



Senior Curriculum 2009 - 2010

ADMISSION POSSIBLE

SESSION	TOPICS & ACTIVITIES	PORTFOLIO ITEMS	WORKSHOP
1 Welcome Back!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Building / Fun • Review Summer Experiences • Introduction to the Admission Possible Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information card • Admission Possible packet • Summer ACT scores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission Possible Packet • Summer ACT scores • Reflection and Goal Setting • Log into Naviance • Update Resume
2 Revisiting Dreams: Which College?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk About For-profit schools vs. Not-for-profit • Review College List • Top 5 College List 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All About Me!</i> worksheet • Resume • <i>Shopping for College</i> worksheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update College Lists • Research Colleges
3 Application Timelines & Requesting Teacher Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection on the College Fair • Application(s) Timeline • Getting a Good Recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated college list • <i>Fall Term Check-in</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College List • Recommendation Requests – gather self letters of recommendation and resumes with teacher cover sheets • First Quarter Check-in
4 Putting It All Together: Organization & Finding College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaging the College Application: Dos and Don'ts • College Application Plan/Using Organizational Tools • The College Application • Introduction to Fall Scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish requesting letters of recommendation • Request/download applications • Begin scholarship search
5 Writing that Gets You into College : Special Circumstances and Personal Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Circumstance Letter Review • Writing Body Paragraphs • Getting Feedback • Personal Statement • Writing: Introductions • Writing: Conclusions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay drafts • Scholarship applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Application Essay Draft - Special Circumstance • Create timeline for essays • Proofreading & Revising • College Application Essay • Early Action/Decision Applications
6 Financial Literacy 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Money Works • Spending Wisely • Creating a Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Worksheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

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7 College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting Completed Applications • Addressing Envelopes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Application Essays • College Applications
8 All About Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit Basics • Credit Score • Credit Cards • Dealing with Debt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Application Essays • College Applications
9 Interviewing & Completing College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews • Mock Interview • Completing College Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Applications • Scholarship Applications
10 Completing College Applications/Writing Thank Yous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting Completed Applications • Writing Thank You Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete College Applications • Scholarship Applications
11 Financial Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Aid 101 • What is the FAFSA? How Can it Help? • Involving Parents • Walking through the FAFSA Pre-Application Worksheet • CSS Profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA Pre-Application Worksheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete College Applications • Start CSS Profile if necessary
12 Season Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Accomplishments • Reflection • Overview of Winter Sessions • Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete College Applications • Scholarship Applications
13 Scholarship Application Success Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications • Writing a Winning Scholarship Essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Scholarship Check • Scholarship Applications • Essay idea list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA & CSS profile • Request for Scholarship Applications • Update resumes
14 Financial Aid - Starting the FAFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where Does the FAFSA Go? • Gathering FAFSA Information • Discussion About Data Privacy • CSS Profile • Registering for the FAFSA PIN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student PINs & passwords 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Essays • FAFSA

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16 Communicating Professionally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Does it Mean • Talking on the Phone • E-mailing • Writing Professional Thank You's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA & CSS Profile • Scholarship Essays
17 Financial Aid - Completing the FAFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA Work Session • The SAR, Corrections, and Renewal FAFSAs • Scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final copy of FAFSA • Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA • Scholarship Essays
18 Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification: What is it and Why is it Necessary? • Federal Verification Worksheet • Institutional Verification Forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal verification worksheet • College specific verification forms • Copies of taxes and W-2s • Final copy of FAFSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA • Housing Applications • Scholarship Essays
19 Talking to People Who Know: College Student Panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Panel • Questions for People Who Know 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA & CSS Profile • Scholarship Essays
20 Transitioning to College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being a Strong Help-Seeker • <i>College Terms 101</i> booklet • Time Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications • List of People You Know on Campus • <i>People and Places to Know on Campus</i> worksheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for the transition • Scholarship Applications
21 Culture Shock/Dealing with Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with Culture Change • New Environment, New People, New Culture • Touring the Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss transition • Scholarship Applications
22 Housing and Campus Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living in College/University Housing • Organizations, Clubs & Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect financial aid packages • Scholarship Applications
23 College Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting Started • Loan Terms • Private Loans • Which Loan is Best? • Loan Application Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications • Housing Applications

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24 Loan Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan Applications • Loan Payment Options • Avoiding Default 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications • Housing Applications
25 Comparing Financial Aid and Choosing the Best College for You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weighing Options • Comparing Financial Aid Packages - The Best Deal! • Make a Decision • Enrollment - How's it Done? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship applications • Copy of all financial aid packages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss college options • May 1st Scholarships • Scholarship Applications • Enrollment paperwork • Housing Applications and enrollment deposits
26 Creating a College Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Budgeting • Creative College Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications • Budgeting • Enrollment
27 Key Summer To Dos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer To Dos • Letters to Self and Admission Possible Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to Myself • Letter to a Senior • Letter to a Junior • Exit Forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete college related forms • Exit interviews and forms • Finish writing the three letters
28 Season Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Accomplishments • Reflection • Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None