## Sorry, What Was Your Name Again?

## College Counseling with a Large Student Population

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## Today we will cover...

1. What opportunities are available for college/career exposure?
2. What kinds of workshop offerings are available?
3. How can we outreach to our college partners?
4. How can we get to know students we write letters for?

5. How do colleges review applications from large high schools?

## Background Information

| Granada Hills Charter HS | Culver City HS | LACES |
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| ( 4700 students |  |  |
| Grades 9-12 |  |  |

Challenges High Schools Face


## Challenges Colleges Face



## College/Career Exposure: Small Groups

College Representative Visits

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## College/Career Exposure: Large Groups

GRADE Level Presentations

Peer Counselors

Individual CLASSROOM
Presentations


Remind app/Text Messages/Email /Phone Calls

## Weekly NEWSLETTER

Evening and Weekend PARENT workshops

## Workshop Offerings



## Workshop Spotlight: GHC Case Studies

- Invitation to 40 colleges based on Naviance reports
- Held during school day
- Open to $11^{\text {th }}$ grade only
- Accommodate 20-25 colleges in auditorium
- Each rep leads a discussion with 7-8 students per table
- Share out from each table at the end of case study
- College Fair during lunch for all students
- Feedback from colleges



## Workshop Spotlight: LACES

- Lunch and Learn
- Alumni Career Day
- Held during school day
- All grade levels (6th - 12th)
- 40 + speakers
- Students listen to rotation of Career Presenters
- PSAT $7^{\text {th }}-11^{\text {th }}$
- All Juniors participate in SAT School Day


## Outreach to High Schools: The College Side

- Communication
- Regional Programming
- Workshops


## Dickinson

- Counselor training/programs
- Letter/profile writing workshops
- Information sessions
- Space for college-specific interviews
- Case Studies


## UCLA

- How-to: Successful invitations to Events


## Outreach to Colleges: The High School Side

Schools that have provided info sessions/workshops :


## Letters of Recommendation

- Mandatory meeting
- Brag Sheet - Character specific questions
- Give an example of a time you showed grit
- Describe an impactful role in your school/family/activities
- Describe a time you received a compliment
- Teacher specific brag sheet
- Individual Interviews
- Both Academic and College Counselors write letters, students choice
- Broad range depending on school selection

| Granada Hills Charter | LACES |
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| Class of 2019:376/1150 letters $\sim 30 \%$ | Class of 2019: <br> Class of 2020: |

## The College Side: Dickinson College

- How do private colleges review applications from large high schools?
- School profile
- Unique updates and changes per year
- Include mechanics in profile vs. LOR
- Letters of Recommendation
- Form letters
- Your (counselor's) observations about students' extracurricular activities
- Avoid "resume regurgitation"
- Context about the school community (positive or negative)
- 8 periods per day for $40+$ students
- Working households, etc.
- Be consistent across staff (in rankings, GPA, rigor assessment)

The College Side: UCLA

## How do you manage it all?

1. Know yourself - set one or two goals
2. Authenticate your purpose

Sending year-end statistics
(collect sign-in sheets, data, Naviance reports)
Updates to administration
Student success stories don't wait to tell the stories at the end of the year
3. Embrace things beyond control


## Next Steps: Start with a self assessment of.

- School resources
- Budget, space, facilities, weekend/evening scheduling
- District constraints
- Network
- Reach out to your college rep and find out what kind of relationship you can have
- RACC
- Local and regional colleges and conferences
- Academic and college counselors
- Counselor community
- Professional development
- Visit other schools and borrow best practices
- Community and Culture
- Administrative support

- Know your families

Questions?

Thank You!

