

College Counseling and the 12th Grade Year  
2024-2025

Our work with the senior class began in early August with our College Application Boot Camps and we were delighted to spend time with the seniors to get a headstart on the college application process!

Reflecting the individualized nature of college counseling in the senior year, much of our interaction with senior families will occur through meetings and correspondence specific to the needs of each senior. That said, we will also offer opportunities for guidance to seniors and their families in larger settings.

Earlier this week, we hosted College Night for Senior Parents. In this program, we discussed topics of relevance to senior parents navigating the college application process with their children. These topics included understanding the application process and the procedures of the College Counseling Office, how to communicate with your child about their college applications and a brief overview of financial aid. A recording of the program was emailed to senior parents.

Beginning September 3 and continuing into November, our office will host in-person and virtual visits from college admission representatives from around the U.S. and beyond. These visits afford 12th graders an opportunity to meet with reps and learn more about the colleges they represent. These student-only meetings occur during the school day and students can sign up for visits in SCOIR.

Also in August, we will begin our Senior Meeting series. These meetings allow us to reinforce specific areas of importance to the college application process. These class meetings will take place in August, September, October, December, January, and March during Community Time.

The College Counseling Office will be co-hosting a free webinar with The College Funding Coach® on October 3 from 6:30-8:30pm. This virtual event is for families in all divisions wanting to learn how to pay for college. Additionally, The College Funding Coach® will host a special webinar on the FAFSA (the required financial aid application) on December 12 from 7:00-8:00pm to help senior families navigate this important application. The College Funding Coach® was founded in 2002 to help families better understand the complexities of paying for college and how to make higher education more affordable. Since that time, The College Funding Coach® team has been on a mission to help families save on the high cost of higher education. They have established an approach that helps parents understand the college funding process, reduce their out-of-pocket expenses, and balance the challenge of saving for college and retirement simultaneously. Registration information will be sent separately.

Soon after the Holiday Break concludes in January is our annual College Alumni Forum, where college-age graduates from Ravenscroft share their experiences in college and reflect on their Ravenscroft years. These alumni speakers offer wisdom to students about how to succeed at Ravenscroft and beyond. This student-only program will take place January 7 during Community Time.

As our seniors wind down their final year at Ravenscroft, we will host several sessions throughout the academic year as part of our Senior Transition-to-College programming, co-hosted with the Upper School Counseling Office. Dates, times, and topics for these sessions are available on the Ravenscroft School calendar posted online.

We look forward to the year ahead with the Class of 2025!