



3rd Annual WSHS College Celebration Day-More Cowbell!

What is College Signing Day?- College Signing Day (May 1) is an opportunity to celebrate students who are committed to pursuing their education beyond high school. This includes four- and two-year colleges, technical schools, industry-recognized credentials, certificate programs, and enlisting in the military.

For the class of 2020 - Remember the last few years the counseling department would stand in the cafeteria and ring cowbells? Now it's your turn. We want to hear from you! **Send us pictures and videos of what you will be doing after high school. Hold up signs, your letter of acceptance, uniform, t-shirts, etc. Post it on Twitter (@WSHS_Guidance), Instagram (WSHS_Counseling_Dept), and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WSHSCounselingDepartment/>) and tag us! Use the hashtags #Bettermakerroom #reachhigher #collegesigningday or send your pictures to sibilia@wsps.org or white@wsps.org for the Guidance and Counseling social media pages!**

For Parents of the Class of 2020 -Start bragging! Post pictures, congratulations, and best wishes using the same hashtags. Use the phrase “#Bettermakerroom.” (e.g. Nick is going to Curry College as a Graphic Design major. #Bettermakerroom!” or “Bob is training to be an electrician. #Bettermakerroom!”)

For ALL faculty -Wear your alma mater gear and send out congratulations to members of the Class of 2020. Use hashtags #collegesigningday #bettermakerroom

West Side Alumni- Feel free to congratulate the Class of 2020 especially if they are going to be on your campus in the fall.

Elementary schools and parents - Consider sending photos/messages to sibilia@wsps.org or white@wsps.org. - or post congratulations to the Class of 2020. Feel free to post a photo of video of your student with their graduation class year (e.g. the current kindergarten class is class of 2032- they can hold up signs that say “better make room”).

The WSHS Counseling Department is gearing up to celebrate the Class of 2020 with activities leading up to college signing day on May 1st. Starting April 10th, students can access a variety of college and career planning activities. Missed March Madness? Take part in our version; May Madness. [WSHS 2020 College Admissions Bracket](#)

High School and Middle School -MAY MADNESS (should we change this to Quarantine madness)
Start with 64 colleges and complete the [College Admissions](#) and [Career Readiness Brackets](#)!

- 1) Week 1 (**April 10th**) Pick a major. Look to see if the school has the major you picked.
Narrow down to 32 colleges (if there is a tie-pick one)

- 2) Sweet 16 Week 2 (**April 17th**) Which has the greatest financial aid. You can find that information on the school's website, MEFApathway.org or collegescorecard.ed.gov or collegboard.org

- 3) Elite 8 Week 3 (**April 20th**) Which are closest to where you want to be located? Do you want to be close to home or farther away?
- 4) Final Four (**April 30th**) What is the size of the school (narrow down by largest or smallest-whichever you prefer)
- 5) Complete virtual tours of each school on their website, youvisit.com, campus tours.com or YouTube and Pick your winner by April 30th.

POST a video of yourself on **APRIL 30th** with a sign of school. Use hashtags #bettermakeroom and #collegesigningday. Then celebrate with us congratulating the CLASS OF 2020 on social media and see their decisions on MAY 1st.

If you are thinking about careers check out [this](#) bracket

Step 1: Rank the Career Clusters in order of most to least interesting to you. (if it's a tie, pick one) Use resources such as [O*Net Online Career Exploration](#), [MassHire Career Information System | Home](#), [MEFA Pathway](#)

Step 2: Pick one career from each cluster and fill in the career of interest

Step 3: Out of the selected careers, pick one that is of interest to you and has the highest job growth (use resources above)

Step 4: Pick the career that has the most interest to you.

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Resources for Career Research at WS Elementary Schools

<https://careerkids.com/pages/career-research>

https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/Elem_Career_Interest_Explorerer.pdf

Class of 2020 - CONGRATULATIONS!!