



THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

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GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

We hope everyone has a wonderful and productive summer break!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 3rd: Junior and Parent College Counselor Coffee

Students and parents are invited to join College Counseling at 9:30 a.m. for a Zoom presentation and Q&A. Please email questions in advance to Ms. Linda Hines at linda_hines@themeadowsschool.org by Monday, June 1st.

Topics to be discussed include: alternative summer options, summer planning for senior year, and the changing landscape of college admissions. Both students and parents are welcome. The PowerPoint can be found on the College Counseling section of the TMS website under "Coronavirus & College."

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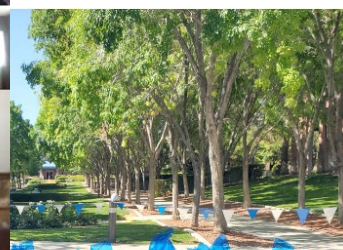
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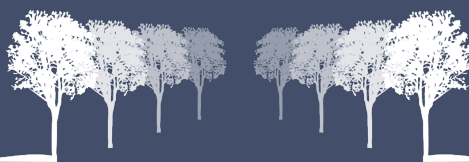
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SENIORS

The Meadows Upper School continued to honor seniors with events such as the decision day Zoom celebration on April 30th, delivering graduation yard signs, cheering for students during the yearbook parade, hosting the traditional senior sunset, and planning for an August 1st graduation ceremony. Congratulations, Seniors!

The Senior and Parent College Counseling Coffee on April 29th featured conversations about enrollment decisions, gap year conversations, financial appeals, and college plans for reopening. The "Coronavirus & College" PowerPoint, talking points, links and resources can be found on the College Counseling section of the TMS website.





JUNIORS

Admissions directors realize that many organized activities and planned events, ranging from athletics to employment to summer programs, have been cancelled or are unavailable this summer. Instead of expecting the typical summer activities, colleges will be more interested in learning how our students have adapted to the current crisis, transformed adversity into opportunity, and developed resilience despite roadblocks. You have done all this and more!

Stanford University asks in their supplementary essays, "Imagine you had an extra hour in the day—how would you spend that time? (50 word limit)." Guess what? Now you have that extra time—and it is important to use it wisely.

While the summer may not look like what you expected, there is the potential for innovation, discovery and leadership by thinking creatively. Consider the following ideas:

- Explore academic hobbies
- Read literary classics
- Familiarize yourself with AlbertIO
- Pursue independent studies/projects
- Host online club activities
- Create a fundraiser
- Learn a new language or instrument
- Develop an educational blog
- Start your own business
- Help with family responsibilities



Admissions Directors advise that students pursuing self-directed activities should document their work and record their results in quantifiable ways if possible.

Students seeking more organized online programs and options can find a link to "100+ Virtual Summer Programs" by clicking the "Coronavirus & College" link on the College Counseling section of the TMS website.

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- Discover Naviance college search features such as Supermatch by clicking on "Colleges I'm Thinking About." Parents and students can access Naviance by obtaining their unique login from Ms. Linda Hines at linda_hines@themeadowsschool.org.
- Take a virtual college tour. Try campusreel.org (recommended by *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*).
- Talk to students you know who currently attend the college you are interested in.
- Interact with the colleges through phone calls, emails, Zoom, virtual visits, YouTube and Instagram videos, and online webinars. Evaluate how they adjusted to online learning.
- Google "50 Awesome Extracurricular Activities You Can Do At Home" published by CollegeVine at blog.collegevine.com/extracurriculars-you-can-do-at-home
- Check out recommended references and books such as "The Fiske Guide to Colleges," "40 Colleges That Change Lives," "Where You'll Go is Not Who You'll Be," and "The College Solution."