



Presents:

Weekly presentations aimed at juniors and sophomores to help them start their college journey. Debbie Cossey, an experienced college counselor, representatives from local colleges, and community members speak to students about the myriad of options they have when it comes to navigating this next chapter of their lives.

All presentations are held on Wednesdays after school at 12:40pm and last about 30 minutes. We provide pizza and snacks! Presentations are open to all students at no cost. Registration is not required. We encourage parents to ask their kids what they learned as these are student-only presentations.

February 7 – 20 Ways to Choose Your College



The good news is that there are approximately 3,854 college options in the US. The bad news is that there are approximately 3,854 college options in the US. How does your student make sense of all these choices and find the schools that will be right for them? Have your student join us to learn about the pros and cons of large and small schools; urban, suburban, and rural campuses; living on-campus or off; close to home or far away. There are no right or wrong answers, just many things to consider.

February 14 – Majors of the Future



What careers will current 16- and 17-year-olds have in 10 or 20 years? What majors will best prepare them for these new jobs? Will today's "hottest jobs" be obsolete by the time these students graduate from college? From alternative energy to information technology, virtual reality to urban farming, this presentation will look at the future of jobs and the educational preparation students will need to be marketable and successful. This is a perfect workshop for all students, no matter their current interest. Have your student join us to think outside the current job box of 2018 and imagine the jobs of 2028 and beyond!

February 21 – How to Choose a Major



Joelle Pretty, Director of Pre-major Studies at Seattle University will help your student learn about how, when and who can help them choose a college major. What if your student isn't sure? What if they want to change majors? What if they want to double major? Encourage your student to come hear a her answer these questions and offer more information to help navigate this aspect of their

college process.

February 28 – College Opportunities in the Arts: Theater, Dance, Film, Music & Art



If your student's passion is dance, theater, film, music or art - or if they just want to keep taking these classes in college or join an ensemble - then this College Application Workshop presentation is made for them! **Sharron Starling, Director of Admissions at Cornish College of the Arts**, will be here to talk about art

programs in general, as well as what Cornish offers. This is a great time to learn the difference between a BA and BFA, about portfolios and auditions, and to ask lots of questions.

March 7 – Choosing Engineering...is This the Major for You?



Whether your student has always known they've wanted to be an engineer or is just considering it, this is the presentation for them!

Dr. Melanie Platt, Director of Engineering and Computer Science Programs at Seattle Pacific University will explain the various

majors, what it takes to be a successful student, what criteria engineering programs use to choose students, and what internships, study abroad options and associations are offered.

March 14 – Choosing Business...is This the Major for You?



Does your student see themselves on Shark Tank with a great business idea? Or what about as a dynamite marketer earning top sales in a company? If Business is the major they are considering, then this is the presentation for them. **Learn about different** majors within Marketing, internship and co-op options, schools that have trading rooms, special projects that students complete and much more. **Evin Hickey, Senior**

Academic Advisor in the Albers School of Business and Economics at Seattle University is our speaker and she will be joined by one or more staff from the Albers school.

March 21 – Choosing Computer Science...is This the Major for You?



Technology is the future and the field is booming! Whether your student is interested in web or game design, networking, engineering, communications or the many expanding uses of technology, Computer Science just might be their field. But what majors are available? How competitive is it to become a Computer Science major? What internships, projects, dual

majors, study abroad options and career resources are there in this field? Students will learn and get answers from an experienced professional in college Computer Science advising and get answers!

March 28 – Cool Colleges – From Coast to Coast and Beyond!



Is your student ready to start the journey to find a college that is right for them? Debbie Cossey, an experienced college counselor, will present interesting and unique colleges to consider. Does your student want to study marine biology... at a college on the beach? Would your student prefer to learn hands-on? How about a college that welcomes pets? Or work colleges where students earn part of their tuition, or co-op colleges that

have paid internships? There is a college for everyone and Debbie will reveal unusual and compelling colleges that students might not be aware of.

April 11 – A+ Schools for B Students



If you ask high school students to name as many colleges as they can, they often stop around 30... and those schools tend to be local, known for athletics, or one of the highly selective schools that get a lot of press but accept fewer than 10% of applicants. We'll focus on the hundreds of great schools around the nation, including the Pacific Northwest, that welcome students with B averages plus their various talents, experiences, interests and work ethic!

April 18 – How to Prep for a College Fair Visit



There is so much to learn at a College Fair! Encourage your student get prepared for their visit by joining us at our presentation where they'll learn the purpose of attending college fairs, questions to ask and how to make the most of their time. A list of participating colleges will be available as well as a link to the site for registration.

The Spring National College Fair is held on Saturday, April 21st at Seattle University from 10am to 1pm.

April 25 – Affordable Colleges - You Might Be Surprised!



When the total cost of some colleges creeps toward \$70,000 a year, it's time to discuss affordability... so students and families will not be burdened with debt for years. In this workshop, students will get a quick overview of what is included in the "total cost of college," learn a variety of ways to reduce the cost of college and receive a list of colleges that offer generous merit aid. There are wonderful and affordable colleges for everyone!

May 16 – You've Been Accepted...Now What? Tips From a College Professor



We want your student to have the best chance they can to succeed as a college freshman. If your student is curious or anxious about what happens once they get to college, this presentation will provide them with details of what they can do to have a successful first year. Encourage them to come hear Dr. Craig Lewis – a former faculty member, academic dean, dean of student affairs and program director with over 30 years' experience – share keys to ensure success at college.

May 23 – Enjoy Your Summer AND Plan for College! Your Lists, Visits, Applications and Essays



Is your soon-to-be-a-senior student ready for the Common Application, the Coalition College Application and the Universal College Application – not to mention all the other applications that individual schools use? This final College Application Workshop presentation of the year will make juniors aware of all the college applications that open this summer. Students will learn how to make an account for various college applications, what is included in each and what the essay topics are. Even if your student is not sure where they are applying, send them to the presentation to get an early look at the work ahead and ask any questions they may have.