DEPARTMENT PPS CENTRAL LINCOLN-WA



Tips on the College Search Process



This is the time for juniors to refine their college search! Here are some suggestions to get started.

- . Visiting College Reps—Specifically for LWC students, attend virtual meetings with reps by using the virtual link on the PPS website. College Rep contact information will also be listed on the website for login issues and future contacts. Please view our "College Reps" list on the Central PPS website on a regular basis. More visits will be added as colleges request to schedule a time and date.
- 2. Virtual College Fairs—Fairs allow you to gather needed information from many colleges in a relatively short amount of time. There are several virtual fairs already listed under "College Reps" on the Central PPS website. Click the links for more information and registration!
- 3. Use college search websites such as Big Future on the collegeboard.org website. Search engines help you think about what you want out of the college experience and what matters most to you. This is a great starting point!
- Research individual colleges websites. They are a wealth of information. Pay attention to the admissions page and the application process.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION NIGHT

Junior year can be stressful for students and their parents as they face important decisions about the future. To help navigate through this process, the Lincoln-Way PPS Departments will be hosting a live virtual event for juniors and their parents on:

Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Link (Computer) - http://bit.ly/ CollegeAdmissionsNight21Computer

Zoom Link (Phone) - http://bit.ly/ CollegeAdmissionsNight21Phone

+1 312 626 6799 or +1 301 715 8592 US Toll Meeting ID: 969 4682 3810

Julie Nelson from Xavier University (Cincinnati, Ohio) will be presenting "From the Admissions Side of the Desk." She will be providing a unique perspective of what an admissions team is looking for from a college applicant. She will also discuss various tips and tricks for the college search process during a global pandemic.

It will be an informative evening to help get this process started!

Virtual College Fairs for all Illinois students presented by IACAC and StriveScan

These fairs are formatted in 45-minute sessions with 6 colleges in each group. Students should register for each session that they want to attend. Once they register, they'll receive a confirmation email with their unique link to join the Zoom webinar. (Students will also receive a barcode, but the barcode is not necessary for the virtual event.)

When students register, they are sharing their registration information only with colleges presenting on that particular panel.

Students should participate live so they can ask questions and interact with the college admission coun-



selors. If students are unable to attend live, they are encouraged to register for the sessions they are interested in and recordings will be available later.

Go to www.Strivefair.com!

Important Dates...

*College Admissions Information Night (Students & Parents)

February 25, 6:30 p.m.-Virtual Event

*Spring Break—March 29-April 2
Great time to visit/research colleges

*SAT State Testing—April 13 at LWC

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Virtual Fair Events

IACAC (register through Strive Scan) 5:00—7:45pm February 15 & 16 March 17 & 18 April 13 & 14

NACAC

February 28 12pm—6pm March 7 (STEM) 12pm—4pm March 16 (Perf./Visual Arts) 3pm—7pm March 21 12pm—6pm April 10 (Western U.S.) 2pm—6pm April 20 (Southeastern U.S.) 2pm—6pm May 2 12pm—6pm

College Board Big Future Days

March 7 (Northeast) 3pm—7pm March 30 (West/Southwest) 4pm—8pm April 18 (Midwest) 3pm—7pm April 29 (Southeast) 4pm—8pm



25 Hours of
Community Service are
Required for
Graduation!

ACT/SAT

Take both the ACT & SAT.

All juniors will take the SAT on April13th at LWC. We also recommend that they take a national ACT, as well. Then, take an additional national test on the one with the better score.





ACT.org

Collegeboard.org

Sign up for a national date at the websites above.

Summer Programs

Making a decision on a college is one of the most important decisions teenagers and their parents will make. Fortunately, before teens make this investment in their future, they can take a test drive of a potential college, career, and often a new part of the country. There are thousands of programs designed to provide challenging and diverse experiences for high school students. In addition, summer programs can be great resume boosters when applying to colleges. Below are resources to help find the right program:

http://www.educationunlimited.com/

https://www.collegetransitions.com/top-summer-programs-for-high-school-students/

https://blog.prepscholar.com/pre-college-summer -programs-for-high-school-students

