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Forum gives county students a glimpse of 'What's Next'

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Several junior high and high school students from Clark County attended the "What's Next" education forum at Ouachita Baptist University's Walker Conference Center Saturday.

The forum, hosted by the Center for Education and Public Policy, OBU,

Henderson State University and the Clark County Strategic Planning Education Subcommittee, was organized to offer opportunities for students and parents to attend six, 30-minute sessions that dealt with topics about college, from preparing for college and the workforce, career interests and skills, parents advising parents, stu-

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dents advising students and managing finances for life after high school.

"It's never too early to start thinking about college," Terri Hardy, event organizer and director of the Center for Education and Public Policy, said.

"There are steps students can take while in junior high and high school that may give them a head start on admission to college and workforce

training programs."

College recruiters from universities like Arkansas State University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and University of Arkansas at Little Rock, School of the Ozarks, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson and Ouachita Baptist were available to talk with prospective students about the programs their universities offer. Booths were also set up by the

Arkansas Student Loan Authority, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Arkansas Department of Workforce Education, ROTC and HSU's aviation program.

Event organizers said that the forum was a success, and that next year it may be held at Henderson.

Both universities will host the event, alternating its location each year.