

US education secretary visits SC school



Arne Duncan

Education Secretary Arne Duncan speaks March 2 during a forum on education at American University in Washington. Duncan, U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, former South Carolina Gov. and U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley visited with about 75 juniors and seniors from Scott's Branch High School on Friday.

[Buy Photo](#) *Jacquelyn Martin/AP file photo*

SUSANNE M. SCHAFER

The Associated Press

Published: Friday, March 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Last Modified: Friday, March 30, 2012 at 4:17 p.m.

Page 2 of 3

"What tips do you have for us, to help us be one step ahead of our competition?" asked 17-year-old senior Courtney Manning, who said she wants to be a neonatal nurse and plans to attend the University of South Carolina-Upstate.

"What about the cost of college tuition? Do you ever see it decreasing?" queried Hope Junious, 17, another senior who said she intends to study biology at Clemson University.

The men urged the students to seek as much financial aid as possible, to stick with any kind of post-high school education they can find — whether in four-year, two-year, or technical and trade schools — and to keep their dreams alive.

"It's important for you to believe in yourself," said Riley, who has been backing efforts to reform education in the state through the Riley Foundation at Furman University.

"Don't let anybody tell you, you can't do it," added Clyburn. "Remember the South Carolina state motto: 'While I breathe, I hope.' Live by it."

Duncan told the students that economic need shouldn't be a bar to them getting an education, saying that over the next 10 years there will be \$40 billion in federal grants available to those in financial need.

"That's right. 'B' as in billion," Duncan said. "If you are concerned about money for college, don't let anyone tell you that you can't take that next step." He said his department was trying to work with universities to keep tuition in check and to make sure schools offer accurate information so students know what their costs will be over several years, and what the graduation rates truly are.

Manning said afterward she was pleased the officials made the visit, and stressed the importance of science education. "My sister has cerebral palsy, so that's why I want to become a nurse and help people."

Junious said she hopes to use her science education to become a nurse, or surgeon.

- [Previous Page](#)
- [1](#)
- [2](#)
- [3](#)
- [Next Page](#)

All rights reserved. This copyrighted material may not be re-published without permission. Links are encouraged.

You Might Be Interested In

[Missing student leads deputy to 'disgusting' home](#)
(GoUpstate.com)

[Facebook 'friend' offer exposes man's other wife](#)
(GoUpstate.com)

[New suspect sketch sparks rush of calls about Spartanburg's Superbike case](#) *(GoUpstate.com)*

[Couple opens new McDonald's in Boiling Springs](#)
(GoUpstate.com)

[South Carolina hits "grand slam" with hire](#) *(On the Matt)*

[This area has been blessed with great coaches](#)
(Meltons Message)

From Around The Web

[10 Foods That Decrease Inflammation](#)
(HealthCentral.com)

[Snake slithers out of ATM](#) *(Bankrate.com)*

[Cutting the Cord on Cable TV's Pricey Monthly Bill](#)
(Daily Finance)

[SeaWorld's Discovery Cove: A Refreshing Way to Play](#)
(FamilyCircle)

[Teacher Resources: Post-it Note Hidden Message Board](#) *(Post-It Activity Center)*

[Chronic Absence: Elephant in the Emptying Classroom](#)
(TakePart)

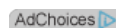
[\[what's this\]](#)

 Be the first of your

[▲ Return to Top](#)

<p>Ask an Electrician Online An Electrician Will Answer You Now! Electrical Answers Today: 87. Electrician</p>	<p>WIRE to Blow Up in 2012? Don't trade WIRE until you get our trusted free weekly trading advice! TheBestNewsletters</p>	<p>No Charging Your iPad OTCBB: DOMK rolls out hottest new iPad accessory! New investment. www.SolaWerks.com</p>
---	--	---

Ads by Yahoo!



- [Most Read](#)
- [Most Emailed](#)