

COLLEGE COUNSELING



**CROSSROADS
COLLEGE PREPARATORY
SCHOOL**

Crossroads' college counseling program provides personalized support to students and their families, emphasizing the importance of students' priorities and perspectives as they research schools and interests, imagine what environments might best suit them, manage deadlines through the application process, and make the decision about which college or university to attend after graduation. Our college counseling program is a resource that supports students in choosing appropriate high school classes and connecting students to opportunities, from summer enrichment programs to shadowing or internships.

TIMELINE

9TH GRADE

- Assist students with choosing appropriate courses
- Outreach during freshman enrichment and advisory to emphasize the importance of doing well in classes and exploring interests outside of class

10TH GRADE

- Offer SAT prep in the fall and ACT prep in the spring
- Practice PSAT in October and practice ACT in April
 - Whole-grade meeting in the spring (with parents) to interpret test scores
 - Aptitude assessment advisory

11TH GRADE

- SAT prep in the fall and ACT prep in the spring • Take the PSAT in October and the ACT (during the school day) in February • Mock admissions night • Begin individual advising meetings with families and students with the goal of creating a school list • Visit with college reps on campus
- Use of college application software

12TH GRADE

- Visit with college reps on campus • Use of college application software • Individual support for students through the application process • Essay writing workshop and one-on-one feedback
- Assistance with FAFSA completion through Financial Aid Night
 - Help with deciphering financial aid offers and searching for outside scholarship opportunities

"Crossroads did a phenomenal job of preparing me for the college workload. I was accustomed to thinking critically about course content (and life in general!) which helped me feel prepared to participate in college-level discussions with confidence."

Megan King '15
Rhodes College

**THE CLASS OF 2020 RECEIVED
\$6.2 MILLION
IN MERIT-BASED
SCHOLARSHIPS**

"Crossroads prepared me well for college in terms of the intensity of my classes. I had no issue transitioning into my new academic journey at USC, and that was largely due to the courses I took at Crossroads which helped me build a strong fundamental knowledge base and skillset."

Andy Zhang '17
**University of
Southern California**

OUR RESOURCES INCLUDE

- Free on-campus ACT and SAT prep
- Workshop on writing application essays
- Information sessions about paying for college and completing the FAFSA
- One-on-one support for students (weekly in fall for seniors) to interpret test scores and compare acceptances and aid packages
- Mock application review process



**HISTORICALLY, 85-90% OF OUR SENIORS
RECEIVE ACCEPTANCE TO EITHER THEIR FIRST OR SECOND CHOICE SCHOOL**

“My time at Crossroads taught me that my dreams are valid and I have what it takes to achieve them. I just finished my second summer interning at *The Second City* in Chicago and my first internship at a casting agency, and I am the founder and executive producer of IU’s first-ever comedy festival dedicated to showcasing the often unheard voices of comedy.”

Julia Weinstock '16
**Indiana University-
Bloomington**

ABOUT 40%
OF EACH GRADUATING CLASS
PURSUES A
STEM DEGREE
**(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING, AND MATH)**

SELECT COLLEGES ACCEPTED OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

Public Universities

College of William & Mary
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego
University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland,
College Park
University of Michigan
University of Missouri - Columbia
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin - Madison

Private Universities

Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Columbia University
Drake University
Emory University
Georgetown University
New York University
Northwestern University
Princeton University
University of Chicago
University of Pennsylvania

University of
Southern California
Washington University
in St. Louis
Yale University

Liberal Arts Colleges

Bard College
Carleton College
Cornell College
Eckerd College
Kenyon College
Knox College
Reed College
Rhodes College
St. Olaf College
Vassar College

Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Hampton University
Howard University
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Spelman College
Xavier University
of Louisiana

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