Welcome Back!

Welcome to another school year. I hope that everyone had a great break. For those of you who are new to Dougherty, I am the College and Career Center Advisor and assist students with the college exploration and application process.

If you participated in any exciting internships or summer programs, I’d love to hear about them. There are so many opportunities out there that it’s hard for me to know about all of them and which ones to recommend/not recommend to other students.

Seniors, if you have any questions about your college applications, want assistance with college essays, and/or need help finalizing your college list, please let me know. This process can be overwhelming, but it doesn’t have to be. Seniors have already been writing college essay drafts in their English classes. Additionally, the counselors will also be going into all 12th grade English classes the week of September 19th to discuss details regarding college applications and letters of recommendation. I know it’s hard to wait until then, but it’s important that you spend the first couple weeks of the year focusing on your classes and readjusting to life at school.

Juniors & Seniors, over 100 college visits have already been scheduled and more are being added daily. Check Naviance for a complete listing of college visits and to reserve your seat. Remember that you must get a pass signed by your teacher in order to attend; otherwise you will be marked absent.

Sophomores & Juniors, the PSAT will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 at DVHS. Registration will open by mid-September. Juniors will have the first chance at registering. After a week, sophomores who wish to take the test will have the opportunity to register. Stay tuned for details.

Like last year, I will be posting monthly newsletters on Schoolloop so that you are all informed about college and career-related matters. Please also check School Loop on a regular basis as I use it to post opportunities for students.

Kindly,

Kristin Cranmer
Regional College Information Events

**Tufts University: Who Gets In and Why**  
Sunday, September 11 at 2pm (Arts and Sciences)  
Grand Hyatt- San Francisco

Tuesday, September 27 at 7pm (Engineering)  
The Menlo School, Atherton, CA

**Carnegie Mellon University Information Sessions**  
Wednesday, September 14 & Thursday, September 15  7:30pm  
Location: Marriott San Jose

**Discover Duke**  
Sunday, September 18 at 2pm  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Lafayette, CA

**Get to Know MIT Information Sessions**  
Monday, September 19 at 6:30pm  
Acalanes High School, Lafayette, CA

Thursday, September 22 at 6:30pm  
The Menlo School, Atherton, CA

**CSU College Night**  
Tuesday, September 20  6-8:30pm  
Oakland Marriott City Center

Good Tidings Scholarship

The Good Tidings Foundation is a non-profit, 501-(c)-3 public benefit charity that shares the spirit of giving with youth from communities of need in the Bay Area to empower them to reach their dreams. This scholarship recognizes the benefits of serving the community. Scholarships are awarded to high school Seniors in the graduating class of 2017 based on greatest service and financial need.

Max Award Amount: $10,000
Number of Awards: 10
Deadline: Wednesday, October 26, 2016

For more information and to apply, visit [https://goo.gl/zbGcNM](https://goo.gl/zbGcNM)
September Highlights

September Parent College Information Sessions

In an effort to educate our families about the post-high school planning and options that are available to students, I will be holding monthly parent information sessions, previously known as Parent Brown Bag Lunch sessions.

The September session will be held for parents of Seniors. We will discuss types of college applications, deadlines, and the application process.

Monday, September 19th 4-5pm
DVHS Library

To RSVP for the September Information Session, go to https://goo.gl/forms/as7YxYDRQJECCAXB3

Please stay tuned each month for announcements via this monthly newsletter and Schoolloop for a link to sign-up online.

Article of the Month

Factors in the Admissions Decision by NACACnet

Ms. Cranmer’s College Corner
University of Delaware, Newark, DE

16,660 undergraduates/3,670 graduates

Distinguishing Factors:
- Considered a “public ivy”
- UD Global Scholars program
- Blend of humanities and sciences (everything from engineering, physical therapy, pre-vet, nursing to business, political science, music, and triple-linguistics program)

Best Fit for a Student Who Wants:
- a residential, east-coast experience.
- a school with a high focus on interdisciplinary learning and research.
- to tailor his/her academic plan to his/her interests by adding 2 or 3 minors or even 2-3 majors, while completing his/her degree in 4 years.