

# WELCOME TO MESP 529!

My name is Jon Scott and I will be your dedicated MESP 529 college savings consultant for your employee benefits program.

I know how intimidating making investing decisions can be and I'm here to discuss your college savings goals and answer any questions you may have about the MESP 529 College Savings Plan.

When it comes to saving for college, many people think they won't be able to save enough to make a difference, they don't know where to start or think they will need to make a choice between saving for college or saving for retirement. First, with college savings, it is not about paying for everything, it's about saving what you can, because every little bit helps. And, second, you are not alone, MESP 529 is here to help with a variety of investment options and easy set up that lets you get started in just 15 minutes with as little as \$25.

## What are the benefits of saving with MESP 529?



Triple Tax Benefits



Low Fees and Expenses



Financial Aid Friendly



Variety of Investment Options

## Triple Tax Benefits

- State tax deduction of up to \$10,000 for married joint filers (\$5,000 for those filing single)
- Tax-deferred growth on any earnings
- Tax-free withdrawals for qualified higher education expenses including tuition, fees, room and board, books, and more

I look forward to meeting you and helping make your college savings goals a reality. To schedule our initial meeting, please scan the QR code.

Sincerely,

*Jon Scott*

**Book an appointment!**



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- Educates families on how to save for college with 529 College Savings Plans



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The treatment of investments in a 529 savings plan varies by school. Assets are typically treated as the account holder's and not the student's. (Student assets are generally assessed at 20% whereas parental assets are generally assessed at 5.6%.) Any investments, including those in 529 accounts, may affect the student's eligibility to get financial aid based on need. You should check with the schools you are considering regarding this issue.

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