

# MHS College & Career Center Tidbits

Montgomery High School  
2019-2020

## Class of 2020 Summer College Essay Workshops

Over the course of the summer, over 60 M.I.S.D. Incoming seniors signed up and attended the two hour college application and essay writing workshops that were offered in June and July. Students learned the Do's & Don'ts of essay writing, reflected on the experiences and events that have shaped who they are today and put those ideas down while brainstorming with their peers. College Admission Reps tweeted in advice during the workshops. Our seniors left with a good framework on how to get those college application essays completed and submitted. Students also learned the differences between the three main application portals: Apply Texas, The Common Application, and

The Coalition Application. As of August 1st, we have had 32 seniors start at least one Apply Texas application. Of those, 13 have completed at least one application.

Along with college essay writing, the students learned how to build their resume and add their information into the different application portals.

If you have not checked out the MHS College & Career website, I encourage you to take a peek at <http://schools.misd.org/page/stacylabruyere-home>. This is a valuable resource to view throughout your child's high school career. Bookmark and add it to your Favorites!



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### Special points of interest:

- *Apply Texas* opened on July 1st, 2019
- *The Common Application* opened on August 1st, 2019
- *The FAFSA Application* will open on October 1st, 2019

## Schedule Pick-Up 2019

**Class of 2020:** Senior Summit on August 8th, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 PM in the auditorium and cafeteria. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Class of 2021 & 2022:** Schedule Pick-Up on Au-

gust 12, 2019. Juniors: 1-2:15 and Sophomores 2:30-3:30 PM.

**FISH Camp for the Class of 2023** will take place on August 13th, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 P.M.



## Campus College Visits & Official College Visits

Throughout the school year, admission reps will sign up to conduct 30 minute presentations in the College & Career Center. All visits and registration links are posted on the CCC Calendar. Interested juniors and seniors are encouraged to sign up.

We are in the process of scheduling those visits but here is glimpse of who is scheduled so far:

Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas Tech University, Tulsa Welding School, and The Honors College at Lone Star College.

In addition to the campus college visits, juniors and seniors get TWO official

college visit days per academic year. Students can schedule a visit through the institution website, ask for documentation of the visit while they are visiting the campus, and turn in the documentation to the MHS Attendance Office on the day of their return. Don't lose out on taking advantage of these days. They do not count against you for exam exemptions and it is a great way to experience college life and see if that campus is a "good fit" for YOU!

Visit the CCC website for great resources to help maximize your visit or come by W204 to pick up a copy!

You can start with this [College Planning Worksheet](#).



## College Night at Lone Star Convention Center

M.I.S.D. partners with Conroe I.S.D. and Willis I.S.D. each year for our annual College Night event. This year's event will take place at the Lone Star Convention Center from 6:30-8:30 P.M. on Monday, October 7th, 2019.

Over 200 college admission reps, military recruiters, technical colleges will be in attendance to share news and updates regarding their institutions.

Along with the college fair, this night

also includes breakout sessions on the college admission process and financial aid.

The CCC has a resource called [24 Questions to Ask Admission Reps](#). Swing by W204 to pick up a copy to bring to the event. Be sure to plan ahead and make address label with your name, address, and email so reps can follow up with more information. The labels will save you time from having to write your info. repeatedly.

*"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal..." -Winston Churchill*

## Famous Failures...

Thomas Edison remarked years ago, "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were when they gave up."

Reflect on you high school career up to this date... have you learned from your failures? Do you find a way to turn the negative into a positive? Are you resilient?

Or... maybe you are an incoming FISH! What happened in junior high, stays at the junior high! Your 1st year of high school is YOUR way to start with a clean slate!

Look into some of these famous failures: Albert Einstein, The Beatles, Walt Disney, Steve Jobs, Michael Jordan, & Oprah Winfrey. *What do they have in common?*

If you fail, never give up because F.A.I.L. means "First Attempt In Learning"

End is not the end. In fact E.N.D. means "Effort Never Dies"

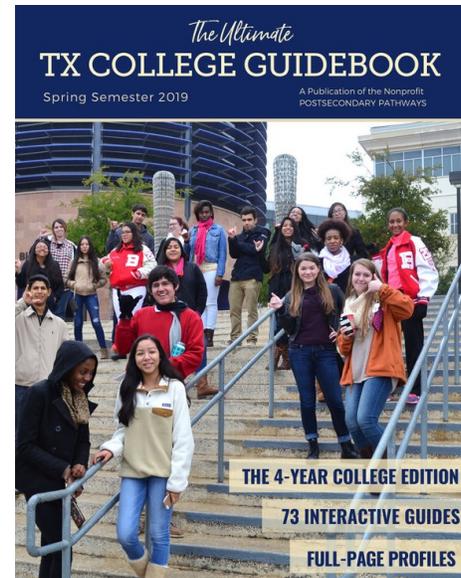
If you get No as an answer, remember N.O. means "Next Opportunity" Think always positive!

## The Ultimate TX College Guidebook: Spring 2019

The Ultimate TX College Guidebook is a free resource to map out postsecondary pathways. This resource features campus guides to 36 public universities and 37 private colleges & universities. Each guide includes full page profiles with interactive videos and links. This guidebook joins The Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Education Agency, The Workforce Commission, and others in working toward the goal of 60x30TX. By 2030, 60% of Texans ages 25-34 will have a certificate or degree.

You can access free resource by clicking [here](#).

Take advantage of exploring this guide with your child to help map out their postsecondary plans. Create an action plan! This is the TIME!



## Texas OnCourse

Texas OnCourse equips middle and high school students for postsecondary success by simplifying the college and career planning process with free digital tools, easy to digest information, education training, and access to extensive resources. This free, state-funded program helps ALL Texas students plan for success after high school.

Texas OnCourse is used in more than 2/3 of the districts in Texas— that includes more than 11,000 educators

*“With Texas OnCourse, all high school graduates, no matter where they come from or where they’re headed, have a plan for what’s next.”*

across 2,700 schools. This is a real game changer for students and families. Go to <https://texasoncourse.org/>.



## Unsure of What to Major In? Take the ASVAB!

Montgomery High School will be offering the ASVAB Career Exploration Test in November for free. The ASVAB is an aptitude test and follows up with an FYI Interest Inventory to guide students into exploring career pathways that meet their strengths and interests. I highly recommend this test for students who do not know what to major in. The ASVAB also gives an AFQT Score for students interested in pursu-

ing the military. However, M.I.S.D. does not release ASVAB scores to military recruiters. That is the responsibility of the students. To learn more about this career exploration test, go to [www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com). To register for the exam, click [here](#). The deadline to register is November 8th, 2019.

