

FENWICK STUDENT SERVICES
COLLEGE SEMINARS
SUMMER, 2018

Once again this summer we will be presenting our College Information Series for interested seniors, their families, and friends. Underclassmen and their parents are also welcome. The speakers who will be at Fenwick are well known and respected professionals within the college admissions community. Perhaps as important, they are familiar with Fenwick and understand the qualifications of our students. The information they will share will directly impact many of the decisions you will be facing during your senior year. Please try to attend as many presentations as possible, particularly those of special interest or concern to you.

All programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Cafeteria.

MONDAY, JUNE 4... "*Selective College Admission*" presented by **Ms. Alisa Fisher, Senior Associate Director of Admission at the University of Notre Dame.** A number of highly visible college have experienced dramatic increases in the number of applications over the recent past. A score of schools are now at single digit admit rates. Each year they are faced with the formidable task of evaluating thousands of applications from well qualified high school students for a finite number of places in the freshman class. Our speaker will address the process by which they differentiate between the applications of many academically talented young people and select, and 'build', their incoming freshman class. Students, and their parents, who intend to apply to competitive institutions are urged to attend. Alisa has worked with our students in the past and will discuss the current realities of selective school admission.

MONDAY, JUNE 11... "*Road Map to College*" presented by **Mr. Borsch and Ms. Docherty** We will try to help you navigate the path toward selecting one's final college choice. ACT/SAT/AP/ Subject testing policies, utilizing Naviance and other online search engines, strategy regarding early action, decision options, the Common App, and selecting a realistic list of potential schools will be among the topics discussed. We believe this session will be valuable to 'first timers' who are sending their oldest to a campus. With the changing scene in testing and admission policies parents who have already gone through the admissions cycle may still wish to attend.

MONDAY, JUNE 18... "*Understanding Financial Aid*" presented by **Mr. Scott Seibring, Director of Financial Aid, Illinois Wesleyan University.** The focus of this seminar is to provide the parents with a clear understanding of how the financial aid process works and to give them proven financial aid planning strategies they can put into action *immediately* to ensure they will qualify for as much financial aid as legally possible. Over the years we have rotated presentations from private financial aid advisors and college representatives. This year we are giving you the 'college perspective.' College financial aid professionals are your best direct point of contact when finalizing your college plans at a particular school.

MONDAY, JUNE 25..... "*Big School*" Basics" ...presented by **Ms. Veronica McLaughlin, Regional Admissions Officer, The University of South Carolina and Dr. Andrew Borst, Director of Admissions at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.** Our speakers have addressed a multitude of college topics at professional gatherings and are well respected in the college admissions community. They understand the living and learning environments that exist at large public universities. They will discuss the various types of admission policies that are currently in practice at these types of schools. Not all public universities employ the same admission procedures. We tend to group large schools together as a monolithic type, when actually, differences exist in the selection process at publicly-supported colleges; we will discuss some of these differences as well as strategies for succeeding in these environments.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 "*Summer Summary – Where do we go from here?*" This windup session will discuss the procedures for applying efficiently and effectively to your college choices, meeting deadlines to your advantage, the scholarship process, and presenting yourself in the most positive manner in your essays and personal statements. We will spend time with will be an open ended 'Q & A' to help you plan the rest of your summer college exploration

***** **INCOMING FRESHMEN PARENTS** *****

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27... "*Get a 'Head Start' on College Planning*" While sending your child to college may seem a millions miles away, it will be facing you much sooner than it seems. We hope to offer you and your students some practical advice about building a solid academic record, getting ready for standardized testing, course selection, considering certain career paths, and becoming familiar with college options