

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE PRESENTED ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH** AT **INTERLAKE H.S.** AND **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH** AT **NEWPORT H.S.** TO SERVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF ALL BSD HIGH SCHOOLS. THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS BEGINS AT **6:00 PM**. PARTICIPANTS THEN ATTEND THREE HALF-HOUR WORKSHOP SESSIONS OF THEIR CHOICE, WITH THE LAST WORKSHOP SESSION ENDING AT **8:30 PM**.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – KNOWING YOUR PERSONAL NARRATIVE

PRESENTER: JOHN FRAIRE, VICE PRESIDENT ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Over the past three decades, the college admissions process has become more competitive and stressful. In many respects, the admissions process has turned students into numbers. Mr. Fraire will highlight that knowing your own personal story—your history, your current situation, and your vision for the future—is one of the keys to a successful college admissions process and educational career. *Recommended for all grade levels as the perfect beginning to the evening's program.*

FINDING THE RIGHT FIT (ALL THREE SESSIONS)

PRESENTER: CLAIRE NOLD-GLASER, INDEPENDENT COLLEGE COUNSELOR (OCTOBER 7TH)

ALICIA WILLIAMS, NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR (OCTOBER 8TH)

Strategies to find colleges that match a student's profile and interests will be discussed. Defining student priorities and interests is an essential first step in finding colleges that "fit." *Recommended for all grade levels.*

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES (ALL THREE SESSIONS)

PRESENTER: CHRISTA CALLANAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, WSU (OCTOBER 7TH)

KARA LINDBERG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ENROLLMENT COUNSELING, WSU (OCTOBER 8TH)

Public universities in Washington offer a wide variety of programs. In this session you will learn about new program offerings, trends in admissions practices, and the unique characteristics of each of the public institutions in Washington. *Recommended for all grade levels.*

FINANCIAL AID — HOW IT WORKS AND HOW TO QUALIFY (ALL THREE SESSIONS)

PRESENTER: DAVID ARAMAKI, FINANCIAL ADVISOR (OCTOBER 7TH)

PETER WANG, FINANCIAL ADVISOR (OCTOBER 8TH)

This session will include information about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and on scholarships and grants which can also be part of a financial aid package for qualifying students. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.*

COMMUNITY COLLEGE: A GREAT WAY TO START (SESSIONS 1 AND 2)

PRESENTER: TRINA BALLARD, DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT, BELLEVUE COLLEGE (OCTOBER 7TH)

GARY LINDBERG, ACADEMIC ADVISOR, BELLEVUE COLLEGE (OCTOBER 8TH)

Starting your college career at a community college can be a good plan. Our local community colleges offer strong programs and transferring to a four year university can be done smoothly. Four-year degree programs are also available. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.*

NAVIGATING THE NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE—COLLEGE FOR THE ATHLETE (SESSIONS 1 AND 2)

PRESENTER: SCOTT BRAYTON, COLLEGE ADVISOR/MENTOR (OCTOBER 7TH)

The NCAA Clearinghouse process for student athletic eligibility will be covered. Advanced planning is essential. *Recommended for athletes of all grade levels.*

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS: WHY? WHEN? WHICH? HOW DO I PREPARE? (SESSIONS 1 AND 2)

PRESENTER: SUSAN LAROSA, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR (ACT)

LANCE BALLA, ENGLISH CURRICULUM DEVELOPER AND SAT TEST DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER (SAT)

Both the ACT and the SAT have changes that will affect student planning to use these exams in the college admissions process. You will learn about specific changes, as well as which tests are required or recommended and strategies to prepare for these high-stakes exams. *Recommended for 10th through 12th grades.*

PAYING FOR COLLEGE WITHOUT GOING BROKE (ALL THREE SESSIONS)

PRESENTER: PAULA BISHOP, CPA AND CERTIFIED COLLEGE PLANNING SPECIALIST

Questions such as-- How can we afford private colleges? How can we get scholarships? How does the financial aid system work? Do we qualify for financial aid? How do colleges determine aid? How do 529 plans and the GET program work? We haven't saved enough, what do we do?—will be answered during this session. *Recommended for parents/guardians.*

COLLEGES FOR ARTISTICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS (SESSION 1)

**PRESENTER: DUANE MACK, HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE-THE NORTHWEST REGION, THE ART INSTITUTES
ENID BECKER, ADVANCED PLACEMENT ART INSTRUCTOR, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

Learn about the different types of programs in the arts offered in the US & Canada. Understand the process for admissions, including portfolios and auditions. Find out about the future outlook for careers in the arts. It's all in this session! *All grade levels.*

So How DO THEY MAKE THE DECISIONS: THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES (ALL THREE SESSIONS—PANEL DISCUSSION)

**PRESENTER: DAVID BLUM, CHAIR PUGET SOUND SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
TONY CABASCO, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS, FINANCIAL AID, WHITMAN
JUDITH MACKENZIE, INDEPENDENT COLLEGE COUNSELOR**

**MODERATOR: PETER BANG-KNUDSEN, PRINCIPAL, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (10/7)
TOM DUENWALD, PRINCIPAL, SAMMAMISH HIGH SCHOOL (10/8)**

Representatives from various selective colleges will provide an overview of how their admissions teams evaluate applications. They will also take questions from students and parents/guardians regarding the application review process. *All grade levels.*

APPLYING TO COLLEGE: BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER (ALL THREE SESSIONS)

**PRESENTER: BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNSELORS
(SCHOOL-SPECIFIC INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPARATE SESSIONS FOR THE FOUR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOLS—
BELLEVUE, INTERLAKE, NEWPORT, AND SAMMAMISH)**

The procedures for processing application documents at your high school, your role in the process, and the timelines that are critical to ease the stress of the college application season (October-January) will be discussed. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.*

COLLEGE SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES--SPECIAL NEEDS ADMISSIONS (SESSION 1)

PRESENTER: DEBBIE COSSEY, INDEPENDENT COLLEGE COUNSELOR

If you or your student has a 504 Plan or an IEP then this session is a must. You will learn what support is available in college and which colleges offer the best support. *Recommended for students in all grades who have special needs.*

YOU'RE OFF TO COLLEGE (SESSIONS 1 AND 2)

**PRESENTER: ROBYN CAMPBELL, INDEPENDENT COLLEGE COUNSELOR (OCTOBER 7TH)
BOB DANNENHOLD, INDEPENDENT COLLEGE COUNSELOR (OCTOBER 8TH)**

Want to get a feel for the first few months of college life in the classroom and the dorm? Great information for parents/guardians. Don't miss this presentation! *Recommended for 11TH and 12th grade students.*

PUTTING YOURSELF ON PAPER: WRITING THE COLLEGE ESSAY (ALL THREE SESSIONS)

**PRESENTER: DOUG CALVERT, INTERLAKE HIGH ENGLISH TEACHER (OCTOBER 7TH)
DAVID LANG, NEWPORT HIGH ENGLISH TEACHER (OCTOBER 8TH)**

The college essay can be a critical part of the college application. Strategies to respond to essay prompts will be reviewed as well as ways to avoid mistakes and how to choose a topic that is appropriate for the essay. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students.*

PROGRAMS FOR HONORS STUDENTS RIGHT HERE IN WASHINGTON (ALL THREE SESSIONS)

**PRESENTER: JESSICA CASSLEMAN, ASSISTANT DEAN, HONORS COLLEGE, WSU
KAYLE WALLS, HONORS COLLEGE, WWU
LARA HEISE, HONORS COLLEGE, WWU**

There is a high interest in Honors Education in our Public Institutions of Higher Learning in the state of Washington. These programs are developed specifically with the highly capable student in mind. Learn specifics about the Honors program. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students.*

FINDING YOUR PASSION/CAREER EXPLORATION (SESSIONS 1 AND 2)

PRESENTER: KATE CONANT, LAKE WASHINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

"Passion" comes from doing! Community service, job shadowing, career classes, career websites and educational camps offer students wonderful opportunities to discover their interests and to find their passion before they spend huge sums of money in tuition experimenting at college. This session is all about taking advantage of what's in high school to make better choices in college. *Recommended for all grade levels, parents/guardians and students.*

