

# Whitfield's College Choice Experience

Confidence in the Process. *Clarity in the Journey.*

## Not Just Prepared—Transformed

At The Whitfield School, college counseling isn't a service added in senior year—it's an intentional, multi-year progression rooted in relationships, strategic thinking, and care.

Beginning informally in middle school and gaining structure through 9th and 10th grade, the journey culminates in College Knowledge, a credit-bearing course for 11th and 12th graders.

Far more than application logistics, the program challenges students to ask meaningful questions—*Who am I? What do I value? Where am I going?*—while developing critical habits of research, writing, reflection, and discernment that serve them for life.

## The Whitfield School Difference

Whitfield's College Choice Experience has earned recognition locally and nationally as a model for independent schools. *What sets it apart?*

- **Concierge-level support**—from curated itineraries to personalized essay coaching
- **Low caseloads:** with an average graduating class of 75, counselors truly know every student
- **Embedded curriculum:** College Knowledge meets weekly during the academic day
- **Postgraduate guidance,** including letters for law and medical school applicants

## A Curriculum That Mirrors Our Mission

Whitfield treats the college process as a learning opportunity in itself:

- **Research & analysis:** Students move beyond marketing materials to evaluate institutions with rigor.
- **Self-reflection:** They consider not only academic paths, but the kind of communities and values they seek.
- **Strategic planning:** Counselors guide students in setting goals, organizing deadlines, and prioritizing tasks.
- **Communication & advocacy:** Students learn to articulate their story with clarity and confidence.

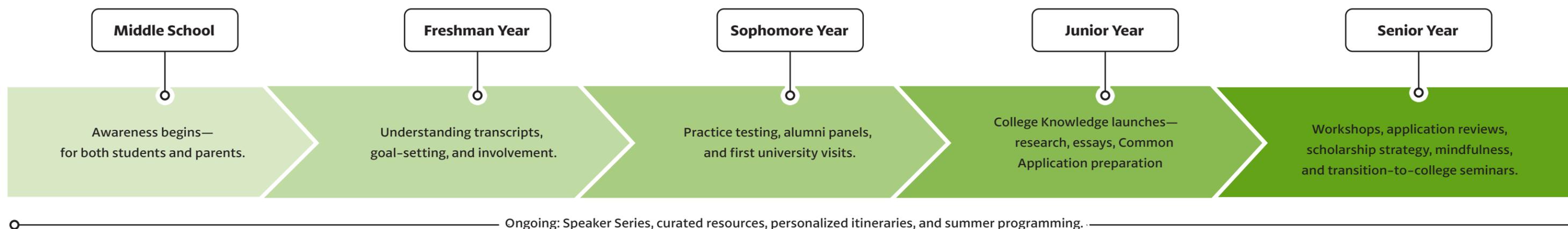


“This program is not transactional—it’s relational. Students drive the process. Parents support. We hold students accountable—*and celebrate their growth.*”

—Amanda Chapman,  
Director of College Counseling

The goal is not simply college admission—  
*it's college readiness and lifelong agency.*

# The Whitfield School *College Counseling Four-Year Experience*



“What we often hear [from families who have children at multiple schools] is ‘At my other child’s school, I had to do so much of the work.’ At Whitfield, we take those tasks off of the plates of our families because we want them to enjoy the experience of choosing a college together with their child.”

—Amanda Chapman, Director of College Counseling (pictured above)

## Low Stress. High Support.

At most schools, college counseling begins late and leaves families carrying the load. At Whitfield, the design is intentional:

- Students work ahead of deadlines.
- Counselors manage the process.
- Parents can step back and enjoy the journey.

## The Results: *Distinctive, Diverse, Personal*

College Choice Experience for the Class of 2025

- 100% admitted to four-year colleges
- 702 applications
- 445 acceptances
- 69 students
- 53 different colleges and universities
- 32 collegiate athletes since 2023

## Recent College Acceptances & Matriculations

A selection of acceptances from the graduating classes of 2023–2025. Institutions marked with a \* typically have a 30% of lower undergraduate acceptance rate, while the **bold** indicates matriculation.

### American University\*

Bard College

### Boston University\*

### Brown University\*

### Bucknell University\*

### Cal Poly\*

Carnegie Mellon University\*

### Colorado College\*

### Colorado School of Mines\*

### Dartmouth College\*

### DePaul University

### DePauw University

### Drexel University

### Fordham University\*

### George Washington University\*

### Grinnell College\*

### Kenyon College\*

Loyola University Chicago

### Macalester College\*

McGill University\*

Mount Holyoke College\*

### New York University\*

### Northeastern University\*

### Ohio State University

### Pepperdine University\*

### Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology\*

Rutgers University\*

### Saint Louis University

### Savannah College of Art and Design

### School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Smith College\*

UC Davis

UC Irvine\*

### UC San Diego\*

UC Santa Cruz

### University of Edinburgh\*

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### University of Missouri - Columbia

### University of Missouri - Kansas City

### University of Missouri-St. Louis

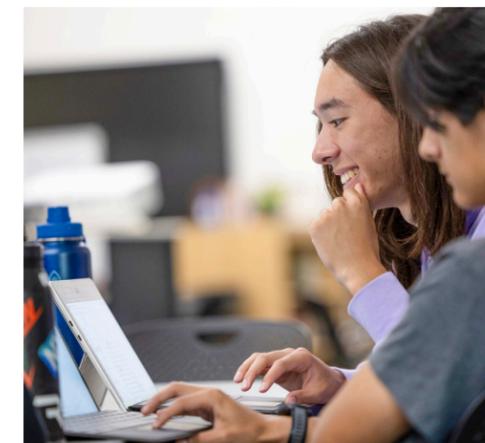
### University of Southern California\*

### University of Vermont

University of Washington

Virginia Tech\*

### Washington University in St. Louis\*





### Parent Perspectives

“When we talk to people about our experience, they don’t believe it because it *sounds like a fairy tale*. But you don’t really know until you go through it.”

— Corey & Sheila Jones (Taryn '24, Fallon '27)  
pictured above with Director of College Counseling  
Amanda Chapman

“Our expectations were high— and Whitfield topped them. The trust Ebony built with our family *turned the process into something enjoyable*.”

— Jack & Kristy Flood (Nick '24)  
pictured above with their son, Nick, and Associate Director  
of College Counseling Ebony Sistrunk

## Whitfield’s College Choice Experience *Confidence. Care. Results.*



### Led by Experts. Grounded in Care.

Whitfield’s college counseling team combines professional expertise with deep personal investment in every student.

*With years of experience, national networks, and a clear-eyed understanding of admission trends, they mentor students with intellect, empathy, and conviction. Families know their children are being guided not just by experts, but by educators who see the whole person.*



For inquiries, please contact Whitfield’s Admissions Office.