

Exciting Experience For ALL Students and Families! The AHS SPRING COLLEGE FAIR- Monday, April 9th 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Toz (Red) Gym - Each year, approximately 125 colleges from across the country take part in the AHS Spring College Fair. Many of the college representatives who attend the fair are the same as those who make the admissions decisions for our geographic area. This is a great opportunity to meet the representatives and alumni face-to-face, to ask questions about a particular college major, and to inquire about general admissions requirements. While the College Fair is open to **all students** and their parents, **junior** year students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend! Please see the suggestions for a successful College Fair experience at the bottom of this newsletter.

The Arlington High School College Fair

Henry Toczlyowski Gymnasium

Monday, April 9, 2017

6:30pm - 8:00pm

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The College Fair is a FREE opportunity for you and your family to meet with the representatives and alumni from colleges and universities throughout the country without actually leaving your home state. There will not be enough time to visit with every college and university at the fair, so we have listed some suggestions on how to use your time most effectively.

BEFORE THE FAIR...

Before the fair, it's a good idea to do a little preparation.

1. Answer the following questions to help determine what kind of school would best suit you:
 - Do you want to attend a two or four year institution? Co-ed or single-gender?
 - What size school do you want to attend?
 - Which programs of study are you considering?
 - How far from home are you willing to travel?

- Do you wish to participate in any specific extracurricular activities or athletics?
 - Do you want to attend a school located in an urban, suburban, or rural environment?
 - Do you require any special services (i.e., tutoring, note taker, readers, interpreters)?
2. Discuss your college plans with your guidance counselor, family, teachers, and friends.
 3. Research your colleges of interest on Naviance via the Internet in the guidance office, media center, computer lab or your home.
 4. Check dates and registration deadlines for college entrance examinations.
 5. Create labels or profile cards with your name, address, email, and phone number, name of high school, year of graduation and your area of interest
_This will help avoid time spent on filling out Information Cards on College Fair night.
 6. Bring a pen or pencil and a notebook to jot down notes about the conversations with individual college representatives, and pick up the cards of college representatives for future reference. It is helpful to have a specific name when requesting information or an interview!

AT THE FAIR...

1. Pick up a bag and fair directory.
2. Visit with colleges and universities that meet your criteria.
3. Talk with a representative at the Information Table if you have any questions or need help with your college search.

QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES...

- How can I arrange a campus visit? Are there any special college visitation days?
- What are the application deadlines for admission and financial aid?
- How do you assign faculty advisors to students, especially those who are undecided about their major?
- What percent of students are commuters?
- When must I choose a major?
- What types of extracurricular activities exist on campus?
- How accessible are the professors outside of class?
- How are roommates selected?
- How safe is your school?

- What additional academic services do you offer to students (tutoring, career counseling, study skills workshops)?
- What types of internship/co-op experiences are available?

QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING DISABILITIES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

- Are there specialized programs available?
- Are there special admissions procedures?
- Which standardized tests are required?
- What types of documentation are needed to request accommodations?
- Should testing and/or an IEP be sent with my application when applying or after a decision has been made?
- What types of accommodations (note-takers, tape recorders in class, etc.) are allowed?
- Are there extra fees for learning disability related services? If so, what is the approximate cost?

Still have questions? Please feel free to speak with your guidance counselor about any college-related questions.

Enjoy The Fair!!