



WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s) and Sophomore Student,

We hope that you are having an outstanding sophomore year. As we progress through the second academic semester, planning and preparing for your junior year is paramount. The junior year is an extremely important one for you, as you look ahead to your post-secondary goals.

With this in mind, we are excited to share with you an opportunity resulting from a partnership between West Allegheny High School and Robert Morris University for a cohort of selected junior students. On **Thursday, March 30th**, a representative from Robert Morris University will present information for parents and students regarding the **First Semester College in the High School Program**. This program affords selected WAHS students with the opportunity to earn fifteen (15) post-secondary credits from Robert Morris University, during their junior and senior years of high school at a drastically reduced cost. Selected eleventh grade students complete five Robert Morris University courses during their junior and senior years of high school. Students complete one course per semester, including a summer semester, facilitated by Robert Morris University faculty outside of regular school hours on the West Allegheny High School campus. Each course will meet approximately two and a half hours per week with a specific time schedule to be determined.

Robert Morris University will provide the above courses to students at a tuition rate of \$814.50 per course. Please note that this tuition rate has been discounted approximately seventy percent (70%) when compared to the standard tuition rates for an undergraduate course. In summation, students can earn fifteen (15) post-secondary credits from Robert Morris University at a total cost of \$4,072.50 versus a traditional per credit tuition rate of \$13,815.00.

In addition to the tuition cost savings, students who successfully complete all five courses, will be awarded a *Letter of Acceptance* to Robert Morris University and will have the opportunity to begin their post-secondary schooling at RMU as a second-semester freshman. Robert Morris University has selected courses from their course catalog that are highly transferable to other post-secondary institutions. Students who are selected to participate in this program are in no way required to attend RMU upon graduation from West Allegheny. Rather, students will receive an official Robert Morris University transcript detailing each of the above courses to provide to the post-secondary institution of their choice.

Students who are considering application to this program should also note that they will receive West Allegheny elective course credit in accordance with the procedures regarding post-secondary courses taken at other institutions outlined in the West Allegheny High School Parent-Student Handbook.

Parent/guardians and students who are interested in learning more about this opportunity should plan to attend an informational meeting on **Thursday, March 30th in the West Allegheny High School Library at 6:30 PM**. During this informational meeting, additional information about the program will be shared by West Allegheny and RMU Administration.

Sincerely,

Kevin McKiernan
Academic Principal