can I Learn More?
www.nvcc.edu
www.GreatExpectations.vccs.edu
www.dss.virginia.gov
www.knowhow2go.com
www.iFoster.org