

FAQ

1. Is LAUNCH! only for college-bound students?

- No! LAUNCH! is designed to support students through ALL post-secondary options, whether that be college, military, trade school, etc

2. Where will the sessions be held?

- The sessions will be held at Durham Technical Community College and North Carolina Central University. Refreshments will be provided at all sessions. Lunch will be provided at the campus tours.
 - **Session 1:** January 11, 2025 at 1pm
 - **Session 2:** January 25, 2025 at 2pm
 - **Session 3:** February 8, 2025 at 2pm
 - **Session 4:** February 22, 2025 at 2pm
 - **Session 5-6:** College campus tours. Dates will be finalized once tours are chosen.
 - **Session 8:** April 19, 2025 at 1pm

3. What will be covered in the sessions?

The sessions will include panelists who will discuss post-secondary options, admission timelines and requirements, how to apply for funding, campus tours, and more! See below for session breakdown.

- **Session 1:** LAUNCH! kickoff celebration that fosters networking and empowerment as we set our vision of what our year will look like with participants and guardians.
- **Session 2:** Engage with a diverse group of leaders as they share insights on pathways and opportunities in post-secondary education, drawing from their own personal experience.
- **Session 3:** Help participants prepare for the future with guidance on application strategies, important timelines, and essential success tips for essay development and testing.
- **Session 4:** Explore how to fund post-secondary options as we provide resources, insights on planning for your education investment, and ensure accessibility to scholarships and aid.
- **Sessions 5- 7:** Students will experience three campus tours, where they will be able to get a first hand look at what life on a college campus is like. Tours will include visits to a 4-year university, a community college, and a trade school option, offering a comprehensive look at diverse post-secondary pathways.
- **Session 8:** LAUNCH participants and their families can join us for a time of reflection of the year's achievements during our celebration, as we recognize growth and look forward to a bright future.

4. How will the campus tours be chosen?

- Campus tours will be selected from three diverse post-secondary options (i.e. university, community college, trade school, etc) based on indicated interest from students via surveys.

5. Can I bring a friend to one of the sessions?

- Due to limited capacity, only LAUNCH! students and parents/guardians will be invited to attend. If you have a friend that is interested, they can apply separately to the program.

6. Can parents/guardians attend?

- Parents and guardians are welcome and are highly encouraged to attend the **Session 1** Kickoff Luncheon and **Session 4** when we will be discussing financial aid.

7. Who is teaching the sessions?

- Our sessions will be led by leaders throughout the community who come from diverse backgrounds. Our hope is to give students a wide range of perspectives on different post-secondary options so they can make the choice that is best for them!