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**FENWICK STUDENT SERVICES
COLLEGE SEMINARS
SUMMER, 2019**

Once again this summer we will be presenting our College Information Series for interested seniors, their families, and friends. Underclassmen and their parents are also welcome. The speakers who will be at Fenwick are well known and respected professionals within the college admissions community. Perhaps as important, they are familiar with Fenwick and understand the qualifications of our students. The information they will share will directly impact many of the decisions you will be facing during your senior year. Please try to attend as many presentations as possible, particularly those of special interest or concern to you.

All programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

MONDAY, JUNE 3... *"Large School Lessons"* presented by **Sheila Schechinger, Associate Director, Outreach and Recruitment, University of Iowa** and **Dr. Andrew Borst, Director of Admissions at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**. Our speakers have addressed a multitude of college topics at professional gatherings and are well respected in the college admissions community. They understand the living and learning environments that exist at large public universities. Not all public universities employ the same admission procedures. We tend to group large schools together as a monolithic type, when actually, differences exist in the selection process at publicly-supported colleges; we will discuss some of these differences as well as strategies for succeeding in these environments. Transitioning to a large campus, learning in large lecture halls, honors programs, and like interest living spaces would be among the type of issues addressed.

MONDAY, JUNE 10... *"Selective College Admission"* presented by **Ms. Alisa Fisher, Senior Associate Director of Admission at the University of Notre Dame**. Notre Dame, as well as a number of highly visible colleges, continues to see a dramatic increase in the number of applications each year, resulting in admission rate of under 20%. A score of additional schools report single-digit admit rates. Our speaker will address the process by which they differentiate between the applications of many academically talented young people and select, and 'build', their incoming freshman class. Students, and their parents, who intend to apply to competitive institutions are urged to attend. Alisa has worked with our students in the past and will discuss the current realities of selective school admission.

MONDAY, JUNE 17... *"Understanding Financial Aid"* presented by **Mr. Scott Seibring, Director of Financial Aid, Illinois Wesleyan University**. The focus of this seminar is to provide the parents with a clear understanding of how the financial aid process works and to give them proven financial aid planning strategies they can put into action *immediately* to ensure they will qualify for as much financial aid as legally possible. Over the years we have rotated presentations from private financial aid advisors and college representatives. This year we are giving you the 'college perspective'. College financial aid professionals are your best direct point of contact when finalizing your college plans at a particular school.

MONDAY, JUNE 24... *"The Personal Essay and Its Place in the Admissions Process"* presented by **Mr. Greg Moyer, Director of Admissions Recruitment, Dickinson College**. The college essay is a student's opportunity to introduce themselves to members of the admission staff at their prospective college. Our speaker will give insights into how your application is evaluated and how the essay fits in with other elements considered by the admission office.

Monday, July 1... *"Tying It All Up"* presented by **Senior Counselor, Emily Anderson and College Counselors Laura Docherty and Richard Borsch**. We will try to give you a solid overview of the admission process. Topics will include: Retaking ACT/SAT/SUBJ, early and regular admission, deadlines, visiting campuses, merit \$\$, realistic lists, The Common App, and an open ended Q and A. This session may go longer than an hour.

Underclassmen / Parents Welcome