

**Date: January 12th, 2022**  
**Grade Level: 11<sup>th</sup>**

**GHS Seminar**

**Recommended Seminar Meeting Sequence:**

- Materials Needed:** 1. Student laptops  
2. Scavenger Hunt Handouts – “College Websites” (see below)

<b>Objective(s) / Learning Target(s):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students will identify career and post-secondary options and their requirements.</li><li>2. Students will begin to understand the college application and financial aid process.</li><li>3. Students will begin to understand the requirements necessary for meeting their career goals.</li></ol>
<b>Suggested Process:</b>	Follow-up to Panel..... <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go Around - What was one take-away for you from the GHS Alumni Panel last week? Visit with them about their responses.</li><li>2. Tell them that the counselors are just beginning to have individual meetings with all Juniors. At these meeting, post-secondary options will be discussed as well as college visits, college entrance exams, college applications, and lots more.</li><li>3. Tell them that in today’s world, it is essential that every student receives some type of training after high school, and that there are many different types of programs. Approximately half of our students attend a community college. The best way to explore college options is by going to their websites. Have them complete the College Scavenger Hunt.</li><li>4. Tell them they can work individually or in small groups and if there’s time, they can share out some of the more interesting things they’ve found about the colleges they have researched.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ ● Students can look at 3 of the same types of college if they want. They can also research the military. If they have no idea yet, you can steer them in a direction that might suit them.</li><li>○ ● The MAIN GOAL is for students to START LOOKING!</li></ul></li></ol>

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

# College Websites

You are a junior and you should visit some college campuses before the end of your junior year. You may have even visited some as a sophomore, or maybe during the summer before your junior year. You can learn a lot about colleges by studying their websites. In fact, you should become an **expert** on the websites of your favorite colleges.

You might go to this link on the ICAN (Iowa College Access Network) webpage. This page is linked to all the colleges in Iowa. If you prefer to search out of state, that's OK, too.

<http://www.icansucceed.org/index.cfm?nodeID=63212&audienceID=1>

## Choose a Community College and answer the following questions.

Many students attend a community college so that they can earn a diploma in 1 or 2 years and get out into the workforce. Others attend a community college for two years and then transfer to a four year college. A two year degree is called an Associate's Degree. A four year degree is called a Bachelor's Degree.

Name of College:

Location of College:

Approximately how many miles away from Grinnell is this college? When are the College Visits?

Is there a particular name for the Visit Days?

What happens on a college visit (find the agenda)?

List 2-3 programs/majors at this college that sound interesting to you? List 3-4 classes that are in one of these program/major's Plan of Study.

Are there any classes that you can take in high school that would fulfill a requirement?

Find their information about Scholarships/Financial Aid What are some of the scholarships available at this college? What ones might you be eligible for?

**Choose a State University (IOWA, UNI or ISU) and answer the following questions.**

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Location of College:

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Is there a particular name for the Visit Days?

What happens on a college visit (find the agenda)?

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Find their information about Scholarships/Financial Aid What are some of the scholarships available at this college? What ones might you be eligible for?

Find a student's blog (if applicable) and read at least one entry. Where is this student from?

**Choose a 2 year private college, tech school, trade school, or 4 year private college you might be interested in and answer the following questions.**

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Location of College:

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Is there a particular name for the Visit Days?

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