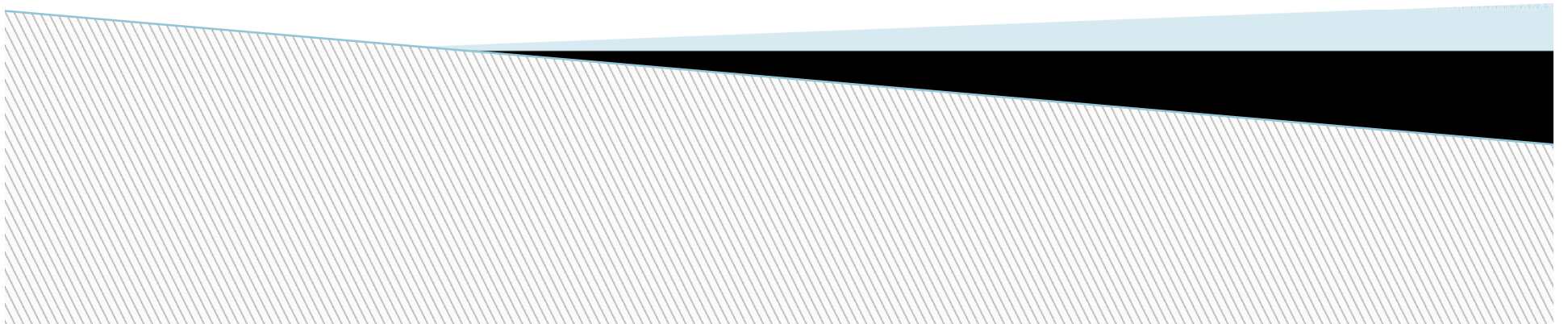


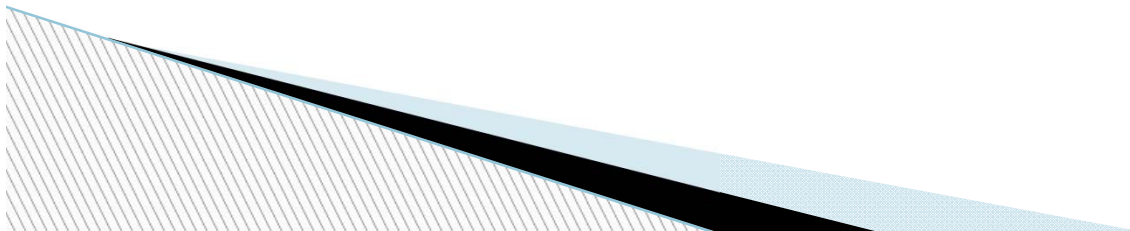
# Sophomore College Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2019



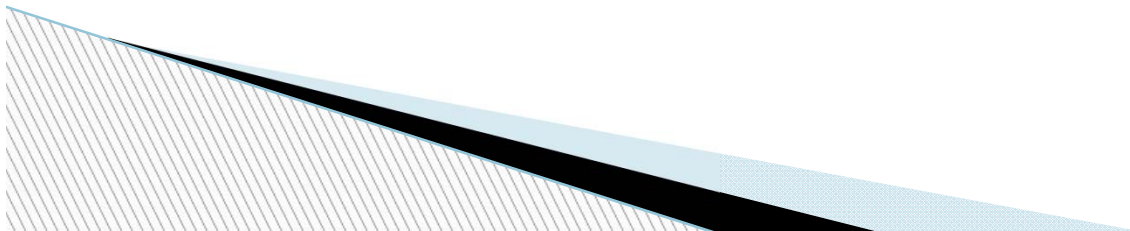
# Review of College and Career Center Curriculum

- Ninth Grade
- Family Meetings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester, half an hour
  - Choices Made Now Affect Options Later
    - Survey, Transcript, College Application Overview and a 4 Year Course Plan



# Tenth Grade

- Personality Assessment/Career Information
  - “Do What You Are” in Homeroom discussion in Class Meeting
  - Spring College Fair
    - Over 120 colleges represented
  - Career Speakers in the CCC
- Sophomore College Planning meeting



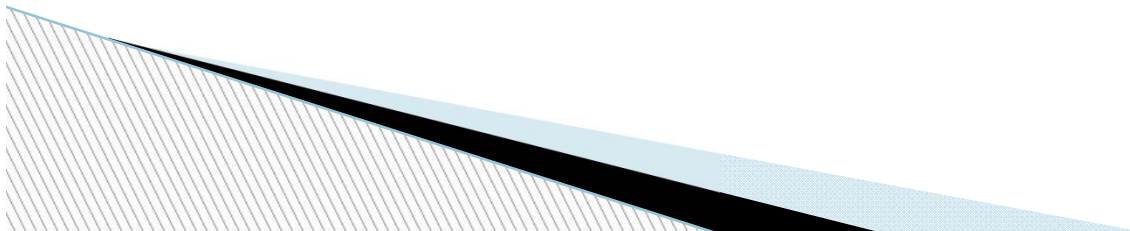
# Eleventh Grade

- College Planning Night—October 1
  - Breakout Sessions, Over 20 Colleges Represented
- Practice ACT—September 27
- Financial Aid Night—October 14
- Jr. College Day—January 29
  - Build a College Portfolio with a transcript designation of complete or incomplete
  - Sessions on Essay Writing, Resume Writing, Mock Admission Committee, College Search, etc.
- Jr. Family Meetings also begin in January
- College Fair



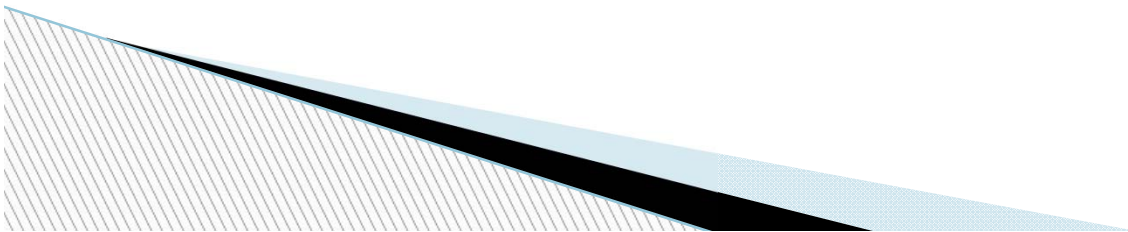
# Senior Year

- Check In Meetings – What is the plan?
  - College Admission Visits
- Applications
- Scholarships
  - Class of 2018 was offered over **\$15 million dollars in scholarships** and they accepted over **\$4.7 million** to use toward their specific chosen colleges.



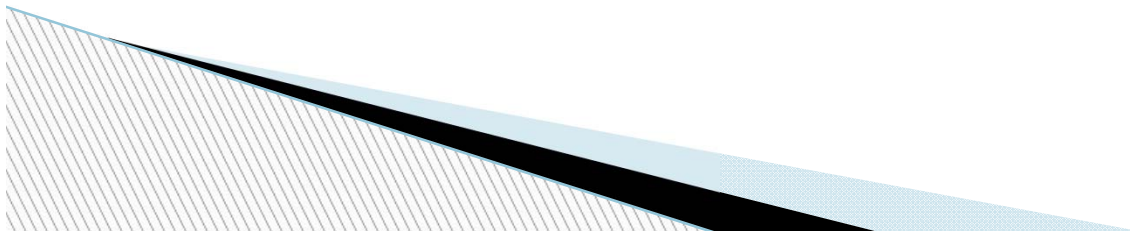
# What can students do now to prepare for college?

- Start researching colleges
- Attend College Fairs
- Prepare for standardized testing (PSAT, ACT or SAT)
- Utilize resources in Family Connection
- Start visiting colleges
- Attend college meetings and career speakers in the CCC



# Researching Colleges

- Attend the AHA College fair on **April 10** at **Saint Thomas Academy** and talk to a variety of colleges
- Attend College Planning Night on **October 1**
- Attend the MN National College Fair **October 2** at the Mpls. Convention Center
- Start looking up colleges in Naviance for more information





# Example of college information in Naviance

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL: <https://static.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/#/hubs/6ca83323-d690-4ba1-9e9e-6015603d384e/Overview>. The user is logged in as Ann Kjorstad, Cally College, with a 'Log out' link and a 'Manage my account' link. The main navigation bar includes 'family connection' and tabs for 'home', 'courses', 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. A 'Rate us!' button is also present.

The featured college is the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, with the logo and text: 'University of Minnesota Twin Cities', 'Minneapolis, MN, US | umn.edu'. There are buttons for 'Communicate', 'Apply online', and 'Learn More'.

The main content area has tabs for 'Overview', 'Studies', 'Student Life', 'Admissions', and 'Costs'. The 'Overview' tab is active, showing a large image of a building and a collage of smaller images depicting campus life, including a library, a city skyline, students on a lawn, and graduates.

At the bottom, there is a search bar labeled 'Search for a college' and a 'Colleges:' section with buttons for 'I'm Thinking About 1', 'I'm Applying To', 'Events', and 'Upcoming Visits 2'. The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows the time as 9:01 AM on 4/4/2017.



# More from Naviance

The screenshot displays the Naviance interface for the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://static.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/#/hubs/6ca83323-d690-4ba1-9e9e-6015603d384e/Admissions#scattergrams>. The page header includes the university logo, name, location (Minneapolis, MN, US), and website (umn.edu), along with buttons for 'Communicate', 'Apply online', and 'Learn More'. The navigation menu highlights 'Admissions'.

The main content area is divided into four columns:

- PRIORITY DEADLINE:** A green box displays 'November 1' with a 'See all deadlines' link below it.
- APPLICATION FEES:** Shows 'Freshman Application' with a fee of '\$55'.
- ACCEPTANCE RATE:** A circular gauge chart shows an acceptance rate of '45%'.
- IMPORTANT POLICIES:** Lists 'Wait List', 'Rolling Notification', and 'Competitive Admissions'.

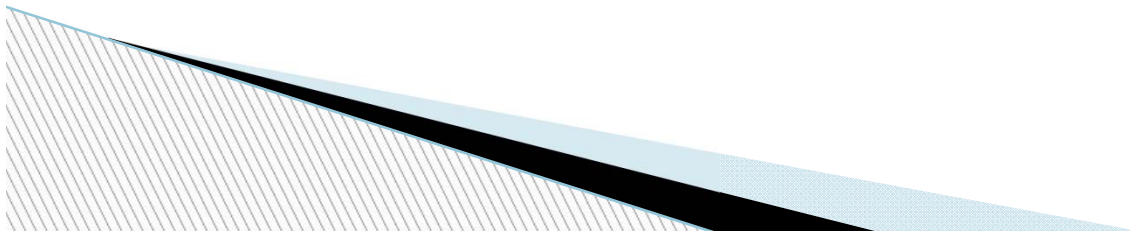
Below this, a section titled 'Applications from your high school to University of Minnesota Twin Cities' provides data for three years:

Year	Total Applicants	Students Accepted	Students Enrolled
2017	51	31	4
2016	70	49	19
2015	48	29	8

At the bottom, a search bar is available, and a 'Colleges:' section shows 'I'm Thinking About' (1), 'I'm Applying To', 'Events', and 'Upcoming Visits' (2). The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 9:03 AM on 4/4/2017.

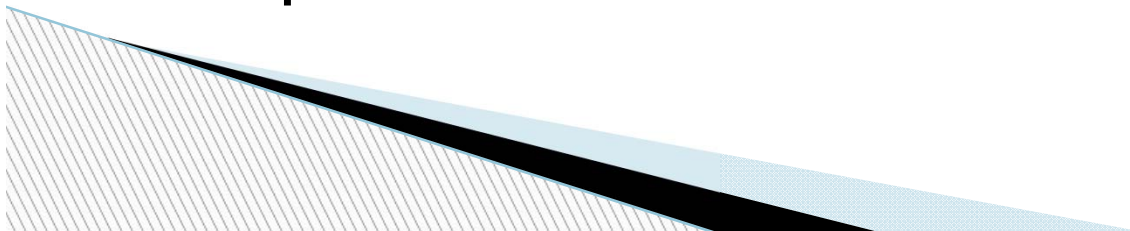
# College Fairs

- Plan ahead what colleges you might like to see and use the “Questions to ask” handout.
- Register in advance for the college fair and bring your label to the fair to be scanned by the representative at the table. See handout for directions.



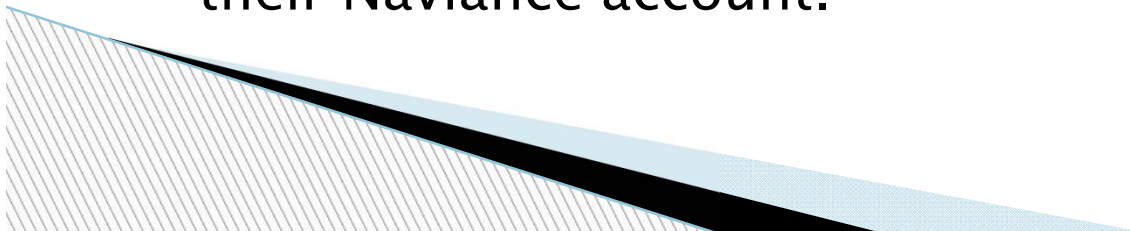
# Prepare for PSAT, ACT and SAT

- All families received results of sophomore Pre-ACT in November and our students reviewed the score report and questions they missed on the December test review days.
- PSAT score as a junior determines National Merit status. The qualifying semifinalist score changes every year.
- AHA offers PSAT prep class in the fall
- All juniors will take a practice ACT in September.



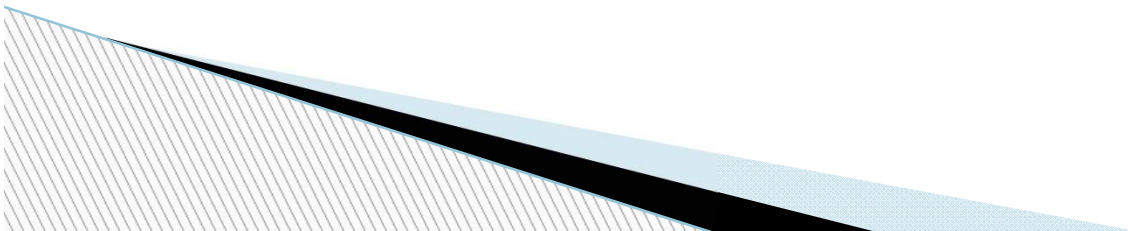
# Preparing for ACT and SAT

- We recommend juniors sign up for one of the three spring ACT tests—February, April or June. This can vary by student. If you have individual questions about your student's testing plan, please ask us.
- For a small fee (\$20), on the December, April and June ACT dates students can order their answer sheet and test book to be sent to them after the test. This is called Test Information Release(TIR) See handout.
- Students should take the ACT twice but no more than 3 times.
- AHA offers ACT prep classes before the April and June ACT, as well as Sylvan Class offered here.
- There is a list of ACT prep companies on the AHA website on the College and Career page.
- Students can also access Method Test Preparation through their Naviance account.



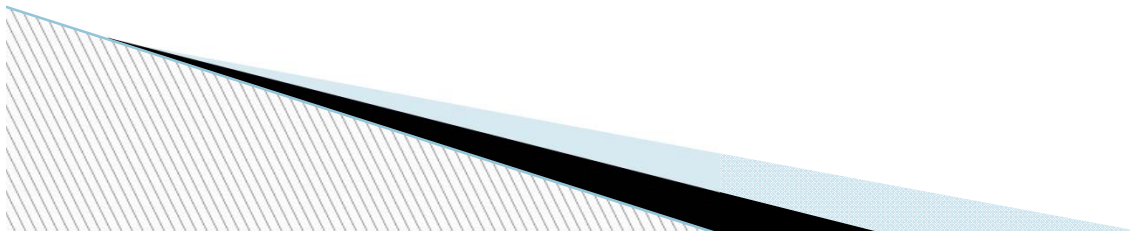
# ACT and SAT

- According to the ACT Profile Report for Minnesota, 99% of MN HS grads took the ACT in 2018— average MN composite score was 21.3. and the National average was 20.8. The AHA average for class of 2018 was 27.
- 4% of MN seniors took the SAT compared to 50% nationally. The MN average for the SAT was 643 critical reading and 655 math. National average was 536 critical reading and 531 math. AHA average was 660 critical reading and 750 math.



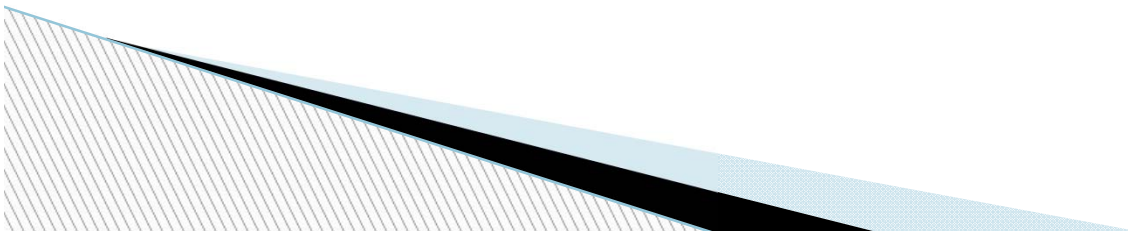
# ACT and SAT

- Colleges accept either the SAT or the ACT for admission purposes. In the class of 2018 only 17 students took the SAT.
- Some colleges require SAT Subject Tests for admission. As students start to research colleges, they should be checking to see if these are required.
- The ACT is offered at AHA. The SAT is offered at other schools in the area.



# Utilize Resources in Naviance

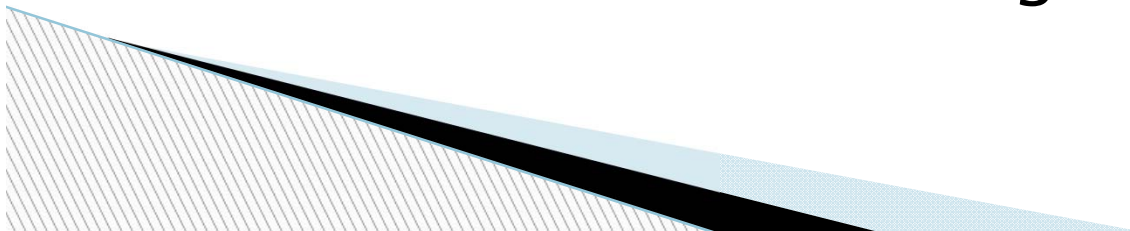
- All students have access to their Family Connection account and should be using it for:
  - College Research
  - Finding out about visits in the CCC
  - Updating their activity resume
  - Looking at their personality profiles and career assessments.





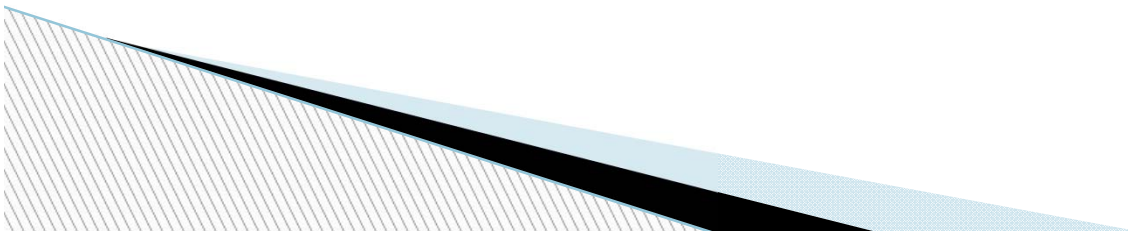
# Making College Visits

- Schedule appointments online or by calling the school **AT LEAST 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE IF POSSIBLE**. During a visit, you should meet with someone from Admissions and get a campus tour. If you want, ask to sit in on classes or meet with faculty or coaches too.
- Don't overwhelm your student by doing more than 2 visits a day—trust us!
- Keep notes on each school after visit.
- Minnesota Private College Week—June 24-28.



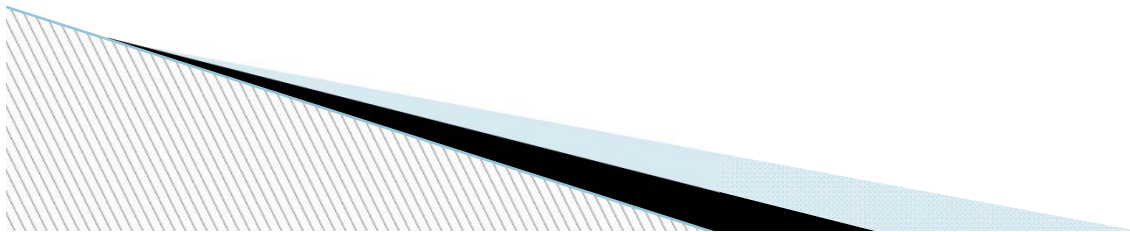
# College Visits and Career Speakers in the CCC

- We usually host over 120 colleges and 15 career speakers in the CCC during the school year. All students are encouraged to attend these visits. The schedule is on the digital boards outside the CCC, on the white board in the CCC, in Naviance and in the Daily Bulletin which is emailed to students every day.
- Students must sign up at least 4 hours in advance of the visit to get a pass and have the permission of their teacher to miss class for a presentation in the CCC.



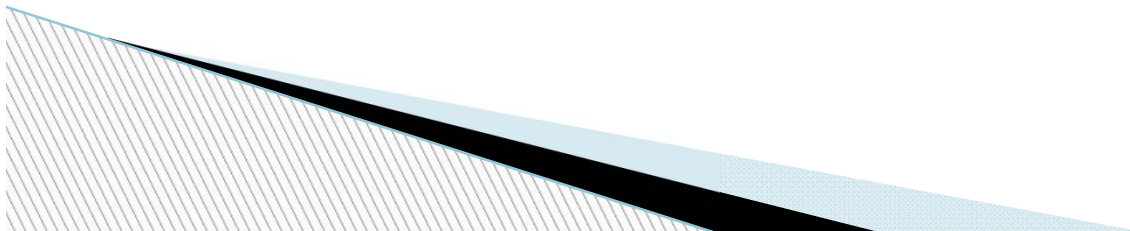
# PACC Credit at Holy Angels

- Program for Advanced College Credit (PACC) is a program offered by St. Mary's University in Winona that awards college credit to several advanced and AP classes at AHA.
- Students can gain either 3 or 4 credits for the courses.
- See the handout provided for more information about courses and cost per credit.



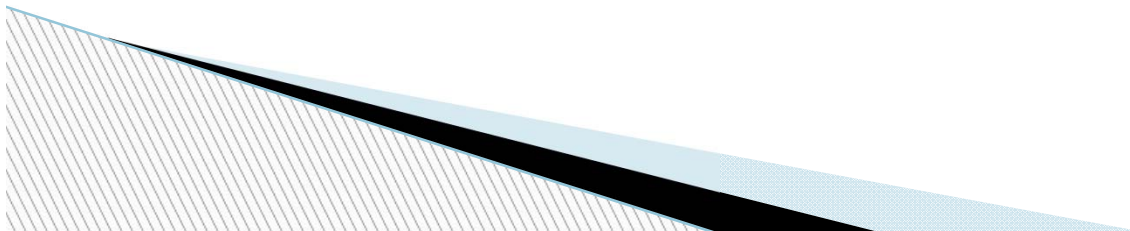
# Staying on Track

- Grades—Students need to be working to the best of their ability.
- Course selection—Colleges want to see students are challenging themselves **appropriately**.
- Connections with teachers—Students will need to ask teachers to write recommendations for college in a year—have they built good relationships with teachers to do this?



# A few final things...

- The Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success.
- Working with Independent Counselors
- **Students—Read the Daily Bulletin**
- Conversations about paying for college



# We are here to help!

- Please call or email if you have questions

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