

## **College Night Series 2011-2012**

Co-Sponsored by the MIHS PTSA and MIHS Counseling Department

Please mark your calendars for the College Night Series, designed to provide MIHS families with important college choice, application and admission information. The series topics and dates are listed below. Please check the PTSA newsletter, the *Islander Update* and the PTSA and Counseling Center links at [www.misd.k12.wa.us/schools/hs](http://www.misd.k12.wa.us/schools/hs) throughout the year for updated information. Some of these evenings are for specific populations of students. Please take a moment to read all the descriptions before selecting which seminars to attend.

**Each College Night is divided into two parts. At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Hillstrom, MIHS College and Career Counselor will present a 30-minute optional Naviance Tutorial.** Naviance is MIHS' web-based service for curriculum planning, career exploration and the college choice/application/admission process. Students and parents can use valuable research and organizational tools provided by this program. Mrs. Hillstrom will also use Naviance for her bulk email deliveries. Learn how to register on Naviance and about what the service has to offer at the Naviance Tutorials. **The evening's topic then begins at 7 p.m.**

### **Senior Application Process – September 13, 2011 – MIHS Auditorium**

*Seniors and parents of seniors are strongly encouraged to attend the first of our PTSA's College Night Series.* Mrs. Hillstrom will present a PowerPoint with handouts regarding the in-house process of gathering all pertinent information for college applications. She will talk about what colleges expect of students, parents and her (representing MIHS). In-house deadlines will also be noted. This is an important night for families of students who are planning to attend a four-year college in the fall of 2012. Seniors will receive this information/presentation in their English classes in late September, but it is always beneficial for students and parents to hear the same information. Question and answer time will allow for discussions about this sometimes confusing process.

### **College Preparation and Selection Process – October 4, 2011 – MIHS Auditorium**

*This seminar will provide basic information and is particularly geared to freshmen, sophomores and juniors and their parents.* It will cover the overall college preparation and selection process. Get a roadmap for what your student needs to be doing now!

### **Financing the College Education – December 6, 2011 – MIHS Auditorium**

Learn about several helpful methods to finance the college education in addition to financial aid. Also, learn about the financial aid application process and about methodologies used in determining financial need. Information about how to maximize your opportunity for college financial aid as well as tips for financial planning will be presented. Guest Speakers: David Aramaki, Ameriprise Financial Planner and a financial aid officer from a local college.

### **Highly Selective College Night – January 12, 2012 – MIHS Auditorium**

*Interested students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents.* Highly selective colleges accept less than 25% of the students who apply. If you believe that one of these colleges/universities is the best place for your student, come to this lecture and learn the FACTS! Rumors abound, especially when dealing with admission to these colleges! Get a realistic view of how to put the student in the best light and consider which college is best for your student.

### **College for Students with Learning Differences – February 1, 2012 – MIHS Library**

*This presentation will target families of freshmen, sophomores and juniors who have been diagnosed with a learning difference.* College at a four-year college IS possible! Learn what needs to be done at the high school level and what to expect once the student has matriculated to the college.

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### Registration Form

Please complete this registration form and mail to: Mary Rudokas, 6835 West Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Walk-in registrations are accepted; however, pre-registration is important to guarantee that sufficient written materials are available for all attendees.

A \$5.00 per family per session donation is appreciated. Net proceeds will be donated to the Mercer Island PTSA Scholarship Fund. All donations are purely optional and are not a requirement of admission or registration. Checks should be made payable to: "MIHS PTSA".

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register for the following session(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ September 13, 2011– Senior Application Process

\_\_\_\_\_ October 4, 2011 – College Preparation and Selection Process

\_\_\_\_\_ December 6, 2011 – Financing the College Education

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\_\_\_\_\_ February 1, 2012 – College for Students with Learning Differences

For more information or to register by email or phone, please contact Mary Rudokas at [maryrudokas@comcast.net](mailto:maryrudokas@comcast.net) or 275-3154.