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The 2011-2012 Bellevue School District College Conference

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1st at Interlake H.S.

Thursday, February 2nd at Newport H.S.

The Newport H.S. Conference begins in the Theatre at 6 p.m. and each session lasts 30 minutes. There's no need to sign up for sessions, and handouts with times and locations will be distributed that evening. We look forward to providing you with this important information!

Welcome: **Eva Collins**, *Interim Superintendent*, Bellevue School District

Keynote: **Spencer Welch**, *Interim Director*, Danforth Educational Leadership Program,
University of Washington

Finding the Right Fit – All sessions

Presenter: **Claire Nold-Glaser**, *Independent College Counselor*

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 10th and 11th grade students and families.

Public Universities in the State of Washington: Trends and Opportunities – All sessions

Presenters: **Hayley Beckman**, *Assistant Director*, Enrollment Management, Washington State University
 Kara Lindberg, *Assistant Director*, Enrollment Management, Washington State University
 Jerod Grant, *Senior Admissions Advisor*, Eastern Washington University
 Kayle Walls, *Assistant Director of Admissions*, Western Washington University

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 sessions

Presenters: **David Aramaki**, *Financial Advisor* – February 1
 Peter Wang, *Financial Advisor* – February 2

This session will include information about financial planning for college, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), 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.

Financial Aid –FAFSA from the College Perspective – Sessions 1 and 2

Presenter: **Rebecca Wonderly**, *Associate Director, Student Financial Services*, Seattle University

While similar to the session listed above, this session will be provided from the expertise of a university employee rather than a financial advisor. Both are valuable and the information will be similar. Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.

Local Community and Technical Colleges: A Great Way To Start – Sessions 2 and 3

Presenters: **Alicia Lewis**, *Director of High School Programs*, Bellevue College
 Gina Nakamura, *Outreach/Recruitment Coordinator*, Seattle Central Community College

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. Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.

Navigating the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER —College For the Athlete – Session 1

Presenter: **Scott Brayton**, *College Advisor/Mentor*, Varsity Student Institute

The NCAA process for student athletic eligibility will be covered. Advance planning is essential. The speaker will also cover ACT and SAT in reference to eligibility. Recommended for athletes of all grade levels.

College Entrance Exams: SAT & ACT - Why? When? Which? How Do I Prepare? – Sessions 1 and 2

Presenters: **Susan LaRosa**, *Counselor*, International School, Bellevue School District
Lance Balla, *English Curriculum Developer*, Bellevue School District

Both the ACT and the SAT have changes that will affect how students 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 all grade levels.

Paying for College Without Going Broke – All sessions

Presenter: **Paula Bishop**, *Certified Public Accountant*, Financial Aid for College Advisor

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.

So How DO They Make The Decisions: The Admissions Process at Highly Selective/Top Tier Colleges – All sessions

Moderator: **Patty Siegwarth**, *Executive Director of Special Services*, Bellevue School District

Presenters: **David Blum**, *Chair*, Puget Sound Secondary School Committee of the University of Pennsylvania
Cheryl Hammond, *Alumnae Admission Coordinator*, Smith College
Becky Lee, *Alumnae Admission Coordinator*, Smith College
Meredith Shank, *Harvard Alumnae, Interviewer*
Robert Neate, *Harvard Alumnae, Interviewer*

Representatives from various selective colleges will provide an overview of how their admissions teams evaluate applications, and will also take questions from students and families regarding the application review process. Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.

The Admissions Process at Selective Liberal Arts Colleges - All sessions

Moderator: **Jen Rose**, *Principal*, International School, Bellevue School District

Presenters: **Katie DePonty**, *Associate Director of Admission*, Whitman College
Lindsay Dold O'Sullivan, *Assistant Dean of Admission*, Occidental College
Michael Sass, *Admissions Counselor*, Gonzaga University
Fumio Sugihara, *Director of Admission*, University of Puget Sound

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Applying to College: Before, During and After - All sessions

Presenters: **Bellevue High School and Interlake High School Counselors** – February 1
International School Counselor – February 1 (Session 3 only)
Newport High School and Sammamish High School Counselors – February 2

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 2

Presenter: **Debbie Cossey**, *Independent College Counselor*, Rainier College Counseling

If your student has a 504 Plan or an IEP, then this session is a must. You will learn what support is available in college, the documentation you will need to provide, and examples of college services and programs available. Recommended for students in all grades who have special needs.

Putting Yourself On Paper: Writing The College Essay – All sessions

Presenters: **Doug Calvert**, *English Teacher*, Interlake High School – February 1

Jashar Rentz, *English Teacher*, Newport High School – February 2

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.

Starting the College Search: Where to Begin – Sessions 2 and 3

Presenters: **Bob Dannenholt**, *Independent College Counselor*

Robyn Campbell, *Independent College Counselor*

Want to start the college search? Don't know how? Attend this session and learn how to start your college search through networking, on-line, and college fairs. Recommended for all grade levels.

First Generation College Goers *presented in English* – Sessions 1 through 3 – February 1 and 2

Presenters: **Krischanna Roberson**, *Director*, SUSTANE, a non-profit focused on the development and successful academic achievement for students of color;

Lee Lambert, *Director*, College Success Foundation, Washington College Access Network—WCAN

Will you be the first person in your family to attend college? Do you need more information about navigating the college-going system? This session will support you in your efforts to enter college after graduating high school.

First Generation College Goers *presented in Spanish* – Sessions 1 through 3 – February 1 only

Presenters: **Lourdes Salazar**, *President*, Eastside Latino Leadership Forum

Osbaldo Hernandez, *IHS alumni and current senior*, Seattle University

Penny Lara, *parent of a current IHS student and college student (IHS alumni)*

Hortensia Moreno, *President*, Impulso Escolar and IHS parent

Fé López, *School of Law*, Seattle University

Student representatives, Interlake and Sammamish High Schools

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Exploring Historically Black Colleges and Universities – HCBUs – Session 1

Presenter: **Krischanna Roberson**, *Director*, SUSTANE, a non-profit focused on the development and successful academic achievement for students of color;

Interested in attending a Black College or University? Need a way to learn more about them? Take advantage of this opportunity to explore HCBUs and available scholarships.