Sorry, What Was Your Name Again?

College Counseling with a Large Student Population

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Today we will cover...

- 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
4700 students Grades 9-12	2250 students Grades 9-12	1600 students Grades 6-12
10 Academic Counselors	5 Academic Counselors	4 Academic Counselors
3 College Counselors	1 College Counselor1 Career Counselor	1 College Counselor (also AP Coordinator)
51% on free/reduced lunch	43% on free/reduced lunch	53% on free/reduced lunch
60% to 4-year university		

Challenges High Schools Face



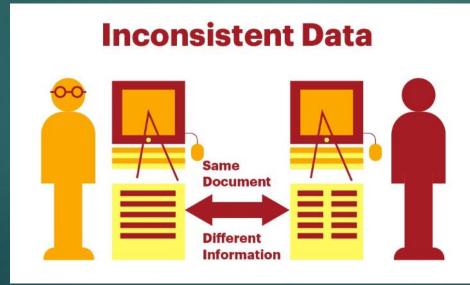






Challenges Colleges Face







College/Career Exposure: Small Groups

College Representative Visits

Field Trips





Setup your school's visits availability, publish college fairs, and manage appointment requests.

SCHEDULE







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

Granada Hills Charter





















Workshop Spotlight: GHC Case Studies

- Invitation to 40 colleges based on Naviance reports
- Held during school day
- Open to 11th 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



10 a.m. to 1:16 p.m. RSVP to Erin Kim ekim@ghchs.com

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 7th-11th
- All Juniors participate in SAT School Day



Outreach to High Schools: The College Side

- Communication
- Regional Programming
- Workshops
 - Counselor training/programs
 - Letter/profile writing workshops
 - Information sessions
 - Space for college-specific interviews
 - Case Studies
- How-to: Successful invitations to Events

Dickinson



Outreach to Colleges: The High School Side

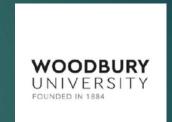
Schools that have provided info sessions/workshops:

































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
Class of 2019: 376/1150 letters ~30%	Class of 2019: 150/220 letters ~70%
Class of 2020:	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?

- Know yourself set one or two goals
- 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?

