

Marian High School's Student Advisory Department creates and provides a college bound culture in which students are prepared to attend a post-secondary institution of higher learning.

This is accomplished by focusing specifically on ways to provide growth and knowledge pertaining to each year throughout high school. Our teachers are dedicated to providing a rigorous college prep curriculum and meaningful classroom experience that will challenge students academically, spiritually and socially.



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# Building Your College Future



MARIAN

## FRESHMAN YEAR

### COUNSELORS:

- Teach effective study skills during the first week of classes
- Help students utilize academic goal setting strategies
- Teach students to use required Marian Student Planner
- Implement test taking strategies
- Help students identify their individual learning styles
- Administer interest inventories to indicate relevant career options
- Administer the EXPLORE Test, which is used as an ACT performance indicator
- Guide students in developing a four year curriculum plan
- Discuss the importance of extra-curricular activities as well as time management
- Help begin to create resume and portfolio
- Emphasize the importance of a strong freshman year in relation to college admission

### STUDENTS:

- Explore their learning styles
- Participate in volunteer opportunities at freshman retreat
- Be informed of additional volunteer opportunities throughout the year
- May attend and facilitate parent/teacher conferences
- Learn to calculate personal GPA's

### PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

- Attend conferences with daughter
- Attend Marian events
- Utilize free EducationQuest services as a springboard for the college search process
- Regularly engage in conversation with your daughter about her goals and career aspirations

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

### COUNSELORS:

- Administer the PLAN and PSAT tests
- Administer an Interest Inventory and analyze results
- Help students to utilize test results to compile career list
- Provide tools for initial college search
- Follow-up on extra-curricular activities and encourage involvement

### STUDENTS:

- Utilize career websites to research potential career opportunities and course requirements
- May attend and facilitate parent/teacher conferences
- Attend the Marian Catholic College Fair
- Attend Metro College Fair
- Continue to develop four year academic plan
- Continue to be involved in extra-curricular activities

### PARENTS ARE INVITED TO:

- Attend Conferences with daughter
- Attend Sophomore Parent Night
- Continue utilizing EducationQuest for college search process



## JUNIOR YEAR

### COUNSELORS:

- Administer the PSAT Test
- Disseminate information for the ACT, SAT and SAT Subject Tests
- Provide resources for test preparation
- Provide an ACT prep class at Marian
- Teach students to locate and use multiple resources to help develop a list of college options
- Explain the college visit process
- Aid students in conducting scholarship searches
- Provide instruction on the mechanics of essay writing
- Help students develop an awareness of college costs, college debt and the importance of financial planning
- Provide Junior Parent Night
- Host Financial Aid Information Night
- Produce guide for the college selection process
- Create Junior college booklet

### STUDENTS:

- Take ACT, SAT and SAT Subject Tests
- Have opportunities to meet with over 60 college admissions reps at Marian
- Update goals, timelines and college resumes
- Attend Marian Catholic College Fair
- Attend Metro College Fair at UNO
- Meet individually with her counselor
- Develop a more concise college list based upon school demographics, tuition, etc.
- Schedule college visits
- Attend summer workshops aimed at strengthening college application personal statement
- Attend Marian summer college essay session

### PARENTS ARE INVITED TO:

- Attend Junior college planning night
- Attend Parent Teacher Conferences
- Make multiple college visits with your daughter
- Attend the Financial Aid Planning Night

## SENIOR YEAR

### COUNSELORS:

- Provide timeline for college application process
- Create senior college booklet
- Provide information on test preparation classes
- Meet individually with seniors
- Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of early decision, early admission and regular admission
- Provide multiple resources for college search, career search and scholarship opportunities
- Post scholarship opportunities on Marian website
- Collaborate with students to analyze best college fit based on student's needs and interests
- Reinforce the college application process and subsequent deadlines
- Coordinate with the Religion Department a job shadow experience
- Provide opportunities for students to meet college admissions reps at Marian
- Discuss taking the AP Exam
- Provide feedback on essays and resumes
- Inform athletes about college eligibility process
- Provide transition tips from high school to college

### STUDENTS:

- Construct college essay and personal statement
- Arrange, attend and evaluate a job shadow experience
- Meet regularly with counselor
- Conduct a scholarship search
- Complete standardized testing
- Submit applications for college admission
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers while providing necessary information for letters to be completed
- Verify all elements of college applications are complete
- Visit with College Admissions Reps at Marian
- Write thank you notes to teachers who completed recommendation letters
- Review the booklet Senior Year Wrap Up-a transition to college

### SENIOR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO:

- Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Attend Senior Parent Night
- Attend Financial Aid Planning Night
- Attend Metro College Fair at UNO
- Make college visits to top choices
- Schedule appointment with counselor
- Utilize EducationQuest for final stages of planning