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Senior Curriculum 2011-12

SESSION	TOPICS & ACTIVITIES	PORTFOLIO ITEMS
1 Welcome Back!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Building / Fun• Review Summer Experiences• Introduction to the College Possible Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information card• College Possible packet• Summer ACT scores
2 Revisiting Dreams: Which College?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk About For-profit schools vs. Not-for-profit• Review College List• Top 5 College List	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>All About Me!</i> worksheet• Resume• <i>Shopping for College</i> worksheet
3 Application Timelines & Requesting Teacher Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application(s) Timeline• Getting a Good Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated college list• <i>Fall Term Check-in</i>
4 Putting It All Together: Organization & Finding College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Packaging the College Application: Dos and Don'ts• College Application Plan/Using Organizational Tools• The College Application• Introduction to Fall Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
5 Writing that Gets You into College : Special Circumstances and Personal Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Circumstance Letter Review• Writing Body Paragraphs• Getting Feedback• Personal Statement• Writing: Introductions• Writing: Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay drafts• Scholarship applications
6 College Applications: Putting Your Best Foot Forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collecting Completed Applications• Addressing Envelopes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College applications
7 Communicating Professionally	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What Does It Mean• Emailing; Talking on the Phone• Writing Professional Thank You's	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
8 Interviewing & Completing College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interviews• Mock Interview• Completing College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College applications

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9 Completing College Applications & Thank Yous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting Completed Applications • Writing Thank You Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College applications
10 Season Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Accomplishments • Reflection • Overview of Winter Sessions • Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection
11 Financial Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Aid 101 • What is the FAFSA? How Can it Help? • Involving Parents • Walking through the FAFSA Pre-Application Worksheet • CSS Profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA Pre-Application Worksheet
12 Credit & Debt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Credit Wisely • Credit Cards • Discussion on how Credit Relates to College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College applications
13 Scholarship Application Success Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications • Writing a Winning Scholarship Essay • How to Convert College Essays for Scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Scholarship Check • Scholarship Applications • Essay idea list
14 Financial Aid - Starting the FAFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where Does the FAFSA Go? • Gathering FAFSA Information • Discussion About Data Privacy • CSS Profile • Registering for the FAFSA PIN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student PINs & passwords
15 Scholarships: Applications and Essays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaging the Scholarship Application • Searching for and Completing Scholarships • Scholarship Essays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mid-Year Senior Check-in</i> • Scholarship Applications • Scholarship Essays
16 Revisiting Saving, Spending & Budgeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saving for Enrollment & Housing Deposit • Making a Fall/Winter Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Budget Worksheet • Copy of Fall & Winter Budget
17 Financial Aid - Completing the FAFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA Work Session • The SAR, Corrections, and Renewal FAFSAs • Scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final copy of FAFSA • Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR)
18 Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification: What is it and Why is it Necessary? • Federal Verification Worksheet • Institutional Verification Forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal verification worksheet • College specific verification forms • Copies of taxes and W-2s • Final copy of FAFSA
19 Transitioning to College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being a Strong Help-Seeker • <i>College Terms 101</i> booklet • Time Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications • List of People You Know on Campus • <i>People and Places to Know on Campus</i> worksheet

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20 Culture Shock/Dealing with Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with Culture Change • New Environment, New People, New Culture • Touring the Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Letter
21 Housing and Campus Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living in College/University Housing • Organizations, Clubs & Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
22 College Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting Started • Loan Terms • Private Loans • Which Loan is Best? • Loan Application Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
23 Loan Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan Applications • Loan Payment Options • Avoiding Default 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
24 Comparing Financial Aid and Choosing the Best College for You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weighing Options • Comparing Financial Aid Packages - The Best Deal! • Make a Decision • Enrollment - How's it Done? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship applications • Copy of all financial aid packages
25 Creating a College Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Budgeting • Create a College Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Budget
26 Key Summer To Dos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer To Dos • Letters to Self and College Possible Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to Myself • Letter to a Senior • Exit Forms
27 Season Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Accomplishments • Reflection • Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None