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Alumni Panel at Assabet Valley Shares College Experience

Area. For the seventh year, Principal Mark Hollick has hosted an Alumni Panel of former students to spend the morning before Thanksgiving chatting with current juniors and seniors at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School. The alumni form a panel that discusses the college experience, from the application process to choosing a roommate, from financial aid and scholarships to playing sports, and including the class schedule and amount of time spent out of class doing homework. This year's panel included Brittney Lutz, at Franklin Pierce, majoring in Physical Therapy, Rachel Horn, Wentworth Institute of Technology, majoring in Interior Design, Andrew Morin, Westfield State, majoring in Nursing, Marissa Monteiro, Salve Regina University, majoring in Nursing, Ashley Peck, Springfield College, majoring in Health Sciences, Chris Caissie, also Springfield College, who is in a 6 year Physician's Assistant program, and Sara Morin, who is at Quinsigamond Community College.

The guests were asked about how they narrowed down their college choices, and what made the difference in making that final decision. "Definitely visit the schools in person, you may be surprised and it makes a huge difference. I just felt at home at Wentworth," said Horn. "Picture yourself there and keep an open mind," said Monteiro. "Salve Regina was the most expensive and I might have assumed I couldn't afford it, but when the final package of scholarships and grants came through, it was only a little bit more than a state school. I am so glad I kept that open mind!" When asked about class attendance requirements at the various schools, most of the alumni remarked that in most cases, strict attendance is not taken, but they all agreed that if you want to do well, you'll make sure you're in every class. "Besides, if you divide your tuition up by the number of classes, every class you miss would be like throwing \$200 or more away. Who would want to do that?" added Andrew Morin.

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Sara Morin, Clinton, Brittney Lutz, Marlborough, Rachel Horn, Marlborough, Andrew Morin, Clinton, Marissa Monteiro, Berlin, Ashley Peck, Hudson, and Chris Caissie, Marlborough visited their alma mater, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High, to share their college experiences with the current juniors and seniors.