

## Advice for Parents Guiding Children to College

- ❖ **Meet with your child's guidance counselor. Be actively involved in helping your child identify, set and meet goals.**
- ❖ **Make time to visit colleges with your child. Check out online resources to learn more about different kinds of schools. Take advantage of school-sponsored college visits.**
- ❖ **Attend the schools college admissions information session.**
- ❖ **Attend the financial aid session**
- ❖ **Attend parent-teacher conferences.**
- ❖ **Support your child's involvement in extracurricular activities. Encourage trying something new. Encourage taking a leadership role and encourage developing a real passion for something.**
- ❖ **Talk about school and schoolwork. Make sure studies are a priority and help is sought in difficult subjects. Maybe find a tutor in a subject that your child is struggling with. On the other hand make sure your child is being challenged in school.**
- ❖ **Don't let your child just drop something—a class or an activity—because it is difficult. Have a conversation, explore alternatives, meet with someone at the school to see if the changes are really necessary, or just an easy way out.**
- ❖ **Help your child explore career options. Talk about your own work. Introduce your child to friends and colleagues who do different kinds of jobs. Encourage your child to do an internship or even volunteer.**
- ❖ **Talk with other parents to learn from their experiences.**
- ❖ **Stay connected with your child's guidance counselors and be sure to ask questions, they are there to help you through the process.**