



## Counseling Corner

### College Night

Once again, we are joining our efforts with San Dieguito Academy to host College Night. It will be held on **October 25th at SDA beginning at 6:30 PM.** Randa Fast-Medley has been working hard to coordinate with SDA and the many invitees. Presenters will be speaking to our students and parents about pertinent topics such as: Community College, Military options, UC's, CSU's, Private Colleges, Out of State Colleges/Universities, Financial Aid, Career Planning – "Choices", Timelines, College Essays, Standardized Testing and much more.....



### It's a bird, it's a plane, no.....

...It's a COUNSELOR! We will be out on campus during lunch time interacting with and observing students in their natural habitat whenever possible. We can usually be found wandering in and around the student center. Come join us if you are interested or just stop by and say "Hello".

### College Counseling

During this time of year we spend much of our time counseling parents and students through the college admissions and application process. We will be going into ALL of the senior English classes on Sept. 25th and 26th to do group presentations which include post high school planning and all of the aspects of the college process. Many parents and students will also be meeting with us individually as well to discuss unique situations and get answers to their questions.



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### D/F Reports

**The first D/F notices are due October 3rd.** As counselors, it is our goal to meet with every student on the D/F list. We begin by meeting with the students who have 3 or more D's and/or F's. We complete a Student Success Services Plan documenting recommendations and/or suggestions that are discussed in the meeting.

### Scheduling

The last day to add or drop a course without any record of it on the transcript is **Monday, September 24th.** Students can still make level changes and drop a course with a "W" (withdrawal) up until the last 30 school days before the semester ends. It is our hope that there will be a minimal amount of changes for the remainder of the semester.

*Schedule Change*

### Letters of Recommendation

Many students will be requesting letters of recommendation in the coming weeks. Recommendation letters are only needed if a student is applying to a PRIVATE SCHOOL. UC's and CSU's will not consider letters of recommendation. Students requesting a letter from their counselor **MUST** fill out a BRAG PACKET located on the counseling website. As part of this packet, student are asked to give TWO of their teachers a form to fill out and return to their counselor. You will notice that we shortened and revised the form this year. This information is really useful for us, especially if it is for a student who is new to our caseload, or one that we do not know very well. **Thank you in advance** for taking the time to do this. We realize this is a busy time of year for you as well.



### Student Concerns

If you are concerned about any student/s, please let us know. Trust your instincts! The earlier we intervene the better. Sometimes it just takes a call home to make a difference. Take action. We are here to help!

