

## Notes from the 2010 Financial Aid Night, November 4th, 2009

Jackie Browne, lead counselor for guidance opened the night. She stated that the top ten schools, by applications, that BHS students apply to are:

UMass Amherst, Boston University, Northeastern, University of Vermont, Brown, UMass Boston, George Washington University, Harvard, NY University, and Tufts.

The current cost of college is estimated at \$34,000 for private colleges/universities and \$14,000 for public colleges/universities.

Ms. Browne introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Oliver Scholle from Fox College Funding. Mr. Scholle is a college funding consultant who has worked for the Bank of Boston and CitiBank.

Mr. Scholle said that he helps families minimize the cost of college. He has 2 college kids and has had the experience that seniors and their parents are now going through. He has experienced the stress of the college process. He stated that he tries to help families pay for college and reduce the money paid out of pocket. Mr. Scholle stated that he uses a slightly different figure from Ms. Browne for college costs, one that includes tuition, room and board, transportation, books, supplies, and personal expenses. Using the fully loaded cost a year at a private college is \$39,028 and at a public college \$19,388. Mr. Scholle mentioned the current costs for a few local colleges: BU \$53,000, Tufts \$50,158, Curry College \$37,275 and UMass Amherst \$21,000.

[Mr. Scholles' presentation and notes are attached so parents can receive the most accurate information.](#)

During the course of the presentation Mr. Scholle also mentioned a book which could be helpful to parents: *How to Go to College for Almost Free* by Benjamin Kaplan.

A handout entitled Financing College Websites was available which lists the following websites:

- [Nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool) -- this website lists how much aid schools generally give out
- [Fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) -- free application for federal student aid
- [Profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://Profileonline.collegeboard.com) college scholarship service profile form
- [Finaid.org](http://Finaid.org) helps calculate expected family contribution
- [BHSweblab.net](http://BHSweblab.net) go to news and opinions and click on the green circle: information on scholarships exclusively for BHS students.