



## **Hillcrest High School**

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### **Health Careers Summer Projects**

12th graders Summer Project Due: September 26, 2011

Develop your college portfolio (a folder of the information below). You must complete parts A, B, C and D below. It must include the following materials:

(A) Your revised/updated resume which should include:

- Your educational background.
- Your clinical experience, if any.
- Any extracurricular activities such as: community service, committee(s) or clubs you are a member of or have been a member of or any additional services you provided to your school.
- Any job experiences you've had (include voluntary work).

(B) List two to four colleges you really want to attend. Using the internet or a reference book from your local library, research the following information about your schools:

1. Application fee.
2. Application deadline.
3. Cost of room and board.
4. Tuition cost.
5. Cost of books.
6. Financial aid; download forms and complete them, if possible.
7. Attend an open house or find out when there will be an open house.
8. Research scholarships that you are qualified for. Complete the applications and send them. Check out FastWeb.com and others for scholarships.
9. Determine your major-this is the field you are going to learn about while in college.
10. Determine the necessary G.P.A. (grade point average) you should maintain for your major and what classes you must take. Download and print the grading rubric for the schools you want to attend.
11. Go to the college admission's office of your desired colleges and obtain information about admissions (ex. Immunizations, Freshman Orientation day, etc.)
12. Revisit your personal essay and update it. Use your transcript to assist you in updating your accomplishments in school. Some personal essay topics might ask you to explain an obstacle or a challenge that you had to overcome and how that experience has changed you. Other colleges might ask you to explain why you earned certain grades for your high school classes. You should be able to provide a reasonable explanation that does not include "it's the teacher's fault that I earned this grade".
13. Go to the internet and research other college interview questions. Prepare written responses to a minimum of 5 questions. Include them in your college portfolio.

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14. After gathering all of the above information, create a summary poster board that other students may utilize.

(C) 1) Attach your updated transcript (use pupil path or ARIS) along with three letters of recommendation in your portfolio. 2) Log on to Hillcrestweb.org and friend the Face book to get further information on college

(D) The completed assignment should be saved on a disc or a flash drive.

**Your project will count as a test grade in all of your Health Careers classes (example: CORE, English, Social Studies, Science, etc) and calculated toward your 1<sup>st</sup> marking period grade.**

**Your project is due September 26, 2011 and can be returned to any Health Careers teacher**