

## Senior Year

### Fall Individual College Appointments

- College application list review
- College application process review
- Complete transcript and recommendation request forms
- Attend Senior Night College Application Workshop
- Common & state school application training
- Individual review of the college planning process
- Review of the financial aid process

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### Catholic College Program (Fall mid-afternoon program)

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### Spring Financial Aid Workshop

An event co-sponsored by the St. Theresa's Academy, Notre Dame de Sion and RHS.

### Access to Naviance – Family Connection (Student and Parent Access)

Online college search database purchased by RHS as a research tool for students and parents

## What do we believe?

The Rockhurst High School (RHS) College Placement Office (CPO) bases its work on integrating tenets of the Graduate at Graduation (commonly referred to as the Grad at Grad) into the college search and selection process. Like our faculty, we guide and support our students as they embrace the important process of self-discovery, a process that is vital to successful transition into the beginning stages of adult life. We believe that the college counseling process begins and ends with the student, and that our goal is to assist students in finding the learning environment that best fits their unique talents and interests.

## Why Do We Use The Student-Centered Approach?

A key element in the student-centered approach to the college process is the clear expectation that the student will take control. With this in mind, our job as college placement counselors is to guide, counsel, probe, refer, suggest and inform. The student is ultimately responsible for the key decisions in driving this process forward.

## Who Do I Go To For College Related Questions or For Academic Related Questions?

Although the College Placement Office and Guidance Counseling Department work in tandem with each other, students are encouraged to seek advice from their assigned college counselor when dealing with issues related to college planning. On the other hand, issues dealing with class selection, class registration or personal concerns should be directed towards their assigned guidance counselor.

## Who is My College Counselor?

Mrs. Fola Okediji, Director  
Assigned Students with last names (O – Z)

Mr. Rich Sullivan, Assistant Director  
Assigned Students with last names (A - F)

Mr. Jay Coleman, College Counselor  
Assigned Students with last names (G - N)

Lyn Rixson, Secretary College Placement Office

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## **Freshman Year**

### **Fall In-classroom Meetings**

The CPO counselors will be in all FR classes mid-fall to begin the college process conversation. This is to simply remind them of why they need to focus on their academic work and stay involved both in the community as well at school.

### **College Planning and Guidance Program (Fall evening program)**

Designed to help freshman and sophomore students and their parents gain a better understanding of what is considered in the college selection process. Attendees learn from presentations by the RHS CPO, a College Representative and the Guidance Counseling department. Topics include:

- Learn about different types of colleges/ universities and entrance requirements
- Choosing challenging courses and getting involved in co-curricular activities
- Resources available right here at RHS via the CPO and Guidance Counseling Office
- How to Plan to Pay for College?

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## **Sophomore Year**

### **College Planning and Guidance Program (Fall evening program)**

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- Learn about different types of colleges/ universities and entrance requirements
- Choosing challenging courses and getting involved in co-curricular activities
- Resources available right here at RHS via the CPO and Guidance Counseling Office
- How to Plan to Pay for College?

### **Spring In-classroom Meetings**

The CPO will be meeting with all sophomores to jump-start their college search process. SO students are given access to Naviance – the RHS/CPO college search database at this point. Students will be trained on its use, as well as be given an assignment to complete a “Do What You Are” personality profile.

### **Kansas City Catholic High School College Night (Fall evening program)**

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### **Catholic College Program (Fall mid-afternoon program)**

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### **Access to Naviance – Family Connection (Student Access Only)**

Naviance –Family Connection is an online college search database that has been purchased by RHS as a research tool for students and parents.

## **Junior Year**

### **Spring In-classroom Meetings**

Refresher course on Naviance and be assigned the JR Portfolio assignment consisting of:

- Completion of the JR survey in Naviance
- Identify in Naviance a list of 4-5 colleges being considered or discussed at the time
- Signatures on transcript release waiver
- Upload into Naviance a narrative essay
- The portfolio is due for final submission to the CPO by the last Friday in January

### **Group meetings with over 120 colleges/ universities visiting RHS**

- JR students are permitted to attend group meetings during school hours. See school policy handbook for number of visits.

### **Spring Individual College Appointments**

College counselors schedule one-on-one meetings with students (parents as requested).

- Develop list of colleges to consider/research
- Outline testing (SAT/ACT) plan
- Talk about scheduling campus visits
- Overview of the application process

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### **Financial Aid Workshop (Fall evening program)**

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### **Spring JR Parents’ College Night**

One-hour evening program for JR parents which provides resources to prepare for the college search process.