Welcome Students and Parents

Welcome to the start of the 2013-2014 school year! The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Newsflash is our way to share information and news about our program and activities with students, parents, and our partner schools. It is also a way for us to highlight and showcase some of the great work that is being done in our schools and by our students. ETS will be working with 535 6th-12th grade students at Cromwell-Wright, Denfeld, Floodwood, Lincoln Park and McGregor. This school year we will continue with college visits, classroom and small-group workshops, academic advising, and financial aid/financial literacy information for all ETS participants. It is the goal of our program to help prepare you for your future success in postsecondary education. Best wishes for a successful school year!

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Where to find out more about Talent Search?
What we do, which schools we serve, view pictures and find out about campus visits?
Need links to helpful websites for filing your FAFSA, scholarship and college searches, explore careers, and learn about financial aid? Check us out here!

Talent Search’s Website
www.css.edu/ts.xml

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High School: Cromwell-Wright (2013)
College: The College of St. Scholastica
Major: Math

Current Classes:
1) Calculus
2) Human Communications
3) Drawing I
4) Dignitas: Star Wars and Servant Leadership
5) Political Philosophy

Favorite class so far: Political Philosophy. It has opened my eyes up about so many interesting theories.

Best college experience so far: Hosting board game and Lifetime movie nights.

Biggest surprise in college: I've turned into a neat freak.

New experience while in college: flipped classrooms (activity centered learning)

Advice to current high school seniors: take as many advanced/difficult classes as possible, the more you challenge yourself now, the easier you'll have it later.

Alumni Spotlight
Cheyenne Lemm

Upcoming Campus Visit
On November 20th, upperclassmen will have the opportunity to visit Hamline University, Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota. This trip will be open to those students...

- That have applied or are planning of applying to these schools
- That have taken or are planning on taking the ACT
- That have a strong GPA
- Returned parent permission

See your advisor if you have interest in this trip.

Hamline Freshmen Profile
- 2,980 total applicants
- 2,131 accepted
- 515 enrolled
- 24 average ACT score

Hamline requires an essay, transcripts, high school diploma and letter of recommendation to apply. They have rolling admissions with Dec. and Feb. priority dates.
It’s Time to Apply Yourself!

Now that the Class of 2013 has made it to their senior year, all the work that you have been doing with ETS will start to pay off. You are ready to apply to college. Below are steps that will help you during the college application process.

Tips For Parents/Guardians

ETS can help your student:
1. Research and choose colleges to apply to by November 30.
2. Visit with their school counselor to make sure they are on track to graduate on time.
3. Sign up to take or re-take the ACT if needed and if applying to a 4-year college.
4. Write a personal essay for scholarships or private college applications and make edits.
5. Search for scholarships.

How You Can Help:
1. Ask about the colleges they are applying to. Encourage them to finish applying by November 30.
2. Encourage them to talk with their high school counselor to make sure they will graduate on time.
3. Ask if they have started writing their personal essay and encourage them to let other people read it.
4. Help them search for scholarships. Ask people at work, your place of worship, the bank and in the community if they know of any local scholarships.

Tips For Seniors

Getting to college is not easy. In fact, it takes time, effort, and knowledge. Sometimes it may feel impossible for a student to do it alone. Fortunately, there are things that you can do to help you enjoy the college application process and have a worry-free senior year.

Below are steps that will help you during the college application process. This might seem like a lot, but your ETS advisors are here to help.

September:
1. Pick 2-3 colleges that you would like to attend and begin those applications. Visit these colleges, if possible.
2. Ask for teacher recommendations.
3. Sign up for the ACT again.

October:
1. Continue working on applications.
2. Visit with admissions counselors who come to your high school.
3. Don’t let your schoolwork suffer! Colleges look at your senior year transcript.

November:
1. Finish up your applications - your applications to your colleges should be mailed by November 30th!

December:
1. Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college you have applied to.
2. Winter break gives you lots of time to polish up your essay and résumé, not to mention work on those scholarship applications.

Remember, we are here to help! Ask your ETS Advisor for help!

Important Vocabulary:
ACT: A test 4-year colleges require students to take.
Personal Essay: Some 4-year colleges and scholarships require personal essays for admissions.
CSS Students Offer College Advice

Thanks to students from the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program at The College of St. Scholastica for taking the time to discuss all aspects of their college life. These students spent time during their CSS Community Day at Cromwell, Floodwood and McGregor. A special thanks to the staff at each of those schools for helping to make this happen for their students.

Campus Connection - Bemidji State & Itasca Community College

On a blistery October day, 50 students from Cromwell, Denfeld and Floodwood took the opportunity to spend some time at BSU and ICC. Bemidji State has been named a top-tier Midwest university for 2009, 2010 and 2011 academic years by U.S. News and World Report and has approximately 5,000 undergraduate and over 300 graduate students. They offer associate, bachelor's, master's degrees as well as graduate certificates. On the tour, students learned of the many majors that BSU has to offer and were most interested in education, technological studies, criminal justice, and psychology. After eating lunch on the BSU campus, students explored Itasca Community College. Over 1,200 students attend ICC studying in such programs as Pulp and Paper, Wildlife Fighting, Engineering and Practical Nursing. Our students liked the fact that a two year school like ICC offered both varsity sports and housing opportunities for their students.