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# Virtual College Exploration Signature Events – April 19-22, 2021

With the ongoing challenges of holding in-person College Fairs, the school/college counseling staff from local Catholic high schools have teamed up to deliver exciting programming for our students and families the week of April 19, 2021. These events will include live, virtual sessions with admission representatives from a variety of colleges and universities with a different theme each night. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. with recordings available later. Registration for these events is *free*, yet necessary to secure a spot, due to limited capacity.

#### Monday, April 19: Two-Year Community & Technical Colleges

*Description:* Career and Technical Education is really about high demand, high wage and high skills jobs! Community Colleges offer a variety of pathways to further your education. Discover the many ways you can get an education at a reasonable price and not just make a living, but make a life with your unique interests and talents.

Panelists: Elaine Geogleris, Senior Admissions Counselor, Dunwoody College of Technology

Aaron Salasek, Director of Outreach & Recruitment, Inver Hills Community College

Jim Johnson, Enrollment Services, North Dakota State College of Science

Sean Olson, Director of Admissions & Outreach, North Hennepin Community College

#### Tuesday, April 20: Public Colleges & Universities

Description: Each year, millions of students enroll at public universities in the U.S. These universities offer world class academics and well-resourced campus experiences, yet the application processes often differ from state-to-state. Come learn about the unique communities of select public universities and the nuanced process of applying to each.

Panelists: Nick Keller, Assistant Director of Recruitment Operations, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Laura Nelson, Minnesota Regional Representative, University of Kansas Michael Rutkowski, Admissions Counselor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Mitch Arnett, Senior Assistant Director for Regional Enrollment, Miami University of Ohio

Ashley Brown, Associate Director of Admissions, University of Vermont

## Wednesday, April 21: Catholic Private Colleges & Universities

*Description:* There are 221 Catholic Colleges in the United States enrolling over 720,000 students every year. Each of the colleges on this esteemed panel is unique and offers amazing opportunities. Join this admissions panel for a discussion of why you should continue your Catholic education in college.

Panelists: Adam Buller, Senior Assistant Director, Loyola University Chicago

Jackie Burkett, Senior Admission Counselor, University of San Diego Kristen Hatfield, Director of Admissions, University of St. Thomas

Tony Amelse, Senior Associate Director of Admission, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University

Owen Bligh, Associate Dean of Admission, Providence College

## Thursday, April 22: Highly Selective Colleges & Universities

Description: The complexities of selective college admission can make the prospect of even considering a competitive college intimidating. How much more complicated is the application for such institutions, and how is the review process different? How can students gauge their competitiveness for entrance at these institutions? Join this admissions panel for a discussion of these questions and more.

Panelists: Debra Johns, Yale University

Matt Harris, Villanova University Chris O'Brien, Boston College Cyrus Nichols, Washington University in St. Louis Jennifer Sandoval-Dancs, Claremont McKenna College