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College Counseling March Newsletter

What are you doing this summer?



Summer is an appropriate time for you to pursue a meaningful opportunity that allows you to explore or develop an interest or talent, earn work experience, or try something new. It is also a time to learn about yourself and the world in which you live. A few simple guidelines will help you make a responsible and deliberate decision when viewing summer activities and academic enrichment through the college admission lens:

- Be invested. Simply, participation should suggest an authentic desire and commitment to the activity you are choosing to pursue.
- Maintain balance. Families should work to keep summers in balance. With athletic obligations, family visits, travel, and potential employment or enrichment, summers can fill up quickly and potentially leave a student burned out.
- Relax. Have fun, and enjoy the process.

Possible summer activities:

- Volunteering
- Shadowing someone who works in a field you wish to explore
- Paid employment: earning money and learning about customer service, work etiquette, and the value of time

- Academic enrichment: test preparation or study, Governor’s School, programs for high school students offered at colleges/universities (i.e., summer engineering or learning about the medical field)
- Travel: college visits, seeing a new part of the country or the world
- Internships: identify a company or field in which you are interested and offer to serve as an intern.
 - The Baylor Works program offers some unique opportunities.

Evaluating summer options:

- Ask around to get a sense of reputation of specific programs, especially programs abroad or expensive summer programs.
- Balance expense with value for your family. Valuable experience can be gained through low cost or free options, like volunteering or serving as an intern. Some expensive residential summer programs offer great experience but may be cost prohibitive.

Chattanooga’s Coast-to-Coast College Fair

Thursday, March 30



How to best prepare for a college fair

- College fairs are a great opportunity for all student (freshmen through juniors) to learn more about colleges. Click [here](#) to view a list of colleges attending our fair. You should begin by creating a list of colleges you definitely want to investigate. Your preliminary list will serve as a road map during the fair. After you speak with each of the colleges on your list, be sure to initiate conversations with a few colleges that initially did not make your list.

- Research. A college fair is a great time to ask questions, but you want to have some knowledge of a few colleges before you arrive. Prepare by spending time reading about the colleges of your choice.
- Inventory. Make a list of questions you would like to ask each college representative. College fairs can sometimes be a little overwhelming. Thousands of people are talking in one large room, which may cause you to forget your questions if you haven't written them down.
- When talking with college representatives, remember to introduce yourself, make eye contact, and shake their hand.
- Gather business cards from college representatives and be sure to send a follow-up email afterwards thanking her for speaking with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 14: College Matters for parents: Spring Workshop @ 8:00am in the Board Room

March 16-26: Spring Break (A great time to visit colleges)

March 30: [Coast-to-Coast College Fair](#) (required for juniors) This event is also a great opportunity for sophomores and their parents as they begin the college hunt.

April 6: Career Lunch and Learn

April 7: Deadline to register for the May 6 SAT or SAT Subject Tests

April 8: ACT @ Baylor

Recommended Reading

[How to Raise an Adult](#) by Julie Lythcott-Haims

Trivia Spotlight

Name three faculty members who attended the University of Georgia.

February Trivia Answer: Where did actor Brad Pitt attend college? University of Missouri

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