



COUNSELING CORNER

Argo's Counseling Dept.
SOCIAL MEDIA

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..... MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

The College Career Center is Making Things Happen

Argo's College Career Center, located adjacent to the cafeteria, is a place that all students should know about because it exists to help everyone figure out plans after graduation. Whether students would like to attend college, pursue a trade via an apprenticeship, enlist in the armed forces, or anything else, Mr. Schutz coordinates field trips, speakers, and other events that can help students of all ages think about life after Argo.

To this end, the annual College Fair took place in the cafeteria on September 25th in the evening so that students and families could interact with representatives from over forty-five colleges, apprenticeships, vocational programs, and the military to plot future moves. Along similar lines, there will be a Career Fair during lunch periods on October 29th where students will be able to interact with adults working in a variety of professions, trades, and services.

But the Counseling Department doesn't just sit back and have people come to Argo. Quite the contrary, Argonauts go out into the real world on field trips to

colleges, training programs, and actual job sites. So far this semester, students have visited Northwestern University (see the photo on page 2), the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC), Moraine Valley's Healthcare Career Fair, the training facility of the Pipefitters Local Union 597 in Mokena, and a construction site on the Illinois Tollway to witness renovation of the Hinsdale Oasis. More events both inside and outside of Argo are forthcoming throughout the school year, so pay attention to your student e-mail accounts, or, better yet, drop by the CCC during your lunch time to see it for yourself.



Evidence of Naviance

While students utilize Naviance in each year of school at Argo, it is in the senior year when students really need to be proficient with Naviance, the platform through which transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other documents are sent. The counselors spoke with senior English classes the week of September 9th to help them formulate and begin to carry out their plans regarding what they will do after graduation. College, the FAFSA, apprenticeships, careers, and writing résumés, which is a feature of Naviance. Younger students are encouraged to use Naviance as well, and counselors will conduct lessons with grades 9-11 later in the year. If you have questions on how to access your account (hint: it's easier than ever), just ask your counselor.

It's Not Just About Counting Credits

While Argo's counselors spend a lot of time on academic matters and helping students make postsecondary plans, counselors are also responsive to the social emotional needs of students. To this end, and to help cover state standards in social emotional learning (SEL), counselors facilitated lessons in emotional regulation and decision making in the (mostly) freshmen Health classes on September 24th. Lively discussions featured students examining how they process emotions and seeing new and productive ways to manage stress. The counselors will repeat this presentation in March for second semester Health sections.



Argo College Fair, September 25th



Argonauts enjoying a beautiful fall day at UIC

Odds and Ends

Testing 1, 2, 3, 4

On Wednesday, October 16th, all Argo students in grades 9-11 will be taking standardized tests. Freshmen will have the PreACT 8/9 while sophomores and juniors will tackle the PreACT. Seniors have the day off, which presents them with a golden opportunity to work on college applications or even visit a campus.

College Week: Hey Ho, Let's Go!

The week of October 21st-25th will be a special one as the Counseling Department sponsors College Week. Help on applications, proofreading personal statements, synching up Naviance to the Common Application, and raffle prizes are all bound to happen in the College Career Center, so stay tuned for more details to come.

