

ICS College Committee Specific Committee Events Planning

College Info with the Pros. Targets 9-11th grades. Fall

Two college counselors discuss college selection and application strategies for ICS high school students.

Confirm with Kathy Comeau. Past speakers have been Claire Nold-Glaser (College Planning Help) and Debbie Cossey (Ranier College Counseling). Purchase gift cards for speakers. Determine who will introduce speaker and obtain speaker bio if needed.

College Financing Targets all grades. October or November

David Aramaki, a financial planner in Bellevue with experience in planning for college expenses and navigating financial programs speaks to students and parents about financial issues. Possibly include someone to speak about scholarship resources and/or a panel of parents who have experienced the financing process. Optional- Kathy will also walk through the 10-12 grade sections of the college planning outline.

Confirm October date with Kathy Comeau and determine who will contact David Aramaki. Info regarding Western Undergraduate Exchange, www.wue.wiche.edu can also be provided. Financial aid office at UW, Western Washington University or WSU may have staff interested in talking about scholarships. Try to find parents with mixed funding choices. Ask parents to discuss what worked well, what didn't.

Purchase gift cards for speakers. Determine who will introduce speaker and obtain speaker bio, if needed.

Career Fair Targets 8th-9th grade students. January or February

The Committee solicits persons from outside of ICS to talk about exceptional and inspirational career paths. The speakers are asked to comment on aspects about their job experiences, such as their funniest moment or who was most influential along their career path, and how their education assisted them in pursuing their passion, changing career paths and following opportunities as they arose. Schedule date with Kathy in September.

November: solicit parent volunteers to help identify speakers. Consider persons in sports, music, art, business, law, software development, aeronautics, entrepreneurs, government, charitable/humanitarian organizations, education and medicine. Begin inviting speakers in January. Work with Kathy on sending ICS profile to potential speakers. Determine who will introduce speaker and obtain speaker bio, if needed.

Mini-College Fair Targets 9-11th grade students. May

Kathy selects colleges to be invited to a mini-college fair for ICS students and their families. The college reps discuss their schools and give our students a chance to ask questions and learn more about their schools.

Call UW in September or October to at least two dates when they would have someone available in May (after schools are done with the college application process). Work with Kathy on selecting a date. Arrange for a room with separate tables for each college rep. Try for 7 schools.

Solicit 1 parent volunteer for each school attending to host rep. Announcements should suggest that students come prepared to ask reps questions such as what makes their school special and what are some little known facts about the school.