

COLLEGE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF JUNIORS

Wednesday December 11th

List of Sessions

6:45 – 8:20 p.m.

Financial Aid (Room 354)

(Charles Mathison– St. Olaf College, Financial Aid Counselor)

Charles is currently a Financial Aid officer at St. Olaf College. Following graduation in 2018 from St. Olaf, Charles worked for WSB in Minneapolis as a finance officer prior to coming back to higher education. Today, he is a Financial Aid Counselor in the office of Financial Aid.

The Role of the Counselor, Student and Parent in the College Process (Room 350)

(Edina High School Counselors: Nikki Plafcan and Angela Kieffer)

Nikki begins her inaugural year in counseling at Edina High School. However, she is a familiar face at EHS as she has worked in the Options program and in Special Education for the past 7 years. Angela Kieffer is entering her sixth year in the Counseling Department. She is not new to Edina. She has spent the previous 18 years as a FACS teacher here at EHS.

The Student Athlete and the NCAA Clearinghouse (Room 323)

(Jeremiah Carter – University of Minnesota Compliance Office)

Jeremiah is a 2002 University of Minnesota graduate where he was a member of the football team for four years. In 2007, he was hired by the NCAA where he spent six years as an Assistant and Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs. Jeremiah returned to the U of M as Associate Director of Athletic Compliance in the fall of 2014. In October 2015, Jeremiah was named Director of Athletic Compliance.

Standardized Testing (Room 324)

(High School Counselors – Dylan Hackbarth and Julie Block)

Dylan Hackbarth starts his fourth year as school counselor at Edina High School. Previously, Dylan worked in Baltimore City Public Schools, Fairfax County Public Schools in Northern Virginia and St. Paul Public Schools. Julie Block enters her 26th year as an educator. She was at Eden Prairie HS where she was a counselor for 18 years. Julie starts her 3rd year at EHS.

Navigating College Applications (Fick Auditorium)

(High School Counselors – Sandy Schmidt and Bill Hicks)

Sandy Schmidt is in her 13th year of counseling students at Edina High School. She previously spent 12 years as a counselor at Eden Prairie High School and 2 years at Northfield Middle School. Bill Hicks begins his 25th year as counselor at EHS. His role is the College and Career Center Coordinator and is in charge of planning and coordinating all parent and student programs. He also coordinates the College and Career Center along with the high school advisory program.