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## Students to get help at 'KnowHow2Go' event

Local groups will guide middle school and high school students toward college

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### Event to help students 'KnowHow2Go'

MUNCIE -- Many students already know they are on their way to college, but not all of them know how to get there.

Saturday, students in grades six through 12 and their parents can go to Tuhey Park to learn what path they need to take.

Representatives from organizations such as YMCA Black Achievers, 21st Century Scholars and Parents Encouraging Parents will be at Tuhey Park from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. to run the 'KnowHow2Go' event, where students can ask questions, sign up for organizations, receive free school supplies and swim for free until 5 p.m., said Qiana O'Neal, the event coordinator.

The event was inspired by the state's KnowHow2Go program through Learn More Indiana, which surveys students about college every year.

"(We found that) the majority know that they want to go to college, but that they say they need help getting there," said Elizabeth Crouch, spokeswoman for Learn More Indiana.

O'Neal wants to help students obtain information in Muncie.

"It's important for kids to know how to access resources in their own community," she said.

Resources include the Black Achievers Program, which takes students on college visits across the country and provides mentoring for local teens; 21st Century Scholars, which pays college tuition anywhere in the state for eligible seventh and eighth grade students; and Parents Encouraging Parents, which helps parents in the community learn how to guide their children toward a college education.

"Education opens up all kinds of opportunities," said Terri Starkey, an event volunteer and founder of Parents Encouraging Parents. "I think that why it's important that (students) need to know that there are programs available for them."

To learn more about KnowHow2Go, visit [www.knowhow2goindiana.org](http://www.knowhow2goindiana.org).

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