

# DCIS COUNSELING OFFICE

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## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE?

### Application Season

That time is almost here, college application season! As Seniors are preparing to apply to numerous universities and colleges around the country, the DCIS Counselors and Senior Advancement Teachers are preparing the students for the upcoming deadlines and requirements.

Even if you are not a Senior teacher, you might have former students approach you for support and/or letters of recommendation. We are doing our best to remind students to give teachers

and staff 2-3 weeks to complete letters of rec. This timely manner allows for a more comprehensive letter.

### College Visitors

There have been a number of college and university representatives visiting DCIS recently. These personal visits and conversations allow for students to get to know more about schools they might have never considered or heard about. Please encourage your Juniors and Senior to sign up on Naviance to attend a visit.

<b>Parsons The New School for Design</b>	Mon September 28, 2015	11:45 AM
<b>Knox College</b>	Wed September 30, 2015	11:45 AM
<b>Skidmore College</b>	Fri October 2, 2015	2:00 PM
<b>Pitzer College</b>	Mon October 5, 2015	11:00 AM
<b>Earlham College</b>	Mon October 5, 2015	11:45 AM
<b>Boston University</b>	Tue October 6, 2015	8:00 AM
<b>Kalamazoo College</b>	Wed October 7, 2015	8:00 AM
<b>Pacific University</b>	Wed October 7, 2015	8:45 AM
<b>Occidental College</b>	Wed October 7, 2015	11:00 AM
<b>University College Dublin</b>	Wed October 7, 2015	11:45 AM
<b>Juniata College</b>	Wed October 7, 2015	12:30 PM
<b>Union College</b>	Wed October 7, 2015	2:00 PM
<b>Lawrence University</b>	Thu October 8, 2015	11:00 AM

## CHANGES TO THE FAFSA

On Sept. 14, 2015, President Obama announced significant changes to the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* process that will impact millions of students. Starting next year, students will be able to do the following:

- **Submit a FAFSA® Earlier:** Students will be able to file a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling

students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule, when the FAFSA will become available January 1 as in previous years.)

## 8TH GRADE CAREER FAIR

THE 6TH ANNUAL DPS 8TH GRADE CAREER FAIR WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT THE NATIONAL WESTERN COMPLEX, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

REMINDER THAT STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE CAREER CLUSTER SURVEY IN ORDER TO ATTEND!

CONTACT MS. MONTEON IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS!

## Important Websites

6th– 8th

<https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/>

9th– 12th

[succeed.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=dcis](https://succeed.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=dcis)

## New Caseload

Stefanie Abrams  
Last Names: A-G

Melisa Monteon  
Last Names: H-O

Ted Brugman  
Last Names: P-Z

## What is the ICAP?

*An ICAP—previously referred to as the Personal Education Plan (PEP)—is a personalized plan through which students define their post-secondary and career goals. Denver Public Schools (DPS) ECE-12th grade students participate in counselor-led guidance curriculum in order to develop a plan to prepare them for high school, college, and workforce readiness. The ICAP provides a framework that allows students to see the relevance of school to their future college and career aspirations. Students' ICAPs are always evolving as students recognize and build new connections between school and the world of work.*

## Benefits of an ICAP

### ICAP for Students

*The ICAP is a way to bring meaning to a student's education. It gives them direction to potential college and career paths and allows them to explore those possibilities. A student's four-year high school academic plan starts them on the path to achieving his/her goals.*

### ICAP for Parents

*The ICAP offers parents an opportunity to further support and guide their student's academic endeavors, college plans, and career explorations. Parents and their students can discuss, school steps to take now for future success in college and career.*

### ICAP for Schools

*The ICAP can increase graduation rates and improve student success. Academics become more relevant when students have a college and career plan. Schools are able to connect high school success to students' future goals.*

### ICAP for Community

*The ICAP will benefit the community by developing citizenship and increasing post-secondary completion. This will create a more educated workforce, thereby improving our businesses, neighborhoods, and communities.*