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Post Graduate Department Newsletter

Collier High School



Post Graduate Department

Welcome to the Postgraduate Department at Collier High School, run by Nancy Del Papa, the Postgraduate Counselor, and Summer Vitale, the Postgraduate Assistant. We are here to help students explore and develop their postsecondary interests and plans for after graduation. Please feel free to submit a counselor request or drop by our office (located in Annex E next to Smith Hall) if you have any questions!

Attention Juniors!

If you are planning on applying to 4-Year colleges next year it is important to consider taking the SAT or ACT during the spring of your Junior Year!

Collier will be offering the SAT to all Juniors on April 25th- please see Ms. Vitale to sign up

Reminders For Seniors:

- **If you are applying to a 2 Year School the applications are now open!**

Applications submitted in December/January will allow for placement testing and early registration

- **If you are applying to a 4 Year School be aware of your deadlines**

Stop by the Post-Graduate Department to review your application with Ms. Del Papa

Workshops for Parents and Students

- **February 8th- 6:00pm via Zoom**
Disability and Support Services in College

In this workshop students that have 504/IEPs and their families will explore the shift in learning supports from high school to college.

- **March 9th- 6:00pm via Zoom**
The College Planning Process

A representative from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) will provide guidance to students and their families in planning and understanding the college admissions process.

Disability Services in College

If you are going to college and you have an IEP or 504 plan you are eligible for accommodations!

To receive accommodations at the college level you must register with your college's Office of Disability Services. You need to provide the office with documentation to determine what accommodations they can provide to you.

Some examples of accommodations you may receive in college are: extra time on tests, preferential seating, a scribe for taking notes, and more depending on the extent of your disability/ impairment.

It is your responsibility to reach out to Disability Services at your college if you would like to continue receiving accommodations!



What are Vocational Schools?

Vocational training refers to instructional programs or courses that focus on the skills required for a particular job function or trade. Vocational school programs prepare students for immediate entry into their field usually within 2 years or less.



Vocational programs include:



- Dental Hygienist
- Ultrasound Technician
- Paramedic
- Auto Mechanic
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Carpentry
- HVAC
- Electrician

Upcoming Dates and Events

February 9- Practice College Placement Test

Students attending community college may be required to take a placement test prior to registration; the practice test will give students an opportunity to see what the test is like



March 7- College Group for Juniors



Juniors planning on applying to college are invited to attend a college planning group to explore the college application process and begin college planning

Group will meet weekly throughout March!

March 8- Brookdale Community College Placement Testing

Students planning to attend Brookdale Community College will have the opportunity to take the required placement test at Collier



Additional Information for Parents and Students

Financial Aid Information:

<https://studentaid.gov/>

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/fafsa-process.png>

NJ CAN- Career Interest Inventories and Assessments:

<https://portal.njcis.intocareers.org/>

College and Career Research Tool:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Standardized Testing Info:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

PSAT Prep

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

SAT Prep

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services:

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/>

