

From the desk of Mr. James Tindell, AHS College Coordinator...

Welcome to Senior Year! ☺

After you complete the College Counseling Orientation Seminar, you'll be able to schedule an individual appointment with me (should you desire to do so) to discuss “all things college” specific to you and your situation... During the orientation session, I'll provide you with a college readiness booklet containing information regarding admissions, important dates, college entrance exams, sample resumes, sample admissions and scholarship essays, and website information for both our school site as well as for *Kuder* and *Naviance*--lots of important senior stuff! I'll also provide you with online tutorials of both *Kuder* and *Naviance* and the "College Capstone," the website I created for seniors with regard to scheduling individual appointments with me, college admissions and scholarship-related information, as well as links to both scholarship search engines and financial aid resources and to college entrance testing services and admission portals—EVERYTHING college-related is provided on our in-house website (“The College Capstone”)!

You (and your parents) are invited to attend *any* one of the orientation sessions presented during the week of July 17-21! **In an effort to make sure that all seniors are provided equal access and opportunity to College Counseling, however, individual appointments may not begin until on (or after) August 14th.** For all seniors, regardless of the college-of-choice, the *earliest* deadline for both admissions and scholarship acquisition will not occur until *at least* October 1st or 15th (and these deadlines are employed mostly by the Ivy-League and/or exclusively private schools); likewise, other schools' *earliest* important deadlines typically fall on November 1st and November 15th, respectively. However, most colleges and universities use December 1st as their *general priority* deadline! (But we'll discuss the nuts & bolts of dates and deadlines during the orientation session.)

Provided below is a *brief* overview of the typical orientation session:

- **The College Process: The *beginning* of the journey towards your career...**
 - ❖ The College Admissions Process: When is the best time to apply?
 - ❖ The Tool Box: What essentials are required?
 - Academic Coursework/grades/GPA
 - College Entrance Exams
 - The Academic Resume
 - The College Admissions/Scholarship Essay(s)
 - Letters of Reference
 - Financial Assistance: Scholarships, Work-Study, Financial Aid/student loans
 - ❖ The Senior Year Timeline: A month-by-month guideline
- **College Readiness Counseling**
 - ❖ “The College Capstone”—an online tutorial of the website
 - ❖ An Introduction to the *Kuder* and *Naviance* Web-based Systems
 - ❖ Scheduling an individual appointment & The College Counseling Pre-Counseling Form
 - ❖ “College Decision & Scholarship Declaration Form” (Accountability & Sustainability Reporting)
- **Parent/Student Q&A (follow-up and adjournment)**

Orientation (Sessions) Information

(2-sessions offered per day, M-F)

Times: 9:30 am or 1:30 pm

Dates: M-F, July 17-21, 2017

Location: AHS: Multi-Media Room (Old Campus: 800 Building/1st floor)