

Welcome

to LHSP

College Planning

Night



June, July, August

- Visit college campuses
- Fill out college applications
- Create consistent User Name and Password
 - User Name: first initial, last name
 - Dnoffze or djnoffze
 - Password: lions2010 or lions10



Choices

- Four year Colleges/Universities
- Community College
- Career and Technology Programs
- Career Schools
- The Military
- Apprenticeships
- See www.lhsparker.org/inside
 - Click on “College & Career” then find “College Planning” and scroll toward end of document



Choosing a College

- LOTS of factors
 - See www.CollegeInColorado.org
 - Website download coming soon
- Atmosphere, size, living situations, etc
- Cost = No Fear!!!

Do NOT let cost affect your decision!



Choosing a Career/Major

- Career interest tests can give direction
 - Do a search for these types of tests
 - See list on the website
- Liberal Arts program (general studies)
 - 75% of students enter college with this
- 85% of students **CHANGE** their major or career path the 1st or 2nd year of college
- Do I have to know??



September & October

- Continue filling out college applications
 - Common App (www.commonapp.org/)
 - Universal App (www.universalcollegeapp.com/)
- Continue College Search
 - College Fairs (many at one time!)
 - Visit college campus: Sept 30 & Oct 1,2; near Thanksgiving time, between Christmas and New Year
- Request transcripts to be sent to colleges
- Search for scholarships



Financial Aid & Scholarships

1. Financial Aid comes from the colleges and is determined by the government based on your previous year's tax return.
2. Each college has its own scholarships to offer to students.
3. Financial Aid will not change much between colleges, but scholarship offers will vary.
4. Besides college scholarships, be sure to look elsewhere.



Scholarship Info

- NEVER pay to get scholarships!!!!!!!
- See p. 9 of “Where Am I Going?” booklet
- See the school website for a list
- College Opportunity Fund (CO use only)
 - www.collegeincolorado.org
- Add these...
 - www.zinch.com
 - www.schoolsoup.com
 - StudentEdge...coming soon!



October

- ACT/SAT are morning exams at your local public high school
- ACT test date (Oct 24, register by Sept 18)
- SAT test date (Oct 10, register by Sept 9)
- Register ON-LINE for these tests
- Could take 90-120 minutes to complete



ACT Practice

Practice, Practice, Practice

- PLAN test
- <http://www.actexampracticetests.com>
- www.collegeincolorado.org
- See other places on our school website www.lhsparker/inside, “college & career”



SAT Practice

- PSAT test (use test booklet for practice)
- www.collegeboard.org
- Prep Associates (303.424.8072)
 - ACT only \$300
 - SAT only \$350
 - ACT & SAT \$425



November 1

- College applications should be submitted by this time
- Having college apps in by this deadline usually eliminates application fees
- “Rolling admission” or “Rolling enrollment”
 - May affect financial aid



December 3

- Last day to submit transcript request forms until the new year
- If you have a last minute request, \$5 will need to accompany your request
- Lack of planning on your part, does not make it an emergency on my part.



December

- ACT test (Dec. 12)
- SAT test (Dec. 5)
- After acceptance you'll hear about financial aid



January 1-31

FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Must fill this out to receive financial aid info from the colleges
- Can do an estimate form and then enter actual info once your taxes are done
- Do not wait until April 15 to do tax returns this year!!!!



February

- Continue filling out financial aid info as well as looking for scholarships
- ACT test date (Feb. 6)
- It is not recommended that you take the ACT test after this date, but if you must please register ASAP



January – March

- Begin to receive acceptance letters
 - If applied in Aug, Sept, Oct, you'll hear earlier
- Let colleges know of your acceptance
- Fill out housing forms
- Continue to fill out Financial Aid info for colleges
 - Start “negotiating”



March 31

- Most college Financial Aid is depleted by this date
- Some monies may be left, but not significant amounts



April 1

No foolin'

- Inform colleges you will not be attending
 - They won't be offended
 - Email, postcard, letter, phone call
- Finalize college details
 - Housing
 - Freshmen Orientation
 - Sign up for classes (how & when)



May

- This should be a relaxing month
- Prepare for finals to end with best grades
- Request Final Transcript to be sent
- Enjoy last month of Senior year!
- Enjoy graduation & celebrations
- Thank you notes to anyone who's had a specific impact on your last four years



June, July, August

- Find out what's included in college dorms
- Find out what you can/cannot take
- Visit thrift stores and garage sales
- Check websites for less expensive books
- Enjoy the new adventure in the next step of your life!!



Questions??

Thanks for coming tonight!

If you have any further questions,
check the website,
email me, or call me.

