Hello Explorers, and welcome back to this week’s edition of The Compass! We hope that your break was restful and enjoyable, wherever you spent it! Isn’t it crazy to think that we are already near halfway through the semester?! Time flies! This week in our newsletter, you will find things related to financials! That means FAFSA, tuition, etc! You’ll find everything you need, right here!

* A reminder to all: the **ABSOLUTE LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS FOR FALL** IS October 22. If you want to drop a class, then please make those arrangements BEFORE the 22nd. Also, the second 8-week session begins on October 16! Mark your calendars!

**FAFSA**
You may remember FAFSA from when you were applying to colleges. Dreadful as it may be, this is a YEARLY PROCESS that must be complete YEARLY. The 2020-2021 FAFSA is available NOW! Please fill it out as soon as you can so that way the Financial Aid office can put together your award package for the upcoming year. If you have problems filing this out, the Financial Aid office has walk-in hours daily from 8-5. Please do not postpone this until the last possible moment!

**Data Mine**
Interested in joining a learning community? Data Mine is a learning community devoted to learning about Data Science skills. Students will get the opportunity to learn a variety of topics in a professional setting. Those who choose to join the community will be living with 700 other students in Hillenbrand Hall and participate in seminars, studies, and other activities devoted to data analysis. If you are interested, please fill out the application found at: [www.purdue.edu/lc/application](http://www.purdue.edu/lc/application)

**Boiler Financial Track**
The Boiler Financial Track is a program through Purdue Federal Credit Union that aims to help students manage their money better. They offer personal one-on-one counseling, workshops, budgeting help, and more. If you are interested, or think that you could benefit from these programs, please visit: [www.purduefed.com/boiler-financial-track/](http://www.purduefed.com/boiler-financial-track/) for more information

**Purdue Explorers in Paris**
If you missed the first callout but are still interested in the Exploratory Studies’ Study Abroad program in Paris, please attend the second callout meeting, or contact Kate Winton for more information.

**Where?** Rawls 1011
**When?** October 15 at 6pm
**Contact:** Kate Winton kwinton@purdue.edu