



CCC Junior Family Night Pre-Session for BPAC Families

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The Stevenson Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to investing in student success and connecting with our SHS community.

Programs include: Stevenson to College (S2C); Kids in Need (KIN); and Stevenson: One Family.



EMPOWERING PATRIOT FUTURES



Today's focus:

- Discuss broad considerations for post-secondary planning
- Define key resources available from SHS





General Considerations for Post-Secondary Planning

Key Family Conversations

- Student Interests, Strengths, and Autonomy
- Family Values/Expectations of post-secondary pursuits
 - Career fulfillment and financial earnings
 - Independence and Maturity / “Adulting”
- Family/Household Expectations and Responsibilities
 - Care-giving to others
 - Proximity--living at home? 1-2 hours away?
 - Financial need--what can family contribute vs. what will be expected of student

Options to consider

- Working full-time
- Apprenticeships/Trades
- Gap Year
- Military
- Community College
- Four-Year College/University
 - Keep in mind some career paths require schooling beyond a four-year degree, while others may not require a four-year degree, but specialized training and experience





- Multicultural Open House Events
 - Offered in Spring and Fall
 - Often family-focused/friendly
 - May advertise special student affinity groups and additional scholarships
- Ongoing, virtual presentations
 - YouTube, Social Media accounts
- College Fairs
- Summer Enrichment or Pre-College Programs
 - May have scholarships available
 - Additional college/career exposure

Special financial aid opportunities

- Questbridge
 - College Prep Scholars
 - National College Match
- Gates Scholars Program
- “Fly-In” Campus Visit Opportunities
 - Funding for student/family to visit specific admissions events; often linked to admissions/additional scholarship decisions
- Naviance
 - SOME institutions with special scholarship process from SHS

Key Websites for College and Financial Aid Exploration

- Naviance
- College Board-Big Future
- YouVisit.com, eCampusTours.com
- CollegeGreenlight.com
- HACU.net-Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- HSF.net-Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- NACACnet.org-National Association for College Admission Counseling
- IACAC.org-Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling
- ISAC.org-Illinois Student Assistance Commission
- Net Price Calculator--A tool on every college website that helps a family estimate how much financial aid a student may be eligible for



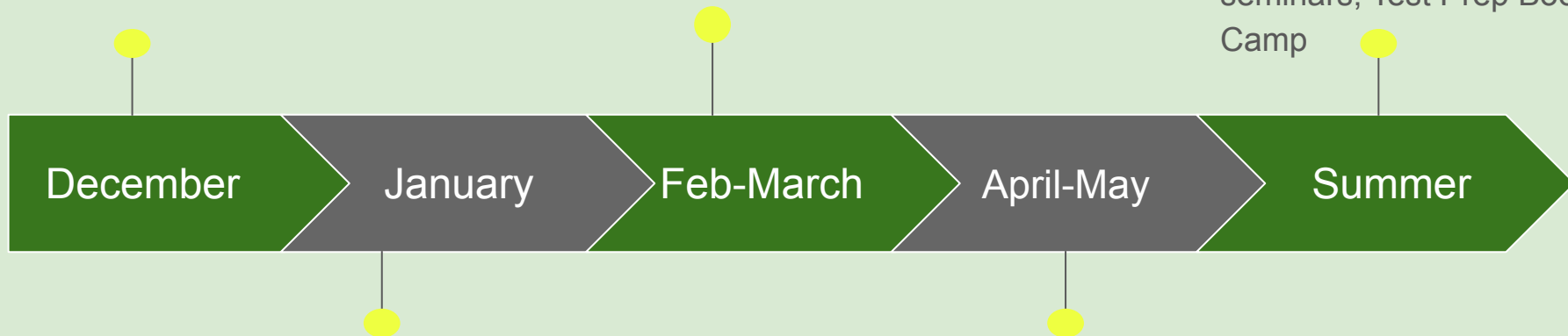


Resources available for Stevenson students and families

- Jr Family Night
- START family conversations
- Finish 1st semester STRONG

- College/Career research
- Test Prep

- Continue college exploration
- Work on application materials
 - SHS Summer School Offerings: Essay Writing; Career Exploration seminars; Test Prep Boot Camp



- Submit P-SCOPE Form and schedule appointment
- College/Career Research

- CCC-College Focus Seminars for Juniors
- Schoolwide SAT 4/13
- AP Exams
- Finish 2nd semester STRONG



Opportunities provided by College and Career Center

- **Post-Secondary Planning-Ms. English and Mr. Miller**
 - Ongoing: Guest Presenters from colleges, military, other expertise
 - PATS (Patriots Applying to School) Lunch 'n Learn Group; Drop-In Tuesdays
 - Workshops: College Application Processes; Essay-Writing; FAFSA Completion night
 - P-SCOPE Meetings
- **Career Planning-Mrs. Willock**
 - 1-1 appointments for career interest assessments; setting up job shadows and mentor opportunities
 - Summer School courses: Health Sciences; Business; Engineering

Helpful Tip:

Many resources are available on the SHS website and College Career Center Canvas page for students to explore independently, including video recordings



**SHS College
Rep Visits**

**Career
Resources**

**Meet the Post
Secondary
Counselors**

Scholarships

**Testing
Information**

**Trades Week
Information**





P-SCOPE Meetings

- January-June, Interpreters available
- 45-minute conversation for student and family to hear customized suggestions from SHS Post-secondary counselors regarding options and action steps
- Action Item: Work on pre-planning sheet as a family and submit to reserve appointment via email

Test Preparation Resources

- Academic Performance in school is the MAJOR factor in college decisions
 - Grades (patterns/trends) and rigor
- Though many colleges ARE test-optional at this time, there are resources available to prepare
 - Khan Academy--College Board
 - Revolution Test Prep offered at SHS
 - SHS Summer School Boot Camp
 - SHS Library



Key Dates:

- Schoolwide ACT for Juniors: Tuesday, March 2nd
- Schoolwide SAT for Juniors: Tuesday, April 13th (Graduation Requirement)
- *Fee waivers available for registration to take weekend ACT or SAT exams

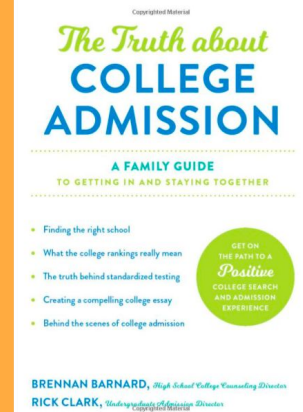


TAKEAWAYS



- Have ongoing conversations as a family regarding post-secondary ideas and interests
 - Put onus on student to put in the work with researching their future, but also align expectations
- Utilize the several resources/opportunities at SHS to explore so that students/families are empowered to make informed decisions of what fits best for their situation
 - Ask questions and help your student learn to ask questions for themselves!

Recommended Resource



Opportunity for Questions and Clarification





THANK YOU!

