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BRADFORD, Pa. - The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford's Financial Aid staff will be offering free financial aid advice to college-bound students.

The financial aid high school night presentations begin next week in Coudersport and continue through the end of January 2013. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4 Coudersport Junior-Senior High School
- 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8 Allegany-Limestone (N.Y.) Central School
- 6 p.m. Jan. 9 Otto-Eldred Library
- 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9 Smethport Junior-Senior High School
- 6 p.m. Jan. 10 Bradford Area High School, Room 232-236
- 6 p.m. Jan. 16 Cameron County High School
- 6 p.m. Jan. 23 Sheffield High School
- 6 p.m. Jan. 30 Oswayo Valley Junior-Senior High School

Information covered will include the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), deadlines and tips that will make completing the FAFSA easier. A counselor will also talk about the financial aid process and the different types of aid that are available to families and students. Finally, the counselor will talk about different situations that can affect aid, such as income, academic progress and whether a student is considered a dependent or independent student. There will be time for questions during or after the presentation.

In February 2013, the Financial Aid staff will offer two different FAFSA completion nights, one from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 12 at Warren High School and one from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Pitt-Bradford Sport and Fitness Center computer lab.

Those sessions will enable families to complete the FAFSA online with help from the staff. Those interested should bring their 2012 Federal tax return if complete or their 2011 Federal tax return if the 2012 return is not yet done. Families should also bring Federal PIN numbers, if they have them, and investment statements for assets other than retirement accounts.

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