

My high school guidance counselor has been very instrumental in not only preparing me for college, but in the search for the right college, the quest for scholarships, and he has helped me learn to make decisions. Without his help I wouldn't have known where to start. He has been there from the beginning of my high school career directing which classes would be best to take for college bound students. In addition, he made sure that students had opportunities to take tests that would help us decide on the right career.

Choosing a college is a difficult process with all the options out there and my counselor aided me in my choice of college by inviting college representatives to come in and visit with prospective students. He also helped me set up my visit to the college that I fell in love with and now plan to attend. My parents also had the chance to attend meetings set up by the counselor to show them the options for college, warn them about upcoming deadlines and where to look for scholarships and other college funding.

Not only is he there for all of the searches, but he is an all-around good person and he makes sure we are informed. He comes into our classes frequently to make sure that we know all of the deadlines and exactly what we need to be getting done. He is always available to help and answer questions when I want to come into his office and appreciates all of the things that we as students do for the school. He never lets us forget that we are more important than anything he can tell us and that all decisions need to come from us. This makes him not only helpful for now, but he is preparing us for life outside of school where he knows we will not always have a guidance counselor. This is the most important thing he has ever done for any student at our school.

He really enjoys what he does and it shows with the way he is always smiling and embracing the chance to help us with any problem we may have. Some counselors help kids while they are in school with tough times or situations, but not all have the dedication to help kids become better people and prepare them for life after we cannot talk to them anymore. He gives us the information needed to make positive decisions, but does not make any for us. He lets us be adults and prepares us for life. In the end this is the most valuable tool I could ever learn in any school.