

# UHS Counseling Department Report- August 2011

## General Counseling Department News

- **Probation Policy in Effect 2011-2012-** Parents of affected students will be notified via certified mail. Individual conferences will be scheduled with each student and parent to set up mandatory support systems and probation contracts. Probation is a last resort. Proactive intervention measures have been set up to ensure that students do not reach this point.
- **Watch List-** students may be placed on the watch list for cognitive or non cognitive variables that result in absence from class, grades of D or F, adjustment- course rigor or social
- **Open House-** August 23,2011 6pm
- **Grade/ Class Nights-**Senior 8/30, Soph./Jr.9/15, and Freshmen 9/6 nights. All start at 7pm in RUHS Auditorium.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences-** September 15, 2011 please see attached Parent Guide for details.

## Post Secondary Matriculation (Kirsten)

- **AIMS- retakes**  
Juniors who have not exceeded the standard in all three parts of the AIMS were required to sign up to retake the test in October to try to qualify for the High Honors Tuition Waiver scholarship.
- **AIMS workshop with Mrs. Bielas-**
- All students are eligible. Please sign up by August 31<sup>st</sup> in the counseling office. Work Shop will be held a week before AIMS during conference period. More information to follow.
- **College Planner**  
Kirsten visited all senior AP English Literature classrooms on Thursday and Friday of last week and informed the students about the college application process. Résumés, Application Lists, recommendation letters, essays, dates and deadlines were discussed. Each student received a packet entitled UHS Class of 2012 College Planner and a copy of the Résumé Snapshot, an abbreviated version of the Senior Résumé for teachers who prefer to work off a shorter résumé. All documents will eventually be available on the UHS website under Counselors' Corner and College and Career Readiness. A folder with each student's Résumé and Application List is due to Mrs. On Monday, September 12.
- **Health PE Economics Fine Arts Requirements**  
On August 24 each senior is required to turn in a page informing the Counseling Dept and the Registrar how s/he is completing the Health, PE, Economics and Fine Arts Requirements for graduation.
- **INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND SENIORS** – 7 pm Tuesday, August 30, R/UHS Auditorium

## Recruitment and Retention

- Visited all Freshman Science classes on Thursday and Friday of first week. Among the information give, Penguin to Penguin invitations were passed out to all freshman interested in participating.
- Penguin to Penguin 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday @ 7:30 am in the auditorium. All mentors will meet their little penguin!
- Parent information nights with dates:
  1. Mansfeld Middle School, August 1, @ 6:30 PM
  2. Pistor Middle School, Sept 1, @ 6:30 PM
  3. UHS, September 8, @ 6:30PM
  4. Booth-Fickett, September 13, @ 6:30 PM
  5. Our Mother of Sorrows, September 13 @1:30
  6. Doolen Middle School, September 16 @ 9:00
- Freshman Information Night: September 6 @ 7:00 PM
- New brochure with attached example- if you have it (I don't have it, but will be ready for print on Wednesday)
- Underrepresented Surveys will be distributed soon. Invited Chris Golston to participate and help with survey to collaborate with African American Studies Department.
- Met with all Ethnic Studies Directors or representatives and discussed other recruiting efforts, including a radio spot with the Spanish station.

## College and Career Readiness

- **Counseling Department Surveys from all Primary Stakeholders.**  
The counseling department is in the process of interviewing primary stake holders (faculty and staff, students and parents). This helps to provide intentional student services and helps the department to improve.
- **College Recruiters Available to all Students-** 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to come and meet college recruiters even if they are not eligible for admission. This gives them the opportunity to practice interview skills, gain more info on the college app process and starts the college exploration process.
- **PSATs-** TUSD will be paying for all soph. and juniors to take the PSATs October 12. This is an extremely important exam as it is the qualifier for National Merit, National Achievement and National Hispanic Recognition Program scholarships. At in-state institutions this can mean anywhere from \$52-60k for tuition.  
Zaps/ Rmass PSAT SAT review \$79 (Sept 12-13 in LL5) Information has been mailed home for all juniors and sophomores.
- **ABOR Scholarship-** Changes for the class of 2013
- **UHS Student Listserv-**  
Students are encouraged to join the UHS Student Listserv. This helps us to communicate last minute opportunities and a host of other information. Students wishing to join need only send an email to Ms. Allen along with their grade level.
- **Intentional Access-** LEP advocacy and underrepresented student survey
- **School Supply Bank-** We are asking each family that can to contribute a school supply item. Please see Ms. Allen for more details.
- **Sponsored Student Travel-** please see wish list form