

## WELCOME!

Thank you for coming to Lakewood High School's 22<sup>nd</sup> annual "College Planning Night for Juniors!" The general information presented here this evening is what we feel you need to hear and know to get the whole college search process underway.

This year, we are doing things a bit different as we accommodate the safety concerns surrounding COVID-19. As a result, we are pleased to welcome guests from various colleges and universities who will present to you **virtually** on 11 different topics related to the college process, offered at three different times. (See the [agenda](#) for the list of sessions, and the Zoom links for each one). Some advice:

If you are having trouble selecting which sessions to attend, consider splitting up with parents and students attending different sessions. This approach to "dividing and conquering" will ensure you cover the maximum number of sessions offered this evening.

1. **Due to our Zoom capabilities, there will be plenty of space for you to attend!** Please note that some sessions are only offered once. We will do our best to record each of these, and eventually link it to our Counseling webpage, in the case that you miss one.
2. The **Colorado Collegiate Handbook is on sale for only \$10**. This book provides a comprehensive snapshot of all non-profit colleges located in Colorado. To purchase a copy, you can fill out an order form [here](#).
3. The following counselors are listed by alphabet should you have any questions or needs to bring up regarding this college process- feel free to reach out and connect!

Last names A- Co: **Todd Friesen- tfriesen@jeffco.k12.co.us**

Last names Cp- G: **Kim Morrow- Kim.Morrow@jeffco.k12.co.us**

Last names H- Lo: **Jill Mark- Jill.Mark@jeffco.k12.co.us**

Last names Lp- O: **Geoff LaPlant- Geoffrey.LaPlant@jeffco.k12.co.us**

Last names: P- Si: **Betsy Yantorni- Elizabeth.Yantorni@jeffco.k12.co.us**

Last names Sj- Z: **Alexis Park- Alexis.Park@jeffco.k12.co.us**

Just a few more things:

- Given the global pandemic, college fairs continue to be offered virtually. The National Association of College Admissions Counselors has a comprehensive listing of fairs they are offering that is located at the following [website](#). Please look at the various options, click on the link, and register for a unique opportunity in learning about schools of interest. It's a great opportunity to visit with in-state and out-of-state colleges, without the travel time and costs.
- **As far as we know, all Colorado high school juniors, including those here at LHS, are required to take the SAT college entrance test on Tuesday, April 13th.** This is subject to change (due to COVID-19 implications), but unless you hear otherwise, please have your junior plan on taking this test. To help students prepare, the College Board has a partnership with [Khan Academy](#) in which students can receive [free test prep](#) on future SAT tests they take. Additionally, the counseling department has a list of private test prep companies both for the SAT and ACT upon request.
- Beginning **March 1st**, the LHS counselors will be taking appointments to meet for your student's **Junior Conference**. This is a **mandatory meeting** for students looking at 4-year colleges or universities, in which we delve into your student's post-secondary plans and ways that can best set them up for success. We strongly encourage this conversation solely be with the student, as we feel that this process is far and above the student's path and process more than anyone else's. Be sure to fill out the "Junior Conference Survey" located in Naviance under the "About Me, My Surveys, Surveys Not Started" section prior to meeting.

- Finally, there are **numerous summer opportunities available to juniors**, ranging from academic and leadership programs, to those focused on travel and service projects. You can find a comprehensive list within the Counseling Office or on our [Counseling Webpage](#), where you can look at our files and/or speak with your counselor.

Again, many thanks for joining us this evening and we hope you leave with at least the knowledge that the  
“Senior Fun Has Begun.. in 2021!”