In the 12th grade, the bulk of college-readiness and college-going culture lives in Senior Seminar. At this point, 12th grade Advisory serves as a support for information and processes that began in the Senior Seminar class. Students apply for colleges, scholarships, support programs, and plan next steps for the following year.

**How It Looks in the 12th Grade**

### Advisors

- **Teaching and Designing**
  - Design and teach rigorous test prep for SAT and EPT/ELM placement tests

- **Portfolio**
  - Design project and scaffolds for:
    - Budgeting during college
    - Resume and cover letter

- **Academic Monitoring**
  - Flag students who are in danger of receiving D’s or failing

- **College Field Trips**
  - Plan, file appropriate paperwork, and chaperone class-wide field trips to at least two colleges

### Supporting College Team

- Reinforce information from Senior Seminar in the following ways:
  - Remind advisees of deadlines for college and scholarship applications, and LOR requests
  - Support in revisions of personal statements and insight questions
  - In lieu of SLCs, conduct parent meetings in September and March
  - Remind students to check university portals

- Reinforce information from College Prep Team in the following ways:
  - Track community service hours
  - Conduct unofficial a-g and graduation checks
  - Attend individual meetings between seniors, parents, and Guidance Counselor / Administration

### Senior Seminar

- **Push-in support** from Guidance Counselor and College Information Specialist will be provided during Senior Seminar periods, as needed.

- **College Applications**
  - Support and monitor completion of college applications in the following ways:
    - Assist in refining college list and intended majors
    - Instruct on use of Naviance for college applications, LOR requests, and scholarship search
    - Update internal records for CSU EAP status
    - Support in revisions of personal statements and insight questions

- **Community College Research**
  - Explore the various programs and degrees offered at local community colleges; determine at least three concrete plans to transfer to a four-year university

- **Student Portals**
  - Reinforce the frequent checking of student university portals to ensure all To-Do items are completed and that all financial aid documents are finalized; reinforce the need to check spam email folders

### Financing College

- Ensure accurate and timely completion of financial aid applications (FAFSA and DREAM Act Application); ensure all follow-up documents are mailed to appropriate addresses to receive financial aid package

### Cost-Benefit Analysis

- In order to weigh the pros and cons of each college decision, students will be instructed to:
  - Understand the nuances between financial aid packages from different universities
  - Consider the financial gap and brainstorm ways to meet this
  - Identify tangible supports and organizations students will participate in at their respective universities

### Next Steps

- After choosing their college, students will complete:
  - Intent to enroll
  - Housing and orientation applications
  - A mock four-year college plan, detailing the types of courses per semester / quarter