

Faber est suae quisque fortunae!

Welcome to the College Counseling Office!

Mission Statement

The mission of the College Counseling Office is to help all students find the best match between what the student is looking for in a college and what the college offers so that each student is appropriately challenged intellectually, academically, socially, financially, geographically and personally.

The world of college applications is often confusing to seniors and parents; thankfully, students have to go through it only once. The College Counseling Office is set up to make the process a bit easier, and we have created this website to further help you navigate the waters of applying to college, whether you are a student or a parent.

Starting with the premise that every college is a good college, and every college is a bad college, our goal is to find a four-year school for every student that meets her academic, social, emotional, financial and geographic needs. When we do that, we have found a good college for that particular student, and we have met our goal.

The second premise we use as a foundation of our program is the quote at the top of this page. Sure, we can help students find a college, we can facilitate the process, but ultimately, it is up to each student to take responsibility for his future. We want each student to take control of their destiny and be actively involved in choosing a college. Education is not something that just happens to you; it is something that each student needs to plan for and care about. The counselor is at school to help students do that but he will not do it for them.

Third, our philosophy is about the stress involved in applying to colleges, the financial aid process, etc. You go through this process only once in your life, and society makes it stressful. For some, it is very stressful, but it doesn't have to be. There is no way to compare every characteristic of one college to every characteristic of another college. Each college has its own nuances and its own feel. Therefore, we encourage students to perform their due research on colleges but when it is time to select one to attend, choose one that you think you will be comfortable with. Lots of students transfer colleges. Choose a major that you think you will like. Lots of students change majors. Working with the counselor to identify what is important to you in your college choice and major will minimize the chance you transfer or change majors. But once you choose, be comfortable and confident with your choice!

Explore our website and learn about the college application process. It is a complicated world for the uninitiated but it is easy to learn how it works.

If you have any questions, please email dgonzalez@mycsp.org.

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