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Bolles School holds Camp College event for seniors

The Bolles School's Department of College Counseling recently hosted Camp College, a program designed to support seniors as they navigate the college application process.

Held Sept. 6, the full-day event took place on the Bolles Upper School San Jose Campus, with many Bolles upper school faculty and staff rallying behind the initiative.

Camp College kicked off with seniors being welcomed in Cain Gym by Bolles Director of College Counseling Daphne Vagenas and assistant directors of college counseling Genna DeFalco, Danielle Leach, Dari Pedines and Matthew Wilmer. The seniors then participated in a values exercise, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose, alongside Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges, Associate Head of School Andrew Forrester, Upper School Head Moya Marks, Upper School Assistant Head Piper Moyer-Shad, upper school teachers Daniel Ferrari, Lily Kuonen, Ashley McLeod and Devan Skapetis, and guidance

counselors Katie Cussen and Lauren Genduso.

The Class of 2025 then broke into smaller groups to meet with their individual college counselors about the Common App before reconvening for a series of activities across campus. The Bulldogs enjoyed attending the Gooding Gallery art reception, coloring, playing card games, participating in rainbow meditation and more.

The seniors gathered on the River Campus for a picnic-style lunch to connect as a class and share their meaningful experiences from the morning. After lunch, the Bulldogs met with their individual college counselors for a two-hour afternoon session focused on supplemental essays, during which they received encouraging notes from Bolles lower school students.

The day concluded back in Cain Gym with a creative and heartfelt activity where students made friendship bracelets. These bracelets, adorned with encouraging words, will be exchanged among students to encourage each other throughout the school year.