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PENNANTS & POMPOMS: BRINGING COLLEGE TO LIFE THROUGH SCHOOLWIDE COLLEGE GO ACTIVITIES

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**INDIANA EARLY
COLLEGE SUMMIT**

- ❑ Self-Assessment
- ❑ College Go!
- ❑ March Madness
- ❑ Additional Opportunities

COLLEGE-GOING CULTURE

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College-Going Culture	<p>A culture has been created for the EC program that expects students to attend and succeed in college. This culture is evident and pervasive in the EC program/school.</p>	<p>A “sense of place” is created for the EC program. This includes a variety of visual displays as well as high expectations for staff to build student efficacy. Examples include student goal-setting, planning for school work completion, steps to get to college and career planning. Student involvement in co- and extra-curricular programs is actively encouraged for leadership development, self-confidence, & increased awareness of career options.</p>	<p>A “sense of place” is created for the EC program. This includes visual displays such as college banners & posters, letters of admission on display, staff’s degrees, etc. In addition, high expectations for building student efficacy are promoted and reinforced.</p>	<p>The beginnings of a “sense of place” are being created for the EC program. This includes visual displays such as college banners & posters, letters of admission on display, staff’s degrees, etc.</p>	<p>No emphasis on a college-going culture is evident in the EC school or facility.</p>
College Visits	<p>A four-year plan exists for school-initiated college visits with a deliberate rotation of different types of colleges and universities included. Student participation is tracked by the school. EC students have access to partner institutions through various means.</p>	<p>EC students take school-initiated visits and feel a sense of belonging with the partner campus through access described in level 3. Each year EC students visit a different HE campus for exposure to different types of institutions. EC students feel a sense of belonging at the partner institution through access to library and other campus facilities, ID cards, etc.</p>	<p>School initiates a visit to the campus of the HE partner(s) for EC students as well as one or two other campuses during their years in the EC program. EC students feel a sense of belonging at the partner institution through access to library and other campus facilities, ID cards, etc.</p>	<p>School initiates a visit to the campus of the HE partner(s) for EC students.</p>	<p>No college visits are planned as part of the EC program.</p>

- ❑ **Annual September Campaign:** Held every fall to make college and career planning fun and accessible for students, featuring **#WhyApply Day** and **College Application Week** when many Indiana colleges waive their application fees.
- ❑ We increase the exposure by expanding our programming to become **College Go Month** (starts in September and runs through Fall Break).



- ❑ For underclassmen, College Go Month is all about exploration & exposure.
- ❑ We provide daily lessons to all advisors.

9/9/2025	College Profile Lesson: Purdue University	Purdue University Profile Lesson	A-Z All Things College Scavenger Hunt
9/10/2025	College Profile Lesson: Indiana University-Indianapolis	Indiana University of Indianapolis	IUI Assignment
9/11/2025	College Profile Lesson: Indiana Wesleyan	Indiana Wesleyan University Profile	IWU Assignment
9/15/2025	Students will reflect on their academic performance and progress towards their quarterly goal. Advisors will hold individual check-ins with students.	Electronic Version- Weekly Grade Reflection Sheet	Make a copy of this in your Google Drive and add it to your Advisory class as a Google Drive Assignment.
9/16/2025	College Profile Lesson: Marian University	Marian University Profile Lesson	Marian Assignment
9/17/2025	College Profile Lesson: Ivy Tech Community College	Ivy Tech Community College Profile	Ivy Tech Assignment
9/18/2025	College Profile Lesson: University of Indianapolis	University of Indianapolis Profile Lesson	U of Indy Assignment

- The college profile lessons are two-fold:
 - They profile a specific college or university.
 - They highlight a specific aspect of college life.

DePauw Dining Options

Use the above link to scroll through all the dining options on the DePauw campus!



[Housing at Ball State](#)- click to see where you can live on campus!

Some of the dorm rooms at Ball State University



College Research Project

- ❑ Students research a college or university of their choice.
- ❑ They create a pennant, shirt, or other visual that can be displayed outside the advisory classroom that showcases their research.



- For seniors, the activities lead up to College Application Week and creating their FSA IDs for FAFSA.

9/3/2025	What is College Presentation	What Is College Presentation	Proof of Senior Survey Completion
9/4/2025	Indiana State Admissions Rep Visit/Why College Presentation	Why College Presentation Link - Recording	Attendance at admissions presentation, short personal statement as to why college is or is not in the student's plan for those who did not attend
9/8/2025	Purdue University Rep Visit/ Academic Reflection		
9/9/2025	Preperation is Key	Getting Prepped for College Recording	Students will need to identify key parts of their story to include in their personal statements and will identify two people they can request recommendation letters from
9/10/2025	Common App and Common Black App	Common App and Black Common App Slide Deck	
9/11/2025	Manchester University Admissions Rep Visit/ College Applications	College Applications Recording	
9/15/2025	Academic Reflection		
9/16/2025	Marian University Admissions Rep Visit/Reach Match, and Safety Colleges	Safety, Reach, and Match Colleges Recording	Students will work in pairs or small groups complete discussion in the recording.



Advisory Activities

Seniors

- Our College Specialist puts these lessons together and uses Canva to record them, making it even easier for advisory teachers to plug and play.
- [Reach, Match, and Safety School Lesson Example](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Application Days

- 9/22 IUI Seamless Admissions Visit
- 9/23 - Applying to colleges via Common App
- 9/24 - Indiana Colleges that do not require Common App/HBCUs
- 9/25 - Ivy Tech Community College

College Application Days

Join us for an opportunity to complete your college applications! Scan the QR Code to register for the dates you wish to attend.



<https://tinyurl.com/CAHS-App-Week>

Build Community: Get Staff Involved

Link staff members to specific colleges to spark conversations

HBCU Lessons:

Find the Alum:



Kentucky State University- Mr. Cross & Mr. Goff

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About **Kentucky State**:

- We have two staff members who went to Kentucky State: Mr. Cross and Mr. Goff!
- Ask both of them their favorite parts of going to Kentucky State!
- [Kentucky State University Site](#) - click to explore this HBCU



Find An Alum: Each morning we will give out clues to Find an Alum of the Day. You can use the name plates outside teacher classrooms that show the college or university they attended as clues as well as ask staff members. Once you figure out which college or university is being described, find an Alum who graduated from this college/university. Once you have the name of an Alum, you will find either Ms. Williamson or Ms. Ayala in the Future Center to report the name of an Alum. The first student to tell Ms. Williamson or Ms. Ayala the correct name of the college or university AND the name of an Alum who graduated from this college or university will receive a prize!

Find a staff member who graduated from the university described below:

1. This university provides opportunities for our students to take classes to earn free college credits!
2. This university's mascot is Jazzy and Jawz, a pair of Jaguars.
3. This university's colors are red and white and recently separated into two distinct universities.

First, we leveraged the Big Ten tournament to learn more about colleges in that conference.





March Madness

Big Ten Tournament Lessons

Lesson 1: Introduction & Map

Lessons 2 & 3: Research Big Ten School of Choice

Lesson 4: Trivia Game

Which Big Ten school has produced the most astronauts, including Neil Armstrong?

- A) University of Illinois
- B) Purdue University
- C) University of Wisconsin
- D) Ohio State University

- Typically, each advisory completes a bracket for which teams they think will advance in the tournament.
- We do regular updates of which advisory is in the lead and the winning advisory gets donuts.



- ❑ Students will use the March Madness bracket to research who wins in the classroom.
- ❑ Instead of predicting who wins on the basketball court, the students will research academic stats of both schools to decide who wins and why.
- ❑ At the end, students should have a winner that is aside from basketball scores.

- Each student will receive a bracket for the Men's 2026 Division I championships.
- For each round, you will research the two colleges and decide the winner based on the given category for that round.
- Example: If the criteria was student activities, you would pull up the two school's websites and compare which one you think has the best activities. Then, you would write that school name in the space for your winner.

Your winner of Duke vs. Siena will go in the top of the second round box. Remember, it is NOT about who wins at basketball for this activity.



Your winner of Ohio State vs. TCU will go in the bottom half of that box. Now, those teams will compete against each other in Round 2.

For Round 1, base the winner on the campus living arrangements. Check out the campus websites. Which school has the best dorms or campus living options?
This is your opinion!

Let's do one together!

Example: I googled Duke University housing and Siena housing and found these two sites to compare.

Click here to learn about housing at Duke:
<https://students.duke.edu/living/housing/first-year-housing/east-campus-houses/>

Click here to learn about housing at Siena.
<https://www.siena.edu/offices/community-living/residential-communities/>

Which do you guys think is better? Write that university in the top box for Round 2!

For Round 2, base the winner on cost.

Which university would be the most cost effective for you and your family?

This is your opinion based on your research and factors important to you!

Let's do one together!

Example: I had Siena and Ohio State University winning round 1.

I googled Siena cost and Ohio State cost:

Siena:

<https://www.siena.edu/offices/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/>

Ohio State:

<https://undergrad.osu.edu/cost-and-aid/basic-costs>

While, the overall cost for Siena is less expensive, it is in New York so the cost to get there and home will be higher. Therefore, I will pick Ohio State to move on in my bracket.

For Round 3 (The Sweet 16),
base the winner on academic
programs.

**Which university has the best
academic programs for you?**

This is your opinion based on
your research and factors
important to you!

Let's do one together!

Example: I had Ohio State & Kansas facing off in the
Sweet 16.

I googled Ohio State & Kansas academic programs.

Kansas: <https://www.ku.edu/about-ku>,
<https://www.ku.edu/academics>

Ohio State: <https://www.osu.edu/academics>

**Based on this research and what you may want to
study, who would you move on to the next round
(Elite 8)?**

For Round 4 (Elite 8), base on the picture of their average undergraduate student.

Which university seems the best fit for you?

This is your opinion based on your research and factors important to you!

Let's do one together!

Example: I had Kansas & Louisville facing off in the Elite 8.

I googled Ohio State & Kansas undergraduate enrollment.

Kansas:

<https://academicsuccess.ku.edu/undergraduate-students-numbers>

Louisville: <https://louisville.edu/about/quick-facts>

Based on this research, I picked Louisville to move on to my Final 4 because they had a more diverse student population which was important to me.

For Round 5 (Final 4), base on their mascot.

Which university has the coolest mascot?

This is your opinion based on your research and factors important to you!







Let's Brainstorm!

Monthly Theme Ideas

November: [First-Gen Celebration](#) (November 8th is National First-Generation College Celebration Day)

February: College Match Month (Create dating profiles for college research)

What other ideas do you have to make college come alive throughout the school year?

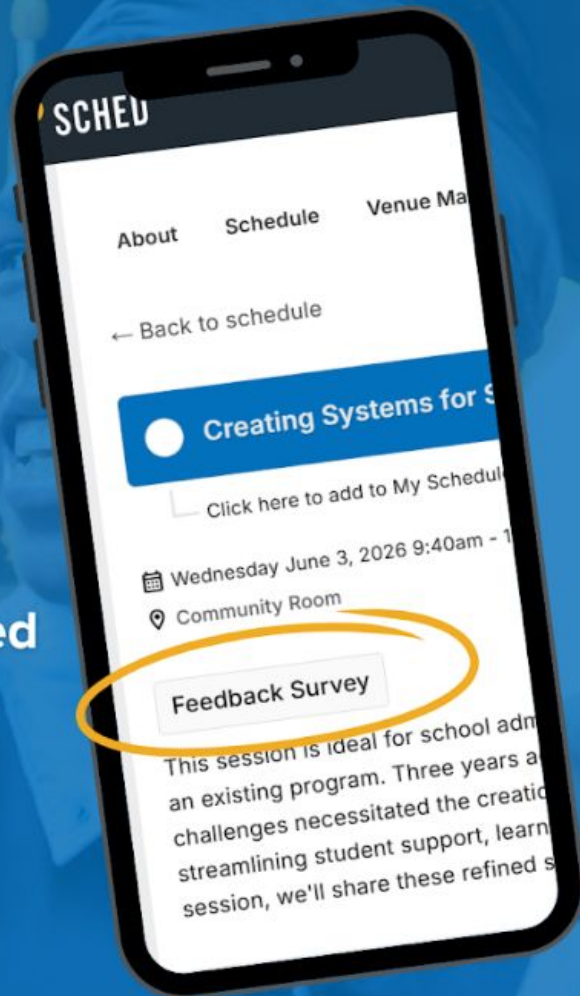
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SURVEY REMINDER

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