

High School Counselors  
and Independents:

Working Together

It's all about the Students!

# Why do we care?

- The welfare of students motivates our work

# What connects us?

- Nurturing relationships with students
- Common Goals
  - Guiding and advising students in the College Admissions Process
  - Best Practices
  - Shared Experiences
    - Work, Education, Travel, WACAC, etc.

# How Do Independents help High School Counselors?

- Increasing student knowledge about college and the college admissions process
- Coaching students to follow directions and to be timely
- Encouraging students to use relevant, respectful communication with their counselors and admissions staff
- Providing support at school events

# How do High School Counselors help Independents?

- Providing details about high school's college admissions process on school website
- Using the expertise of Independent Counselors at school events
- Asking for feedback about students
- Communicating at events and by phone, text and email.

# What more can we do?

- Share

- Responsibilities, goals, methods, .....

- Learn

- College Tours, SLC, College Counseling Coursework,.....

- Connect

- Tour college/career centers, counseling offices, .....

# Resources for working together

- Professional Organizations
  - WACAC, NACAC
- Local Connections
  - East Bay Symposium (Dorothy & Jim Walker)
- Naviance

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