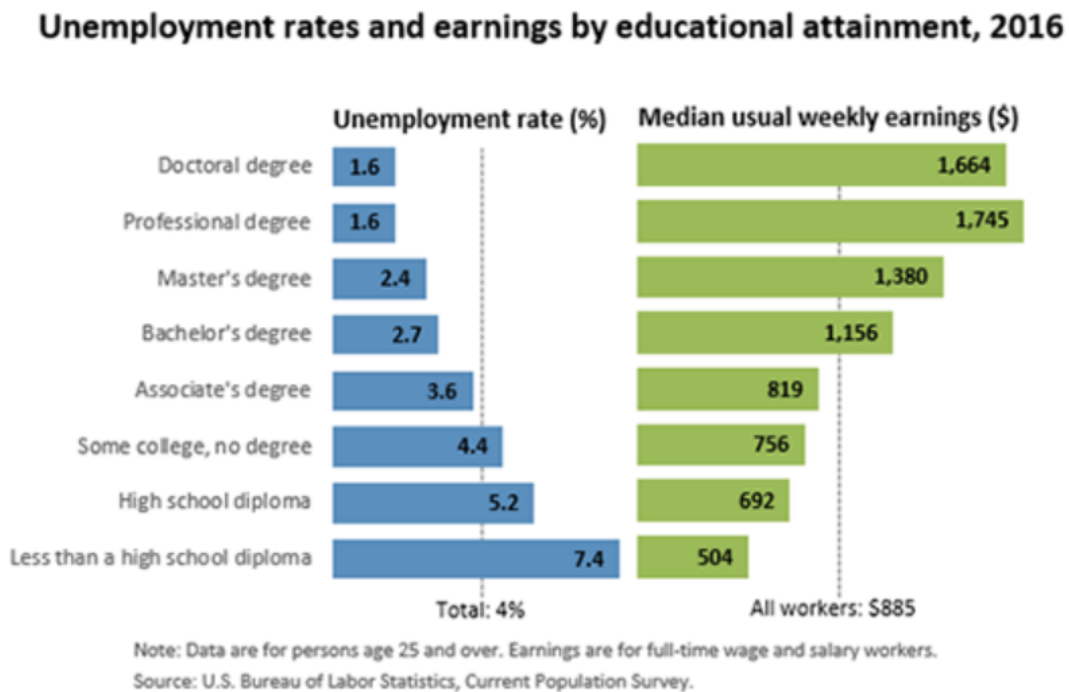


Congratulate Class of 2017

I would like to congratulate the class of 2017! It is a privilege for me to attend all three graduation commencement ceremonies for the high schools in Kane School District and acknowledge each student as they received their diploma. I would also like to thank the private businesses, individuals, hospital, and cities who provide our students with scholarships to attend university or career and technical colleges. With the financial assistance from our local communities, our students are more likely to be successful in their chosen careers. Just how important is a high school diploma? According to a report published in 2016 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, adults who do not receive a high school diploma have a 7.4% unemployment rate and earn a median annual income of \$26,208. Comparatively, a high school graduate experiences a 5.2% unemployment rate and a median income of \$36,036. Please see the graph below:



Source: https://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_chart_001.htm

The graduating class of 2017 has successfully completed the first step on their path to independence and self-sustainment. Congratulations once again to the class of 2017, and best of luck on your future endeavors.

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