

**Independent Counselors
And Secondary School
Counselors Working
Together Effectively**

*Keeping the focus on
STUDENTS*

Share.

Learn.

Connect.

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What Connects Us?

- *We care about the welfare of students*
- *We want to increase student and parent information about the college admissions process.*
- *We want students to have informed post secondary school options.*
- *Shared experiences*

Common Goals

**Guiding and advising
students in the college
admissions process**

Best practices

How Can Independents help High School Counselors?

- **Increase** a student's knowledge about colleges and the college admissions process
- **Emphasize** following school directions and meeting all deadlines
- **Encourage** students to **communicate** with their **counselors**
- **Contact** school counselor

How Can High School Counselors help Independents?

- **Provide** details about high school's college admissions process (deadlines, requirements) on school website
- **Respond** via email and phone to independents' communications
- **Use** the expertise of Independent Counselors at school events

What more can we do?

- **Share**

- *Responsibilities, goals, methods, expertise*

- **Learn**

- *College Tours, SLC, college counseling coursework*

- **Connect**

- *Network, volunteer*

Resources for working together

- **Professional Organizations**
 - WACAC, NACAC, College Board
- **Local counseling events**
- **Community events**

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