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Senior Parent Night Program

Minnetonka High School

Sept 17, 2018

An Overview of this presentation

- Introduction of MHS Counselors & College Counselor
- Role of the parent, student and counselor
- Profile from Minnetonka High School
- Trends in College Admissions
- Important Dates for Seniors and Senior Parents
- How to Use Naviance Student
- How to Apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Q & A

- **MHS Counselors:**

Brad Burnham	A-Bur
Jennifer Stout	Bus-Em
Theresa Exenberger	En-Han
Kayte Haagenson	Hao-Ka
Mary Beth Wiig	Kb-Mag
Christina Taylor	Mah-Ol
Amanda Wavrin	Om-Sam
Kendra Olson	San-Tam
David Bierly	Tan-Z
Phil Trout	College Counselor

- **What is the role of parents?**

a) Believe in your child's abilities
b) Continue to take an interest in your child's academic life
c) Keep an open dialogue about the college search and be clear about financial expectations
d) Stay in touch with your child's counselor – we all want to help our students find good matches!
e) Address any special needs

- **What is the role of counselors?**

a) Believe in the student's abilities
b) Communicate about deadlines/timeline and provide information about the admissions process
c) Stay in touch about student's progress – for post high school plans, as well as graduation
d) Monitor application activity – for admissions and financial aid/scholarships

Minnetonka High School – Profile from 2017 & 2018

• % attending 4 year colleges	79%
• % attending 2 year colleges	11%
• % attending MN institutions	39%
• % attending out-of-state institutions	51%
• Average number of applications	4.5

Class of 2017

Univ of Minnesota - TC

Normandale Community College

Iowa State University

Univ of Minnesota – Duluth

University of St. Thomas

Univ of Wisconsin – Madison

University of North Dakota

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Montana State University

Apply for admission and financial aid in the fall!

- As the student gets ready to become an applicant, the top priority – finding the right fit! NOTE: "You apply for admission to a college because you want to go there!"
- Most MHS students apply between September and December
- Separate deadline for need-based financial aid -- Filing the FAFSA can be done any time after October 1.
- The selection process could last for months, especially when cost of attendance is a significant factor.

Trends in the world of college admissions

- ACT and SAT scores are accepted by all colleges.
- Huge increase in the number of colleges that are test score optional For the list, http://fairtest.org/
- Growing number of colleges that have adopted a self-reported academic record in the application (including all three Iowa universities, and the U of M, Twin Cities)
- Also, many more colleges now allow students to self-report test scores on the application.
- Admission outcome could be an offer for January enrollment.

Timeline – some upcoming dates

- Oct 7 — National Portfolio Day, at MCAD
- Oct 9 — Performing & Visual Arts Fair, at MIA
- Oct 12 — Parent-Teacher conferences at MHS
- Oct 17-19 — No school for seniors (MEA) – perfect time for college visits!
- Oct 24-25 — National College Fair (Minneapolis)
- Oct 25 — Financial aid program at MHS
- Nov 1 — Deadline for many early action/early decision applications

Timeline (continued)

- Nov 1 — Priority deadline for U of M, Twin Cities, and UW-Madison
- Nov 9 — No school; opportunity for college visits
- Nov 15 — EA/ED deadline for some colleges
- November — Deadline for application to University of California schools
- Jan 1 — Regular decision deadline for many colleges and universities
- May 1 — National candidate reply date

Handouts for tonight's presentation

- Post High School Planning Guide, 2018-2019
- College Visits at MHS
- MHS Transcript Release form

NOTE: the College and Career Center and the Counseling Office have additional copies of these handouts.

Web sites referenced

http://student.naviance.com/minnetonka

www.commonapp.org

www.fafsa.ed.gov

http://collegecost.ed.gov/

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