

A Year Committed to College and Career Readiness

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Bradwell Institute...Committed to College and Career Readiness

- Approximately 1650 students
- 67% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 23% Caucasian, 56%
 African American, 11%
 Hispanic, 2% Asian, 8%
 Other
- 51% Male, 49% Female
- 28% Military Dependents

- Counselors, registrar, curriculum coordinator, testing coordinator, administrative assistants, data operator
- 2011 theme changed to: "Committed to College and Career Readiness"



Why College and Career Readiness?

"I ask every American to commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training. This can be community college or a four-year school; vocational training or an apprenticeship. But whatever the training may be, every American will need to get more than a high school diploma." -President Obama, Address to Joint Session of Congress, February 24, 2009



Why College and Career Readiness?

- Graduation rate
- Percentage of students pursuing postsecondary education and training
- Economic woes
- Dropout rate
- College entrance exam scores
- Ninth grade retention rate



Is it College AND Career Ready? Is it College OR Career Ready?

College Readiness

- Being prepared for ightarrowpostsecondary education or training that leads to some type of credential
- Having the core academic knowledge and skills necessary to qualify for and succeed in postsecondary education without needing remedial coursework

Career Readiness

- Being able to acquire a family-sustaining wage with pathways to advancement
 - Having the core academic knowledge and skills needed to qualify for and succeed in postsecondary job training or education necessary for a chosen

career

Counselors as Change Agents

- Goals and the SIP
- Counseling plan
- Programs and activities
- School culture
- School theme
- Community involvement
- Parental involvement
- Teachers-as-Advisors program



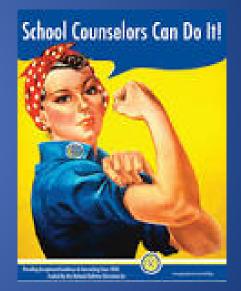
Who Gains from This Commitment?

- ALL students
- Counseling program
- School climate
- Community
- Economy
- WORLD!



How Is This Accomplished in a School Year?

- Standards-based counseling program
- Administrative support
- School wide initiative
- Advisory Council
- Activities and programs



Summer

June

- Data collection
- Summer professional learning opportunities
- Summer groups



July

- Data analysis
- Program planning
- Summer professional learning opportunities
- Senior Orientation
- Camp BI



The School Year Begins...

August

- Individual graduation plans
- Advisory council
- First-Generation College-Bound groups
- Staff development



September

- CAPS
- Senior Meetings
- First-Generation College-Bound groups
- Senior ACT/SAT Registration Night
- Professional development
- Tiger Parent 411

Fall Is Here!

October

- Fall Financial Aid Night
- First-Generation College-Bound groups
- PSAT
- ASVAB
- PROBE College Fair
- GAC Prep Sessions
- CAPS



November

- Professional Development
- Georgia Apply to College Day
- CAPS



- Career Expo
- FGCB College Visit

Winter Brings...

December

- Midyear data collection and analysis
- Midyear program revisions



January

- Advisory Council
- Individual Graduation Plans
- CAPS
- First-Generation College-Bound groups
- LCCA visits

New Year, New Beginnings!

February

- Professional Development/Celebrations
- First-Generation College-Bound groups
- Spring Financial Aid Night
- Tiger Parent 411
- CAPS
- Senior Meetings



Middle School Visits



March

- Freshman Fair
- ASVAB
- CAPS
- First-Generation College-Bound groups
- Junior ACT/SAT Registration Night
- Upcoming Freshman Orientation

Spring Is in the Air!

April

- CAPS
- Individual Graduation Plans
- FGCB College Visit
- Teen Maze
- Needs Assessments

May

- Advisory Council
- Needs Assessments
- Community Volunteer Appreciation
- Recognize Students



How is this year evaluated?

- Consider your process, perception and outcome data from your programs
- Review graduation rate, retention rate, etc.
- Review the year with the team, Advisory Council, parents/community, etc.
- Review school climate data
- BRIDGE Bill
- CCRPI



Thank You!!

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