

Gateway's college counseling program, led by two full-time college counselors, helps to ensure that all students successfully navigate the college preparation and admissions process. In the spring of their junior year, students take the first part of a college counseling course where they explore careers, majors, different colleges, and prepare for the SAT. During their senior year, students take the second part of the college counseling course where they are guided through the admission process, essay writing, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. We are proud to share that in 2017, 97% of our graduates matriculated to college, 73% of whom will be attending a four year school and nearly 40% of Gateway graduates are the first in their family to go to college.

Gateway High School is looking for volunteers to support the College Counselling program this Spring (2018) to work 1:1 and in small groups with students who are currently exploring the process of researching colleges, writing personal statements and college essays, and exploring how their values, interests, personality and skills can influence their school choice and futures. Volunteers in most cases will be working in a classroom setting as an additional adult to support the college counselor.

Volunteers are needed 1-2 times per week from 4/23 - 5/11. We are looking for volunteers who are available for 1-2 of these following timeframes and can consistently volunteer on the same day/time for all 3 weeks:

Tuesdays:

9:55 - 11:30 am

12:20 - 1:55 pm

2:00 - 3:35 pm

Thursdays:

8:15 - 9:50 am

12:20 - 1:55 pm

2:00 - 3:35 pm

Wednesdays:

8:15 - 9:50 am

9:55 - 11:30 am

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Fridays:

9:05 - 10:40 am

12:20 - 1:55 pm

2:00 - 3:35 pm

Volunteers will work with students to:

- 1) Develop personal statements through a process that begins with taking stock of students experiences and developing narrative in response to a college application prompt. Volunteers will work with students to think critically about some of their life experiences and find deeper meaning about aspects of themselves. The goal is to practice writing a personal statement and have a foundation to represent themselves in writing to a college or scholarship program
- 2) Develop a well researched College List of 5-10 college campuses that students can apply to as seniors or transfer to after completing coursework at a community college. Volunteers will help student find and understand information about a college that will focus on academic & social aspects, admissions criteria, financial aid information, and developing a sense of "best fit". Juniors will select one of those campuses to present to the freshman in a "college fair" style exhibition.

Volunteer training and ongoing support will be provided for all volunteers. If interested, please contact Rachel Kamen, Gateway Public Schools Director of Partnerships at rkamen@gatewaypublicschools.org.