

Class of 2013

College Planning 101

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Important People

Principal – Gregg Colschen
Associate Principals
 Jeri Gambertoglio (Student Services)
 Chuck Pincumbe (Administration)
Grade Level Principals
 Jill Malpass
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Other VIP's

- Registrar
 Carol Heard
- Grade Level Assistants
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- College & Career /Transcript Clerk
 Bonnie Graham

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Counselors

Lead Counselor

- Denise Cipolla (TCA Counselor of the Year)

Grade Level Counselors

- Kelly Stewart (A – Chal)
- Tracie Breidenthal (Cham – Flan)
- Suzanne Smith (Flao – Johns)
- Laura Willard (Johnson – Mayo)
- Jane Iribarren / Eileen Kennedy (Mayp – Pic)
- Allison Chambers (Pid – Srn)
- Christy Farris (Sro – Z)

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College Knowledge Quiz

- ❖ You must rank in the top 10% to attend Texas public universities.
- ❖ The only way students get in the top 10% at TWHS is by not taking AP courses
- ❖ There are only two universities in Texas.

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College Knowledge Quiz

- ❖ Community colleges are for people who cannot get into a 4-year college.
- ❖ A perfect SAT or ACT score guarantees admission to an Ivy League college.
- ❖ It is important for students to join lots of clubs in their senior year because it looks good on the resume.

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Where do TWHS students go?

Class of 2011

- ❖ Applied to over 400 different colleges and enrolled in more than 130 different colleges in the US and abroad
 - 82% went to 4-year colleges
 - 18% went to community college
 - 31% went out of state
 - 1% International

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College Knowledge Quiz

- ❖ TWHS students get special consideration in the admissions process because it's so hard to rank in the top 10%.
- ❖ Hiring a college advisor will increase your chances of getting into a prestigious college.
- ❖ Smart students are the only ones who get scholarships.

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Where did the Class of 2011 Go?

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Lone Star Montgomery College	58	48	65	108	97
Blinn College	19	20	24	26	65
Texas A&M University	79	84	61	83	56
The University of Texas, Austin	60	44	43	48	50
The University of Texas, San Antonio	54	63	50	44	31
Texas Tech University	40	25	21	30	29
University of Oklahoma	26	20	21	15	28
Baylor University	20	26	25	28	24
Louisiana State University	12	26	20	26	21
Texas State University-San Marcos	18	13	14	21	17
Sam Houston State University	25	28	16	26	16
University of Houston	17	9	16	20	15
Texas Christian University	11	10	12	9	12
University of North Texas	8	10	10	15	11
University of Mississippi					11
Austin Community College					10
Stephen F. Austin State University	10	16	9	4	5

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College Knowledge Quiz

- ❖ Everyone can qualify for financial aid no matter what the family's financial resources are
- ❖ College admissions professionals consider the application as a joint effort between the student and the parent.
- ❖ Applying to college is nothing like it was when I went to college.

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What should you be doing now?

Help student explore college options based on multiple criteria:

- Interests, activities, program of study
- Size
- Location
- Academic fit
- Cost

Do a college search on Family Connection, College QuickStart or College Board

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What should you be doing now

- ❖ Visit colleges or attend college fairs whenever possible (It is a good idea contact colleges to determine when the preview weekends are scheduled)
- ❖ Expand your college search to colleges that you might not have heard of
- ❖ Research, research, research
- ❖ Meet with admissions counselors when they visit TWHS

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What should you be doing now

- ❖ Attend the Conroe ISD College Night to get information (October 11 at Lone Star Convention Center)
Hint: Take address labels with mailing address and email address!
- ❖ Use PSAT scores to target deficiencies and enroll in a test prep course
- ❖ Make sure your student registers to take SAT and ACT in the spring of junior year!

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What should you be doing now

- ❖ Make list of all the colleges that your child likes and add them to his/her FC
- ❖ Get a calendar and write down application deadlines and other important dates
- ❖ Look at college admissions requirements to make sure you qualify for admissions
- ❖ Build your resume (work in progress)
- ❖ Enter prospective colleges on Family Connection (colleges I'm thinking about)

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Did you know...

It's OK to ask questions!
Admissions counselors, CCC staff,
and your academic guidance
counselors can help when you have
questions.

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What should you be doing now

- ❖ Go online, look at the application, and study it. Your goal is to be thoroughly familiar with the contents of the application.

HELPFUL HINT: If a college accepts the Common Application, USE IT!
- ❖ Write down what is required to complete the application (recommendations, essays, interviews, testing requirements, etc.)

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Houston Admission Offices

Texas Tech University
UT-Austin, UT-Dallas, TAMU
University of Alabama, TCU
University of Oklahoma
Louisiana State University
SFA, Texas State University

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How we help you and your student

- ❖ Provide access to information
- ❖ Available to answer questions and guide you through the process
- ❖ Counselors confer one-on-one in individual junior conferences

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How we help you and your student

- ❖ Family Connection is a key tool
- ❖ Secure internet based tool for college and career guidance. It is the program of choice for many of the premier public and independent high schools across the country
- ❖ College search and college comparison
- ❖ Academic profile (rank, scores, gpa)

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How we help you and your student

- ❖ Students will get a Jr. Sr. Handbook which provides information on college planning, setting goals, career options and more
- ❖ We schedule conferences upon request
- ❖ Provide academic guidance

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Family Connection

- ❖ College admissions requirements
- ❖ Link to every college in the world (2-yr, 4-yr, technical schools, career colleges, trade schools and more)
- ❖ College visit schedule, college previews, college videos

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How we help you and your student

- ❖ Write candid letters of recommendation that reflect positive attributes (all letters of recommendation are personal and individual; NO FORM LETTERS)
- ❖ Present parent information sessions as needed
- ❖ Work to ensure students are working toward graduation requirements

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Family Connection

- ❖ Scattergrams – see “chances” of getting accepted
- ❖ Search for scholarships and download applications or apply online
- ❖ Look at admitted students’ profiles

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Family Connection

- ❖ Request transcripts
- ❖ Complete brag sheets for applications
- ❖ Class rank and GPA
- ❖ College spotlights

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Bridges

- Provides career assessments
- Interest profiler
- Personality test “Do What You Are” (formerly in Family Connection)
- www.bridges.com
- Or click on Bridges link in Family Connection

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Links to additional information

- ❖ Test prep courses - free online prep & CISD prep
- ❖ Paid prep classes
- ❖ Summer enrichment programs
- ❖ Internships & Exchange Student Programs
- ❖ Apply Texas application
- ❖ Common Application (national)
- ❖ SAT and ACT registration
- ❖ Pre-professional program requirements
- ❖ Link to Bridges Career Center

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The Goal...

- ❖ The objective is not to find a single college, but several colleges that will fit the needs of your student
- ❖ Make a plan and write it down
- ❖ Discuss your plans with your counselor
- ❖ Set reasonable deadlines

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Family Connection

Does not replace guidance, but enhances the delivery of guidance to our students.

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What to expect in the Fall

- ❖ Be prepared to narrow college choices to 5 to 7 colleges
- ❖ Apply to at least one “safe” school
- ❖ Students will get Jr. Sr. Handbook Addendum with specific deadlines and application process

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What to expect in the Fall

- ❖ Counselors will meet with seniors to discuss TWHS application procedures
- ❖ Counselors will meet with parents
- ❖ Application help sessions
- ❖ College admissions updates

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College is knowledge.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Conroe ISD College Night - October 11
- ❖ NACAC National College Fair - April
- ❖ Conroe ISD Camp College
 - When: Summer, June or July, for students who have completed their junior year in high school
 - Place and cost: TBD
 - Registration: begins in the spring
 - Limited space, register early

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Questions?

- ❖ You will have questions - ask us!
- ❖ Contact the college admissions office
- ❖ Browse the college websites and viewbooks
- ❖ Go to college information sessions

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