

"I couldn't have been in the position I am in without the College Counseling team! Describing yourself to a college in a small paragraph isn't an easy task to complete, however, with the help of Ms. Honan, I was able to write short but impactful essays that I didn't even know I was capable of writing. Applying to colleges is definitely a mentally exhausting process, but Ms. Honan and the college counseling team never failed to do whatever they could to make this process as smooth as possible.
Tapleen Kaur '25 Attending Haverford College



"I am incredibly grateful for the College Counseling team's constant and unwavering support throughout my application process. Ms. Birnhak, in particular, stood by my side through all of its ups and downs. Having that steady, encouraging presence is definitely one of the most important parts of the college application journey, and just knowing I had someone in my corner made a huge difference"
Harry Li '25, Attending UCLA



Annual Programs and Traditions

- Admission Case Studies
- Career Panel (Industry Leaders)
- College Panel (Admission Reps)
- College Field Trips
- College Rep Visits to Campus (100+)
- Jumpstart to College
- Paying for College
- PSAT and Pre-ACT Testing for 10th & 11th
- Senior Celebration
- Understanding the Standardized Testing Landscape
- W+H Young Alumni Panel
- ...and much more!



Parents and students enjoyed listening to the admission counselors' perspectives on the college admission process at our Panel Event.



The Wardlaw+Hartridge College Counseling Program



The College Counseling Program at The Wardlaw+Hartridge School provides opportunities for students and families to learn more about all aspects of the college admission process. The emphasis of the program is on guiding each student through a journey of learning and self-discovery that will culminate in admission to the colleges that best match the student's unique interests and strengths.

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are in this together! Students, parents/guardians, and the College Office.

We are student driven. We know our students and work tirelessly to match them with schools that will be the best fit for them.

We are process oriented. We know there are a lot of things about the admissions process we cannot control so we focus on what we can- creating a balanced list of schools and preparing the strongest applications possible.



BY THE END OF 11TH GRADE, W+H STUDENTS WILL HAVE...

- Completed multiple essay topic reflection exercises and personal inventory
- Completed a preliminary college list to continue finalizing over the summer
- Received guidance on summer programs for SAT/ACT exams
- Built a preliminary college list to continue finalizing over the summer
- Completed a first draft of their Common Application
- Finalized a college essay topic and started drafting
- Requested two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty members
- Scheduled time to meet with their College Counselor over the summer

COLLEGE COUNSELING SEMINAR

Our College Counseling Seminar begins Trimester 2 of 11th grade and concludes Trimester 1 of 12th grade. Through this unique opportunity, students will have dedicated class time to learn about the college admissions process and craft their applications with the help of our College Counseling team. The Seminar is co-taught by Ms. Honan and Ms. Birnhak and allows students to meet with their assigned counselor twice per week.

Topics Covered Include:

- Student self-inventories
- Overview of application and admissions process
- Building a college list
- Standardized testing guidance
- College essay brainstorming and drafting
- Activities Resume drafting
- Letters of Recommendation requests
- Senior Year course selection guidance
- Interview Preparation

