

# UHS Counseling Department Report- September 2011

## General Counseling Department News

- **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be September 15, 2011 from 4-7pm. Progress reports will be handed out in the Cafeteria starting at 3:45pm. Progress reports will only be released to parents.
- **Sophomore Junior Parent Night** will be held on September 15, 2011 at 7pm.
- **HEFAR Financial Aid Night October 6, 2011.** Representatives from in-state colleges, and possibly out of state colleges will be on hand with college materials and available for answering questions. Chris Ordway will be available to help with all financial aid questions including college financing. **HEFAR Financial Aid seminars will be offered December 7, 2011 (topic: FAFSA) and March 12, 2012 (topic: Class of 2013 Financial Aid Prep).** Please be sure to attend regardless of your student's grade level. The earlier you start the easier the process becomes.
- **College Readiness testing OCTOBER 12, 2011.** Freshmen will be administered the ACT EXPLORER, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT. Seniors will be in their second period classes. This is an instructional make-up day for seniors and they are required to be in class. Testing begins promptly at 7:30. Please make sure your student has ample rest and a well balanced breakfast.
- **A big thank you** to all parents that contributed to the school supply bank. We were able to provide much needed supplies including graphing calculators and printers to our students.
- **A HUGE THANK YOU** to every parent volunteer that works in the counseling department. We could not do it without you!
- **The Counseling Department is going GREEN!** Please make sure that your student is apart of the listserv and that parents are apart of the UHSPA listserv. Vital information is sent out multiple times a month.

## Post Secondary Matriculation

- Senior credit checks with seniors are in progress to make sure everyone is on track to graduate.
- Recommendation interviews with seniors have begun. Please ensure that your senior (if in need of a recommendation) make an appointment with Mrs. Cook. This is a requirement. Deadlines are strictly enforced.
- Organized the hugely well attended Senior Information Night.

## Recruitment and Retention

## College and Career Readiness

- **The UHS Student Listserv** is up and running. Students should check their emails at least once a week. Emails will be sent from [UHSeCounselor@gmail.com](mailto:UHSeCounselor@gmail.com) so as not to overload district servers. Test emails have been sent to 100 freshmen by Ms. Allen today (09/07/11).

- **UHS College Fair** will happen October 5-7 during school hours in the RUHS Lobby. All students will have access to over 20 colleges' nation wide. Students must sign up in the counseling office to conference with colleges. Parents are welcome to attend as well. Please make sure your student is signed up to see a college rep regardless of their grade.
- **A new student information center is coming to the Lower Level.** Students will have access to all college rep visits, college information, college entrance exam info and much more.
- **The National College Tour** will be on campus September 13, 2011 in the north gym from 10:00 – 11:30am. Students must consult with their teachers in order to attend as this is during instruction time.
- Tucson College Night- October 5, 2011 at 6:30 at TCC. This is for all grade levels.
- **Computer Loaner Program.** I am currently exploring a computer loaner program for students that are without access to computers with internet access in their homes. The intentional access survey results indicate that there are several students, both upper and lower class, that does not have access to computers. Any families that may have older laptops that they are not using and are willing to donate may contact Ms. Allen at [treya.allen@tusdl.org](mailto:treya.allen@tusdl.org).