Freshmen Learn "Why College?"

On May 3rd, Richard Haynes, Admissions Counselor at UNH, will visit our SHS freshman class to do a presentation entitled, “Why College?” This presentation is not meant to sell UNH as the school that all students should attend, but rather to sell college and continuing one’s education as an important next step for everyone. Mr. Haynes does a phenomenal job explaining the positive impacts that further education can have on a person’s life by using his own true life story. He also discusses the potential barriers to attending college and how these things can be overcome. This discussion is particularly meaningful to freshmen who are just beginning to think about life after high school, their goals and how to reach them. Mr. Haynes encourages all students to work hard in high school - even if they have not yet had the best year - and take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that a high school education can afford them if they make good choices.

Calling All NH Scholars...

New Hampshire Scholars Program recommends a Core Course of Study to high schoolers that gives every participating student the advantage of well-rounded, more challenging coursework in English, math, science, social studies and foreign language. Students who undertake this rigorous Core Course of Study will challenge themselves to do their best work during their high school career and will enjoy a wider range of postsecondary options upon graduation. Students who complete this Core Course of Study will be prepared both for college and work. They will also be publicly recognized as NH Scholars at graduation. Students can speak with their school counselor or visit the website to find out more about the course of study and the benefits of being a NH Scholar.
Parents of Juniors...

Check out the Junior Group Packet and the Junior Pre-College Checklist that was given to your student during junior groups held by the school counselors. Ask your student to show you their college search done in Naviance during these groups and encourage them to do more of this exploration during the spring and summer on their own. Remind your junior to schedule an individual appointment with their school counselor this spring to get more personalized assistance with making plans for the future.

The CollegeBoard has teamed up with Khan Academy to revolutionize the way the millions of students get ready for the SAT. Students can get free world-class test practice with their own personalized study plan and see improvement in as little as 15 minutes per day. The first step is for the student to link their CollegeBoard and Khan Academy accounts by going to satpractice.org. This will personalize their practice, based on their SAT, PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 results.

SAVE THE DATES

May 3
“Why College?” Presentation
In the SHS PAC during the school day for freshmen

May 23
NH Scholars field trip to the Fisher Cats game
For seniors who have earned NH Scholar status

Early June
Tentative schedules for 2019-20 will be distributed to students

NHHEAF Summer Boot Camp - Application Workshop

In this four-hour workshop, our college counselors help college-bound rising high school seniors begin the college application process. Each workshop will be held on 7/17, 8/6 and 8/20 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Students will:
- Create a personalized "Application Organizer"
- Start the Common Application
- Learn what colleges are looking for in a college essay
- Get practical hands-on support from our experienced college counselors
- Explore ways to study for the SAT and send score reports

The cost for this workshop is $25. To register, please call (888)747-2382, ext. 119.
A reminder to all seniors with college plans...
Please make sure your senior brings ALL letters of acceptance and notifications of scholarship awards from ALL colleges to which they have been accepted - whether they plan to attend that college or not - to Mrs. Citelli in the School Counseling office.

Check out the many degree and certificate programs available through the Community College System of NH. They will continue to accept applications throughout the spring to begin in the fall 2019 semester. In addition, they have many apprenticeship options where students can “earn while they learn.”

It is not too late to apply for financial resources for college...Please check out the links on our Scholarship page of the School Counselor website.

Fill out the FAFSA in order to receive any loans, grants or school-based merit scholarships.

Once a student has been accepted to a college, they will receive their financial aid packages, also known as Award Letters or Award Notifications. Visit this website to understand your award letter and terms like... EFC (Expected Family Contribution) and COA (Cost of Attendance).

Check out the May Senior Scoop for even more information about college/career planning!