Support Seniors Virtually Through the College Admissions Process

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Strategies to Virtually Support Seniors

Students who have chosen a postsecondary institution

– Senior Check-In Form
– Follow up Zoom/Google Hang Out Meetings
– Sharing more with parent/guardians regarding scholarships, ACT/SAT changes, etc.
– Bridge between student and institution
  • Connecting with resources for FAFSA, placement test, advisement, questions about changes in admissions policies
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• Undecided Seniors or “Late Bloomers”
  – Encouraging students to continue to apply, especially with colleges waiving ACT/SAT requirements
  – Our local technical school is waiving application fees - encourage students to apply
  – Connect students with local admissions counselors
  – Many of the same strategies as our students who have made decisions
    • Zoom, hangouts, emails, contact with parents
    • The survey has been helpful in being about to reach students who are struggling and confused about decisions

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• Marginalized Student Groups (first generation, low income households)
  – Additional teacher and administrator outreach and support
  – Faculty/Staff Referral for Counseling
  – Social Work Referral
  – FAFSA Support through local college
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• Managing Increased Anxiety During Uncertain Times
  – Weekly Check Ins
  – Request for School Counseling Appointment Google Forms
  – Daily Mental Health Messages/Activities for Students AND Staff
  – Protocol for attempt to harm self, suicide risk
  – Delivering Senior Grad Yard Signs
  – Virtual Events
    • Virtual Decision Day, Virtual Chill NOT on the Hill, Virtual Adulting 101

NACAC Work From Home Resources

https://www.nacacnet.org/professional-development/wfh-resources/
Step by Step: A College Counseling Curriculum

• Offers detailed plans and activities to support elementary, middle and high school students in the college preparation and admission process.

• Available for FREE: www.nacacnet.org/steps

Fundamentals of College Admission Counseling

Chapters Include:

The Counseling Landscape: Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, PhD and Laura Owen, PhD

The Use of Data in College and Career Readiness: Trish Hatch, PhD and Danielle Duarte

Counseling First-Generation Students and Families: Access, Affordability, Admission, Attainment Stuart F. Chen-Hayes, PhD and Melissa S. Ockerman, PhD
Guide for Families

- Contains an overview of financial aid and covers the first steps families should consider as early as middle school.
- Outlines the preliminary steps and the types of institutions available to students.
- Available in Spanish, too.

Financing College

Podcasts
- Episode 8: How Families Can Talk About Paying for College
- Episode 9: Understanding Financial Aid Award Letters

College Affordability
- College Value Extends Beyond Financial Gain
- Students Often Overestimate the Price of College
- Talking About Borrowing Doesn’t Have to be Hard
- Available in Spanish, too.
Fee Waivers

• Application fee waiver
• Transfer application fee waiver
• Enrollment deposit fee waiver

https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/fee-waiver/

E-Learning

College Admission Ethics in Action

The Counselor’s Guide to the Student-Athlete Advising Process
Webinars
• Available for FREE: https://www.nacacnet.org/professional-development/webinars/

College Openings
• Voluntary listing of NACAC member postsecondary institutions that are still accepting applications from prospective freshman and/or transfer students for the upcoming fall term.

https://www.nacacnet.org/news-publications/Research/CollegeOpenings/
Virtual Tech Showcase (Free)

Topics include:
• The New Reality of College & Career Exploration
• The First Step in the New Student Journey
• Gen Z’s Pathway to Connections

Upcoming Twitter Chat

Advising High School Juniors Amid the COVID-19 Crisis
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