

A person wearing blue jeans and orange shoes stands on a large white arrow painted on a paved surface. The arrow points downwards. The person's shadow is cast to the left. The background is a textured, light-colored pavement with some faint yellow and red markings.

Planning your Future for Sophomore Families

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Tonight's Agenda

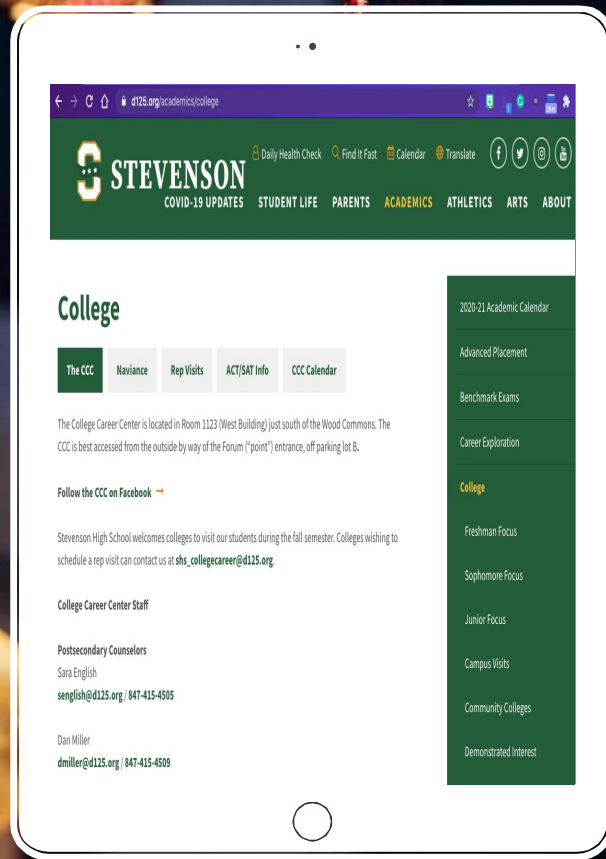
*What is *Naviance* and how can it help a SHS sophomore career and college plan?

*Career Exploration?

*How do we begin the college search?

A Website Worth Knowing

<https://www.d125.org/academics/college-career-center>




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Take a few minutes!

*Now it is your turn! Add a few colleges you are currently considering into your list!

*We will give you a couple of minutes to do this as a family.



College Career Center Calendar

Thursday, September 30th: Financial Aid Night

Mid October: First Generation College Night

October 26: Choices Fair - College Fair for students with IEPs/504s
- Stevenson High School (*Virtual*)

December 8: College Night for Junior Families

February - June 2022: Post Secondary SCoPE Meetings

March-Summer Job Fair

June/July-Career Exploration Summer School Classes

Ongoing Career Exploration throughout the year and into June



Career Exploration Program

Diane Willock

Who am I?

What do I do?

**How can your student (and you) take
advantage of the Career Program while here
at Stevenson?**

Why is Career Exploration important?

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Students who choose majors that are a good fit based on their interests have higher GPAs at college, are less likely to change their majors, and are more likely to persist in college and complete their degrees in a timely manner.

Why is career exploration important?

Career Exploration helps students:

- Explore and discover new careers they may have not thought of
- Feel more confident about their future direction
- Choose a college or major that matches their interests.
- Connect with individuals that can serve as mentors, and be references for future Internships or job opportunities

Having an “initial” road map, (a career road map) creates confidence and a sense of direction.

The “navigation” may change slightly...

But having *some direction* is better than no direction at all!

The Career Program is designed to educate and guide the students on career directions and choices

- **Professional Career Presentations**
 - Career Spotlight Talks
- **Career and Job shadowing**
 - One-on-one Zoom meetings with professionals
- **Summer Job Fair-virtual**
- **Outside Career Events**
- **SPARK co-coordinator: summer research internships**
 - Available to sophomores and juniors
- **Career Exploration Summer School Courses.**
 - Careers in Healthcare and Medicine, Careers in Business and Technology, Careers in STEM, Careers in Law
- **General Career Planning and Guidance through years at Stevenson**
 - By appointment with student.



College Career Center



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Career Exploration

<https://www.d125.org/academics/college-career-center/career-exploration>



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STUDENT LIFE

PARENTS

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ABOUT

The College Career Center (CCC) offers a variety of post-secondary services and programs. We also offer outreach to parents in the community on college and career planning options.

Career Exploration

About

SPARK

Internships/Programs

Events

Student Job Connection →

Career Information/Shadow Interest Form

For information on the Career Exploration Program, contact:

Diane Willock

Career Exploration Program Manager

College Career Center

847-415-4125

dwillock@d125.org

How to Stay Informed

The Career Exploration Program regularly posts information regarding outside events, internships, career shadows available, jobs, career fairs and career programs through:

Fill out form to
set up
appointment
with me



Guide for
parents
to talk to
students
about
Careers

Career Planning Guide



Career Development Action Plan

A Grade-by-Grade Guide for Students

4-year guide
for students

4-Year High School Career Action Plan

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a career interest survey <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to align coursework with specific areas of interest/career path <input type="checkbox"/> Become involved in clubs and activities at school that correspond with your areas of interest <input type="checkbox"/> Have a general career discussion with your parents. Talk about options and what you would like to do <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the Career Expo* at Stevenson <input type="checkbox"/> Consider volunteering or working a part-time job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Align coursework with specific areas of interest/career path <input type="checkbox"/> Read through the Career Planning Guide* <input type="checkbox"/> Take a more comprehensive career interest survey <input type="checkbox"/> Research career areas and specific jobs <input type="checkbox"/> Consider participating in a career shadow or meeting with Mrs. Willock to participate in Career Development Action Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for summer SPARK internship* <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a career presentation/meeting in the CCC* <input type="checkbox"/> Take a Career Exploration class offered in summer school * <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Mrs. Willock to discuss summer opportunities available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Revisit a career survey <input type="checkbox"/> Create a resume and personal statement <input type="checkbox"/> Consider participating in a mock job interview if you have never interviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in at least 1 career shadow per semester <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Career Development Action Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the Career Expo* <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a career presentation/meeting in the CCC* <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the summer SPARK internship* <input type="checkbox"/> Research other internship opportunities for the summer or do volunteer work in your area of career interest <input type="checkbox"/> Connect career interest areas to college majors and incorporate in your college plan <input type="checkbox"/> Take a Career Exploration class offered in summer school* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have career and college plans aligned <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a career shadow that is narrowly focused on a specific career that you are considering <input type="checkbox"/> Find a mentor in the specific career area you are interested in to correspond with (email or personal) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend any in-school or out-of-school related career events offered through local colleges, universities or corporations <input type="checkbox"/> Summer internship or specific career related experience

*Find out more details on the Career Expo, Career Presentations, Career Guidance and Events on the Career Exploration webpage at d125.org/academic/career-exploration or stop in the CCC to talk to Mrs. Willock Stevenson High School/CCC Room 1123B
847-415-4125 dwillock@d125.org

Career Exploration Program

How to stay informed?

- ◆ Visit my Career Exploration page:
<https://www.d125.org/academics/college-career-center/career-exploration>
- ◆ **Daily announcements** in school and on monitors
- ◆ Follow on social media:
[facebook.com/stevenson high school college/career center](https://facebook.com/stevenson-high-school-college-career-center)

Announcements on upcoming career events at the school and in community, job and internship opportunities and general career information.





Kids Explain Jobs



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Education



BUILDING THE TEAM

- **Student**
- Parents
- Friends
- Teachers
- Counselor
- College Admission Counselors
- College Career Center

FOCUS ON THE FIT

- Academic
- Social
- Emotional
- Financial



College Knowledge

Some factors that will impact your college choice:

- Academic rigor
- Size
- Location of campus
- Distance from home
- Areas of Study
- Personal Factors
- Cost



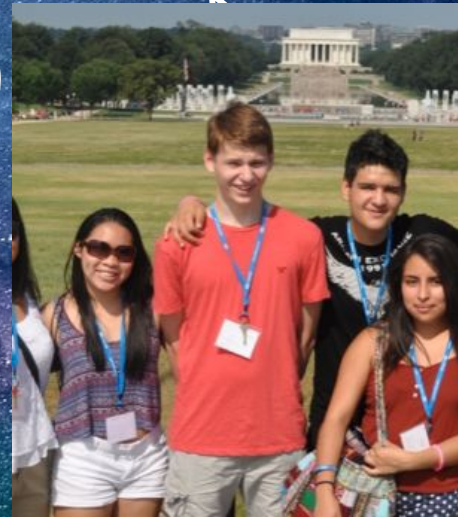
How To Do Your Research

Online Resources

- ★ www.d125.org/college
- ★ <https://www.d125.org/academics/college-career-center/career-exploration>
- ★ Naviance
- ★ SHS Programs
- ★ College websites
- ★ www.collegeboard.org
- ★ www.finaid.org

How To Do Your Research

Consider Summer
Enrichment Programs ☆
or exploring on your
own



How To Do Your Research



- ★ Consider attending Virtual Information Sessions and/or College Fairs
- ★ Visit Strivescan.com for more information and to register for online college fairs

How To Do Your Research

Consider
visiting
campuses



Mr. Miller & Ms. English visiting University of
New Hampshire!

How To Do Your Research

**Students Visit
with College Reps
(fall semester) in
the College Career
Center Room 1123**



College Admission Timeline

Junior Year--First Semester

- ◆ Develop working list of 10-20 colleges that appeal to you
- ◆ Come use College Career Center resources and materials
- ◆ Visit with college reps who come to SHS
- ◆ Attend Junior College Night program in the fall
- ◆ Attend National College Fair and Illinois Regional College Fair at CLC
- ◆ Develop strong grade trends
- ◆ Develop a good working relationship with your counselor

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College Admission Timeline

Junior Year-Second Semester

- **Register for a strong senior class schedule**
- **Take the ACT and/or SAT during your 2nd semester.**
- **Visit colleges as often as you can!**
- **Attend Illinois Regional College Fair in March at CLC**
- **Schedule a post secondary SCoPE with post secondary counselor [late January through June]**
- **Whittle college list down to 10 schools that are a good fit for YOU!**
- **Applications open during the late summer/fall of senior year.**

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Testing at Stevenson



★ Sophomore

- PSAT

★ Junior

- PSAT/NMSQT

- SAT



Co-Curricular Programs

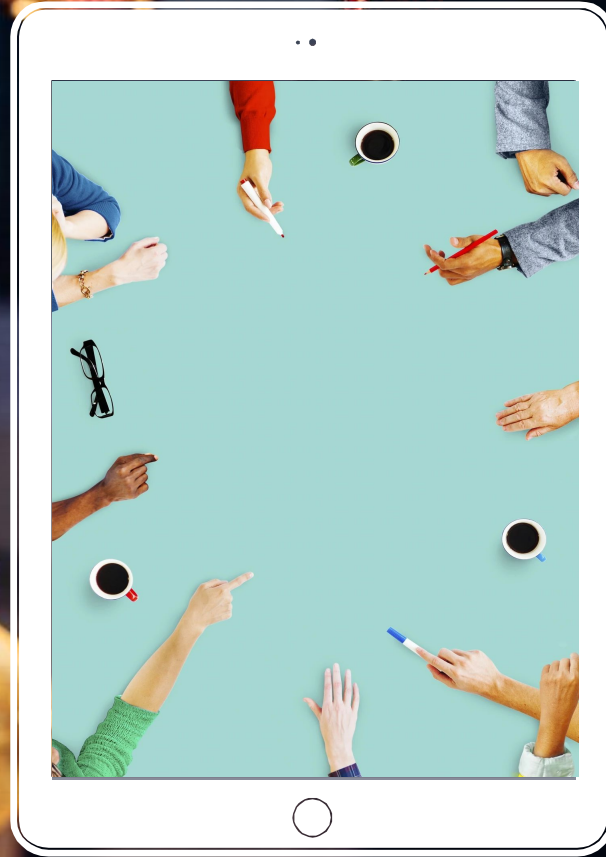
Focus on one or two that interest you

- ◆ **Personally rewarding**
- ◆ **Change of pace from your studies**
- ◆ **Exposure to a career area**
- ◆ **Do something out of your comfort zone**

Not the number of activities, but the nature of commitment

Student Communication

- ★ With their teachers
- ★ With colleges
- ★ With their counselor
- ★ With themselves
- ★ With **you** – their parents



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Tonight's (Short) Survey

<https://forms.gle/skr7D5GN7LiTjyjPA>

Thank you for attending! :)

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