



# Hillcrest High School

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## Pre-Med Summer Project – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade only

### What is the summer project?

The summer project is required of all Pre-Med students and will be returned to your English teacher during the first week of school. The project is designed to either provide you with concerns about attending vs. not attending college or to provide us with some information on what your hopes and fears are of high school.

**What do I have to do?** You can choose from any of the 2 choices below: If you are a 10<sup>th</sup> grader choosing option 1, make sure you discuss the following below as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and discuss your transition after 1 year.

1. Write an essay on hopes and fears that you have upon entering high school.
  - a. What excites you?
  - b. What scares you?
  - c. What does high school mean to you?
  - d. What will be the teacher expectations?
  - e. What will your classes be like?
  - f. Will you know anyone from your middle school?
  - g. Will you make friends easily?
  - h. What classes do you think you will have to take?
  - i. How will high school prepare you for college?
  - j. How will being part of the Pre-Med Institute help you succeed?
  
2. Students can create a video or skit or PowerPoint whereby they interview someone who went to college and someone who did not go to college. Please put this on a flash drive. They can ask the following questions:
  - a. Person that went to college:
    - i. What are the entry requirements for college?
    - ii. What skills were learned?
    - iii. What types of employment are available after leaving college?
    - iv. How long did it take to complete college?
    - v. What did the "interviewee" do during his/her summer?
    - vi. What subject helped in succeeding at work?
    - vii. What internships or job training opportunities did they have?
    - viii. Any personal advice that they have to offer?
    - ix. What was the salary range for an entry level position?
    - x. Based on their salary level what was their budget for 1 month?
    - xi. Any other questions you see fit.
  - b. Person that did not go to college:
    - i. What difficulties did they face finding employment?
    - ii. Did not going to college affect their pay scales?
    - iii. Do they have any regrets about not going to college?
    - iv. If they had to do it all over again, would they choose a different path and why?
    - v. Was the decision of not attending their own or influenced by someone?
    - vi. What was the salary range for an entry level position?
    - vii. Based on their salary level what was their budget for 1 month?
    - viii. Any personal advice that they have to offer?
    - ix. Any other questions you see fit?

**How will this be graded?** Summer Projects will be graded by a committee made up of teachers from Pre-Med. Failure to do the summer project will result in a failing test/project grade in your English class