



The Counselor Fellowship at Sparhawk

When: Tuesday, June 18 - Thursday, June 20, 2024

Where: [Sparhawk Academy](#) (Millis, MA)

Who: Cohort of 20 Secondary School Counselors

Why: Strengthen counselors' *confidence, competence, and connections* for successfully accompanying students to a meaningful life beyond high school.

How: College campus visits; workshops with leaders in mental health, college and career counseling; discussions, Mass and Meditations

Program Partners:

Mike Schell, Head of School - Sparhawk Academy

Kyle Pietrantonio, Executive Director, [Duc in Altum](#)

Dr. Greg Bottaro, Founder of [Catholic Psych Institute](#)

Sarah Hogan, Director of College & Alumni Engagement, [Providence Academy](#) (MN)



Programming Notes:

- Themes: *Counseling Students and Parents for The Long Game; Finding Fit with Focus on Personal Calling*
- College Visits: Boston University, Northeastern University
- Networking event with college regional reps in Greater Boston
- Workshop focus on teenage mental health (Catholic Psych Institute); navigating difficult conversations; trends in college admissions; counselor best practices; creating a one-of-a-kind network of Catholic school counseling leaders and friends
- Feature Keynote from Brennan Barnard, Co-author of *The Truth about College Admission: A Family Guide to Getting In and Staying Together*, Director of College Counseling at Khan Lab High School, College Counseling Director at College Guidance Network, Advisor for [Making Caring Common](#), a project of the Harvard Graduate School of Education

Tentative Agenda:

*DAY 1 Tuesday, June 18, 2025 - Workshops with Dr. Greg Bottaro

8:00 a.m. Coffee and light breakfast (Sparhawk)

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Sparhawk Academy

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Intros

10 a.m. Dr. Greg Bottaro, Catholic Psych Institute, Session 1

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Dr. Greg Bottaro, Catholic Psych Institute, Session 2

4:00 p.m. Depart for Hotel

6:00 p.m. Depart hotel for Catered Dinner and Conversation at Sparhawk



DAY 2 Wednesday, June 19, 2025 - Boston Area College Visits

9:00 a.m. College Visit TBD

11:30 Lunch with [Catholic Institute of Tech](#)

1:30-4:30pm College Visit TBD

6:00 p.m. Catered dinner and drinks at Sparhawk with [Boston Area Campus FOCUS](#), college admissions representatives from [NEARR](#) (New England Area Regional Reps), and additional invited colleges

DAY 3 Thursday, June 20, 2025 - Wrap Up and Next Steps

8:30 a.m. Depart Hotel for Sparhawk Academy

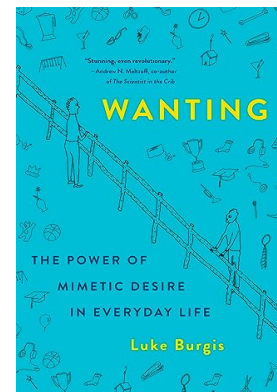
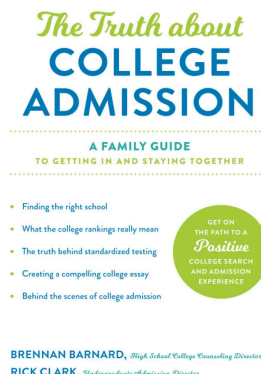
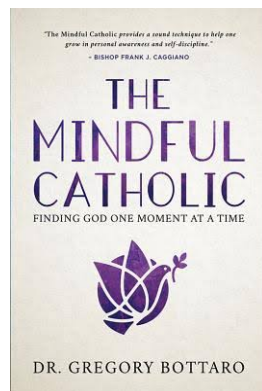
9:00 a.m. Keynote Session with Brennan Barnard: Introduction to the [College Guidance Network](#) (CGN) Roadmap

10:00 a.m. Closing Roundtable

Cost:

\$750 Program Fee covers:

- Program participation, including catered events at Sparhawk Academy
- Certificate from the Catholic Psych Institute
- \$100 discount for counselors from [DIA Member Schools](#)
- DIA 2024 Annual Summit Counselor Fellowship Event in Houston (register for the [DIA Summit](#) separately)
- Book Copies: *The Mindful Catholic* (Dr. Greg Botarro) and *The Truth about College Admission: A Family Guide to Getting In and Staying Together* (Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark), *Wanting: The Power of Mimetic Desire in Everyday Life* (Luke Burgis)



Additional Info.:

- ★ *Payment and hotel information (rate \$179/night) will be provided upon receipt of your registration form.*
- ★ *Space is limited. We expect to have our 2025 Fellowship Cohort solidified by early spring.*
- ★ *Mass offered each day (optional)*