



National Association of Peer College Advisors
A Division of the NAPCA Foundation

High School CHAPTER VIEWBOOK

PEER COLLEGE ADVISING CHAPTER PROGRAM

Become A Certified Peer College Advisor (CPCA)



Certified Peer College Advisors (CPCAs) are high school and college student leaders who are recruited and trained to assist professional school counselors and college counselors. High School and College CPCAs co-lead a college-going team of 20 high school students from all grade levels.

CPCAs guide each student on their team through the process of developing their 10-year personal strategic plan of action (education & career plan) to guide their efforts to accomplish their education and career goals. Additionally, CPCAs work with each student to ensure they are competitive applicants for admission to their top choice and best-fit postsecondary educational institutions.

Start A NAPCA Chapter



High School Chapters are recognized on campus as the student organization for student leaders who are interested in:

High School Chapters & CPCAs:

- Committed to build and sustain a strong "college-going and career exploration and planning culture" in their high school.
- Driven to work with high school students to help them become competitive applicants for admission to their top choice and best-fit postsecondary educational institutions.

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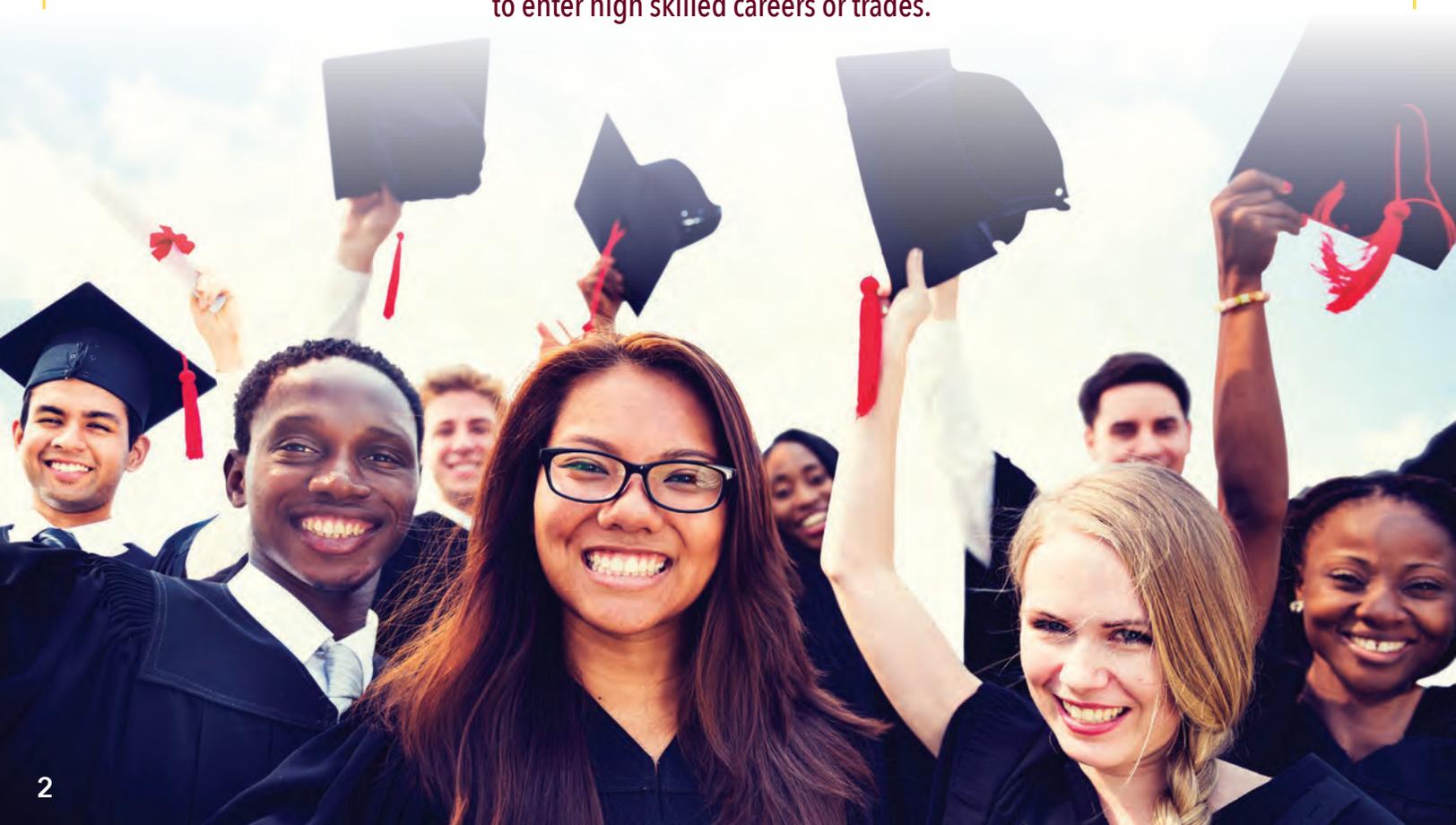
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OUR MISSION

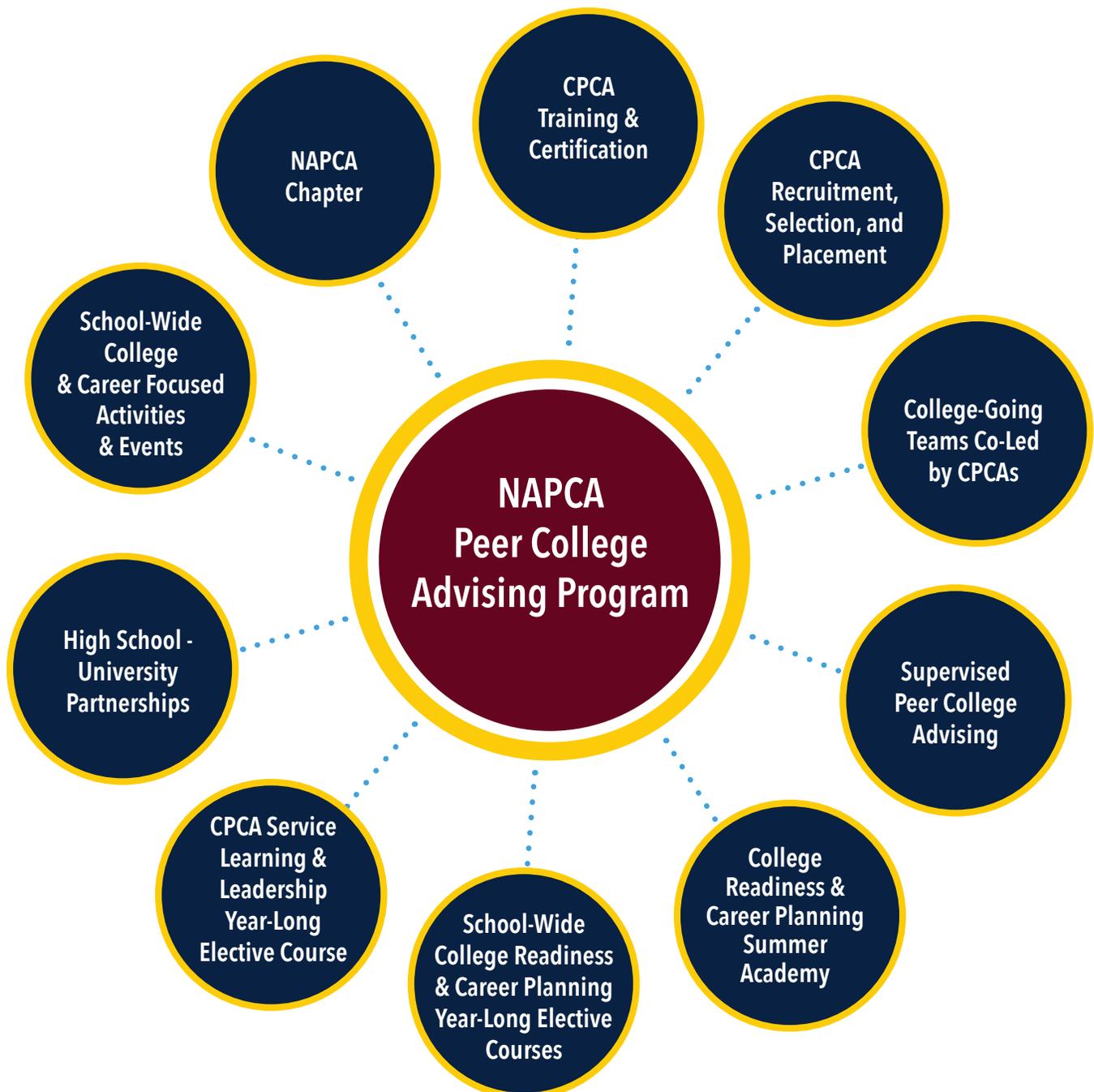
Building a global student movement by placing well trained and highly influential high school and college student leaders as certified peer college advisors (CPCAs) in high schools across the world to empower their peers to define their life's purpose/career path, break through their barriers, and prepare to enroll and complete some form of postsecondary education, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers or trades.



10 COMPONENTS OF NAPCA'S PEER COLLEGE ADVISING CHAPTER PROGRAM (NAPCA CHAPTER)

NAPCA'S PEER COLLEGE ADVISING CHAPTER PROGRAM IS MADE UP OF 10 INTEGRAL PARTS:

- High School, Community College, & University-Based Partnerships
- CPCA Recruitment, Selection, & Placement in active NAPCA Chapters
- CPCA Certification: Pre-service & In-service Training, Support, & Supervision
- NAPCA Chapters
- Supervised Peer College Advising
- CPCA Service Learning & Leadership Year-Long Course
- CPCAs Co-Lead College-Going Teams
- School-Wide College Readiness & Career Planning Year-Long Elective Courses
- School-Wide College & Career Focused Activities & Events
- College Readiness & Career Planning Summer Academy



START A NAPCA CHAPTER

The NAPCA High School (HS) Chapter is a student-run peer college advising program on high school campuses across the globe. Chapters are recognized as the student organization for student leaders who are interested in increasing their school's college enrollment rate and building and sustaining a strong college culture where all students are expected to complete some form of postsecondary education after high school. A strong NAPCA HS Chapter attracts proactive student leaders and chapter advisors who are influential and passionate about serving their school's community. A NAPCA HS Chapter consists of a group of at least eight certified peer college advisors (CPCAs), four chapter advisors, six chapter officers, general chapter members, and affiliate members. Chapters receive training, materials, and guidance from NAPCA's chapter support team based in Southern California.



4 EASY STEPS TO START A NAPCA CHAPTER

STEP ONE:

Learn about
NAPCA

Prepare
to Apply

1

STEP TWO:

Apply to Start a
NAPCA Chapter

2

STEP THREE:

Enroll and
Complete CPCA
Training Program

3

STEP FOUR:

Establish a
Strong Chapter
at Your School

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BECOME A CERTIFIED PEER COLLEGE ADVISOR (CPCA)



Certified Peer College Advisors (CPCAs) are high school and college student leaders who are recruited and trained to assist professional school counselors and college counselors. CPCAs are supervised and monitored by professional college counselors and school counselors. CPCAs work with middle and high school students from all backgrounds (including students with disabilities) to build their college and career aspirations. They also help their peers navigate through the complex processes of applying to, securing financial aid/scholarships, and enrolling into a regionally accredited two- or four-year college or career/technical training certificate or licensure program, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers or trades. In addition, CPCAs help students register and complete college entrance exams and search for two- or four-year colleges that match their future education and career goals and fit their financial, social, and cultural needs. CPCAs

work to tie college-going into the life of a school, devise creative approaches to reach and connect with students, and most importantly, open the eyes of students and their families to the importance of completing a regionally accredited undergraduate degree program or postsecondary career/technical training program to be prepared to enter and succeed in high skilled careers or trades.

BENEFITS OF SERVING AS A CPCA

AS A CERTIFIED PEER COLLEGE ADVISOR, STUDENT LEADERS WILL:

- Gain the tools, hands on experience, and resources to become better prepared and a competitive applicant for admission to their top choice college.
- Help reduce their peers stress and anxiety with respect to completing the steps needed to effectively apply to and enroll in two- or four-year colleges and universities.
- Demonstrate - to their peers, families, and community - their dedication and commitment to helping more students in their community enroll and complete some form of postsecondary education or career/technical training, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers and/or trades.
- Earn a Service Learning Scholarship Award to help pay for college.
- Earn certificates in "Peer College Advising" and "College Readiness and Career Planning."
- Receive academic credit for enrollment in NAPCA's CPCA Leadership Elective Course or NAPCA's School-Wide College Readiness and Career Planning Elective Courses. (varies by campus)
- Be a part of a student movement that helps:
 - Build and maintain a strong college-going culture in your school community.
Or Strengthen your school's college-going culture school-wide.
 - Increase your school's college enrollment rate.
- Gain the satisfaction of making a difference in their school, community, and country.
- Develop the knowledge, confidence, and practical leadership skills required to achieve their educational and career goals.
- Develop interpersonal communication skills, time management skills, presentation skills, and teamwork skills, which will help student leaders prepare for today's workforce.

CPCA REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled as a full-time high school student where an active NAPCA Chapter is located on a school campus. If your school has no active NAPCA chapter, you may be eligible to start a NAPCA chapter at your school.
- Have at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA.
- Complete at least one academic semester of high school.
- Complete and submit the CPCA Training and Certification Program Online Application.
- Submit two Online Recommendation Forms from a teacher or counselor.
- Complete 100 hours of NAPCA's certified peer college advising classroom training.
- Complete 40 hours of peer college advising fieldwork experience while enrolled in the CPCA Training and Certification Program.
- Pass the CPCA oral exam and written exam which covers the competencies needed to perform the role of a CPCA.
- Pass the CPCA code of ethics exam: rules of conduct and peer college advising practice standards.
- Commitment to visiting a minimum of 15 four-year degree granting colleges/universities and 3 community colleges/two-year degree granting colleges within the first two years of receiving certification.
- Commitment to attending NAPCA's Summer Academy for at least one summer at one of our university locations (i.e., Harvard University, UC Berkeley, UCLA).
- Commitment to enrolling and completing a high quality postsecondary degree, workforce relevant certificate, or credential within six years after high school graduation.
- Commitment to working with diverse populations.
- Create a solid school-wide action plan to build and sustain a strong college-going culture and increase college enrollment rates within their school community.
- Friendly, approachable, self-motivated, creative, enthusiastic, and passionate about higher education.



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CPCA TRAINING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



NAPCA trains thousands of student leaders each year across the nation to become a Certified Peer College Advisor (CPCA) through classroom and online training. In order to become a CPCA, students are required to complete a total of 140 hours of CPCA training and certification, which consist of 100 hours of pre-service training and 40 hours of supervised fieldwork. In addition, CPCAs are required to complete at least 20 hours of on-going training throughout the school year to ensure that they are providing quality college advising services to middle and high school students and to reinforce a wide range of competencies learned from their CPCA training/certification. On-going training will provide a space for CPCAs to come together as a peer group to discuss any challenges or needs that they are facing during their service as a CPCA.

3 WEEK SUMMER INTENSIVE TRAINING

During the 3 week summer intensive CPCA training program, aspiring CPCAs will visit and learn about the college admissions and financial aid processes at a variety of public and private regionally accredited four-year colleges/universities as well as two-year trade and technological schools and community colleges. CPCAs will gain a broad understanding of the many postsecondary opportunities and career pathways that are available to students. CPCAs will also complete training exercises in educational counseling and psychology and learn how to effectively advise their peers and assist school counselors and college counselors. CPCAs will also become familiar with web-based college and career focused programs such as College Board, Naviance, Educational Planner, FAFSA, and NCAA Clearinghouse.

Training is usually held at the CPCA National Training Facility in Los Angeles, a local high school campus, and/or local college or university campus. To learn about the specific training dates offered this upcoming Summer, please visit StudentLeaders.NAPCAonline.org/CPCA-Training



CPCA Training & Certification Program Curriculum Snapshot

CPCA TRAINING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT

THE CPCA TRAINING PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

Certified Peer College Advising				
Ethical Standards for Peer College Advisors	Peer College Advising Process	Advising Culturally Diverse Students	How to Develop a Strong College-Going Culture	
How to Help Guide Peers Through the Career Planning Process	Peer College Advising Fieldwork	Academic Planning for College Readiness	How to Develop & Implement a School-Wide College Enrollment Action Plan	
College Admissions: Navigating the Two-Year & Four-Year College Admissions Process				
The System of Higher Education in the United States	Differences Between High School and College Admission Requirements	Demystifying the Four-Year College/University Application Process	Demystifying the Two-Year College/University Application Process	Writing the Personal Statement and Admissions Essay
How to Select a Major	How to Select your "Best-Fit" & "Top-Choice" College	SAT Test Prep- Math, Reading, & Writing	ACT Plus Writing Prep- English, Reading, Math, Science, & Writing	Student Athletes & the College Admissions Process
Personal Statement & Admissions Essay One-on-One Instruction and Feedback	How to Become a Competitive Applicant for Your Best-Fit and Top Choice College	Demystifying the Process of Transferring From a Two-Year College to a Four-Year University		
Financial Aid & Scholarships: Paying for College				
Completing the FAFSA: Applying for Financial Aid	Understanding & Comparing Financial Aid Award Letters & Packages	Applying for Financial Aid Practicum	Demystifying Student Loans	Repaying Your Student Loans
Scholarships: Effective Strategies to Find & Win Scholarships	Scholarship Application & Essay Writing Practicum	Understanding Work Study	Securing Financial Aid to Two & Four Year Colleges	

Supervised Peer College Advising

CPCAs assist school counselors with their caseloads through peer college advising. All students school-wide will be invited to join a college-going team co-led by CPCAs. Under the supervision of school counselors, CPCAs will co-lead a college-going team of 20 students (CPCA to student ratio is 1:10) from all grade levels that they are accountable to and will work with each student to ensure they complete the critical steps to enroll in some form of postsecondary education within one year of their high school graduation.

CPCAs use a high-touch method, giving each student in their "college-going team" 18 - 36 hours of one-on-one peer college advising throughout the nine month school year. CPCAs meet with students in many different settings (i.e., college/career center, in classrooms during lunch, cafeteria/snack bar, athletic events, etc.), providing for a variety of opportunities and perhaps a more natural advisor/advisee relationship. Specifically, CPCAs will:

- Work in partnership with teachers, counselors and administrators, and function as an additional staff member whose focus is primarily to serve as a partner in improving the school's college-going culture and enrollment rates, and ensuring that students apply to and enroll in some form of postsecondary education.
- Serve as the Team Captain of their college-going team/peer group.
- Work individually with each student in their college-going team to ensure that they have a plan to complete college ready coursework (i.e., California's "A-G" subject requirements) with at least a "C" or better in all coursework.
- Conduct open and informal conversations with students about the benefits of college education and reinforces that college attainment is an opportunity available to them regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status.
- Build and support students' college-going aspirations by developing peer-to-peer social networks that encourage college attendance and college preparation.
- Encourage and empower their peers with the information, tools, and resources to complete the critical steps to college entry.
- Create a school environment in which going to college is the norm.
- Focus on equipping participants with the knowledge and the social connections necessary to excel in high school and be admitted to college.





College-Going Teams Co-Led By CPCAs

NAPCA Chapters and CPCAs create opportunities for students to interact throughout the day through establishing college-going teams/peer groups co-led by CPCAs within the school community. College-going teams are one of the primary drivers for building and sustaining a strong college-going culture within schools. The college-going teams create an environment that unites college-bound students based on a common academic and college-going identity, in which students support, motivate, and hold each other accountable.

CPCAs serve as the Team Captains. CPCAs bring their team members together on a regular basis. CPCAs provide their team with information and guidance through one-on-one and small group peer college advising, conduct regular team meetings, and track each team member's progress. CPCAs also provide peer academic support and peer tutoring through regular study group sessions during the school year. CPCAs meet with their college-going team members before school, during school, after school, or on weekends. CPCAs primarily use the GroupMe text message app and a private Facebook group page to communicate with their team members. Additionally, CPCAs use email, Skype, Google Hangouts, or conference calls to speak with their team.

Supervised Peer College Advising



PEER COLLEGE ADVISING

NAPCA certified peer college advisors (CPCAs) are trained to help students stay motivated and on track to complete the critical steps required to become a competitive applicant for admission to their “best-fit and top-choice” college.



NEW STUDENT WELCOME PACKETS

CPCAs welcome new students to their school’s college-going community. CPCAs are assigned to new freshman students or new transfer students to greet them and show them around the school.



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE GROUP WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

NAPCA Chapters/CPCAs provide students with college information to help them successfully navigate the path to college.



COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

CPCAs educate middle school students about the specific steps required to graduate from high school and to enroll in a regionally accredited two- or four-year college/university. CPCAs will also discuss the transition from middle school to high school and provide effective tips for a successful transition.

Supervised Peer College Advising



HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR BEST-FIT SCHOOL

CPCAs will help students search for two- or four-year colleges that match their future education and career goals and fit their financial, social, and cultural needs.



DROP-IN PEER COLLEGE ADVISING

CPCAs provide an open-door, whole school approach to advising where students never have to sign up to attend. CPCAs are available each school day for drop-in advising 30-60 minutes before school starts, during the lunch period (typically 30-45 minutes at most high schools), and after school in the college and career center or in a designated classroom on campus for students school-wide.



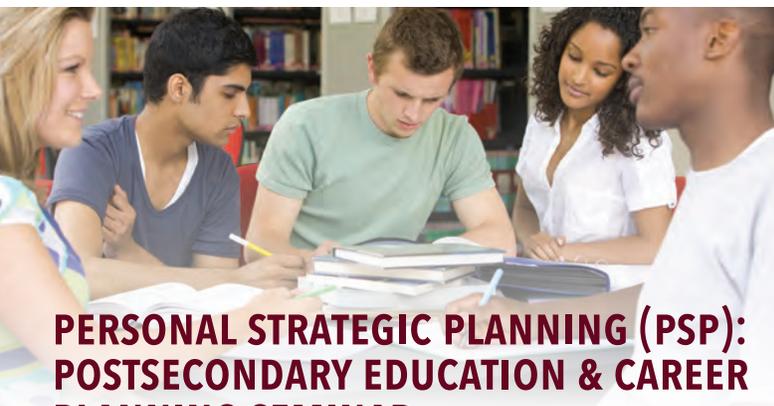
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS ADVISING & WORKSHOPS

CPCAs will provide seniors with individual, hands-on assistance with completing their College Applications. CPCAs will provide workshops on the admissions process and writing an effective personal statement/ admissions essay.



FINANCIAL AID ADVISING & SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS

CPCAs will provide workshops on completing the FAFSA and financial aid. There will be several workshops covering topics such as Grants, Scholarships, Work-Study, and Loans. Financial aid workshops will be held in the Fall and Spring semester.



PERSONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING (PSP): POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION & CAREER PLANNING SEMINAR

CPCAs and professional school counselors guide each student through the process of developing their own Personal Strategic Action Plan, where students receive assistance setting priorities for the next 10 years of their life, define their academic and career goals, and develop strategic action plans to achieve them.



NAPCA TV: COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

CPCAs will create a youtube channel, and other forms of social media to remind students about each step that must be completed to submit competitive applications to two- and four-year colleges and universities. This service will also be used to inform students about a variety of resources such as scholarship opportunities.

CPCA Service Learning & Leadership Year-Long Course

CPCA SERVICE LEARNING & LEADERSHIP COURSE

This is a structured service learning and leadership class within our partnered schools for academic credit where our certified peer college advisors come together to plan and organize college focused activities and events for their peers school-wide. The goal of the leadership class is to establish a strong college-going culture within the schools day-to-day operation in order to increase opportunities and access to higher education for ALL students.

The class is supervised by a faculty advisor, which is usually a school teacher, counselor, NAPCA college advisor or school administrator.



SERVICE LEARNING REFLECTION PROJECT & PRESENTATION

CPCAs must maintain a “reflection journal,” challenging them to think, write, and talk critically about (and thereby learn from) their experience. CPCAs will also continue to work on their draft personal strategic plan (education and career action plan) to help them achieve their future college and career goals. CPCAs started writing their first few drafts during the CPCA Training & Certification Program.

College Tours

Selecting the right university can be one of the most important and difficult decisions each student needs to make. Students will have the opportunity to visit college campuses during the school year and in the summer where they will meet with the admissions and financial aid staff and counselors to help them become better prepared and competitive applicants for their top-choice college. Furthermore, the NAPCA Chapter will encourage students school-wide to participate in virtual college tours.

Here are some of the college tours the chapters and CPCAs organize for students school-wide:

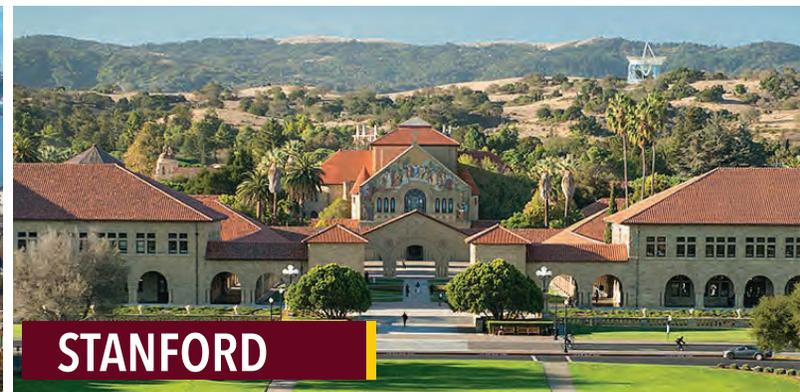
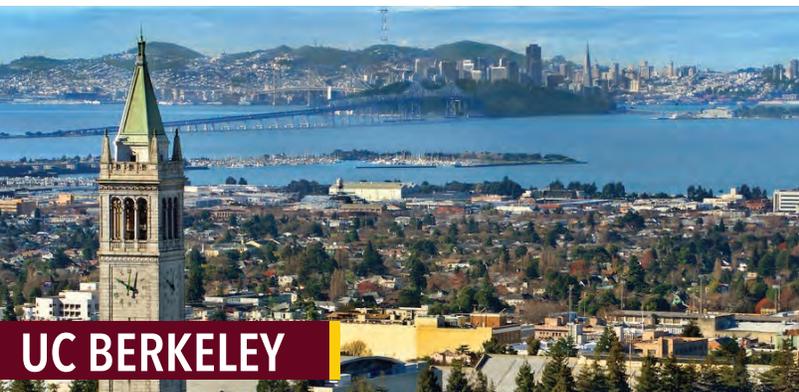
Northern California College Tour- UC Berkeley, Stanford, UC Davis, San Francisco State

Southern California College Tour- USC, UCLA, and Cal State Long Beach

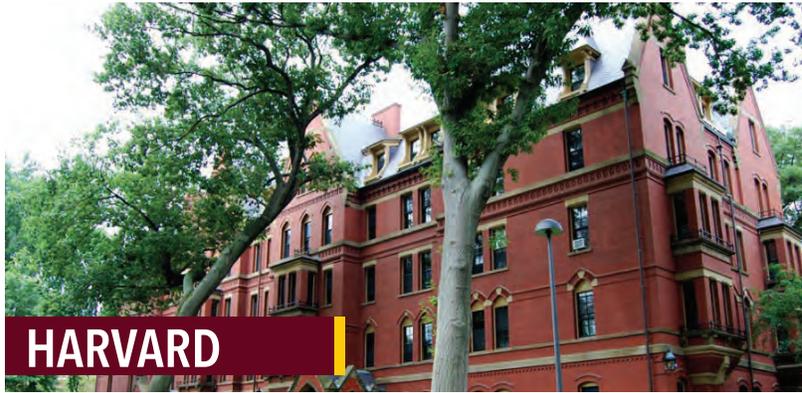
East Coast College Tour- MIT, Boston University, NYU, Georgetown, George Washington University, UPenn

Ivy League College Tour- Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Brown University, Dartmouth College, Columbia University

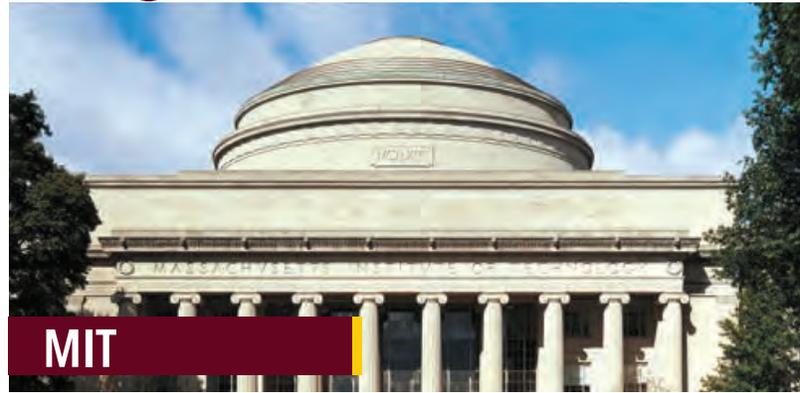
West Coast College Tour



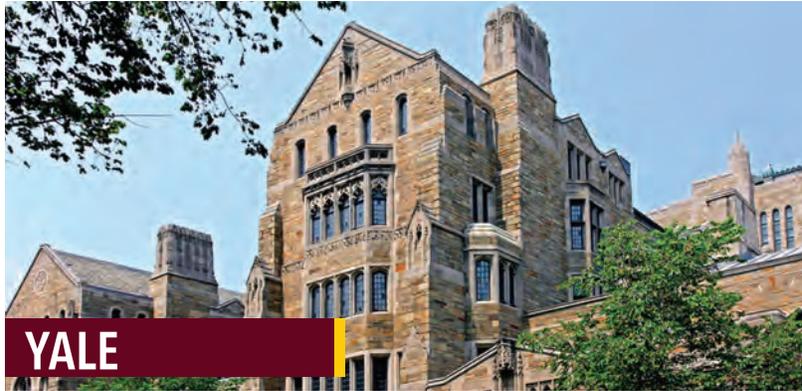
East Coast College Tour



HARVARD



MIT



YALE



PRINCETON



NYU



BOSTON UNIVERSITY



DARTMOUTH



TEMPLE



CORNELL



GEORGETOWN

College Focused Program Features

COLLEGE READINESS ELECTIVE COURSE

The College Readiness elective course is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students school-wide. The elective course will prepare students to become college ready and competitive applicants for admission to their top-choice college. In addition, the course will help students successfully transition from a high school student to a college student.

COLLEGE READINESS ELECTIVE COURSE CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT

College Admissions: Navigating the College Admissions Process				
The System of Higher Education in the United States	Differences Between High School and College Admission Requirements	Demystifying the Four-Year College/University Application Process	Demystifying the Two-Year College/University Application Process	Writing the Personal Statement and Admissions Essay
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Personal Statement & Admissions Essay One-on-One Instruction and Feedback	How to be Better Prepared & Competitive When it's Time to Apply for College	College Admissions Application Process		
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Re-Applying for Financial Aid				
Academic Skills Development & Writing for College Success				
Time Management & Goal-Setting Skills	Balancing Academics with Extracurricular Activities	Effective Listening & Note Taking Skills	Memorization Skills: Learn to Remember, Remember to Learn!	Organizational Skills for Student Success
Intro to College Writing	Exam Taking Strategies & Reliving Test Taking Anxiety	Power Reading Strategies: Comprehension & Speed	Academic Writing for College success	Taking Advantage of Office Hours with your Professor

College Focused Program Features



COLLEGE-GOING TEAMS CO-LED BY CPCAS

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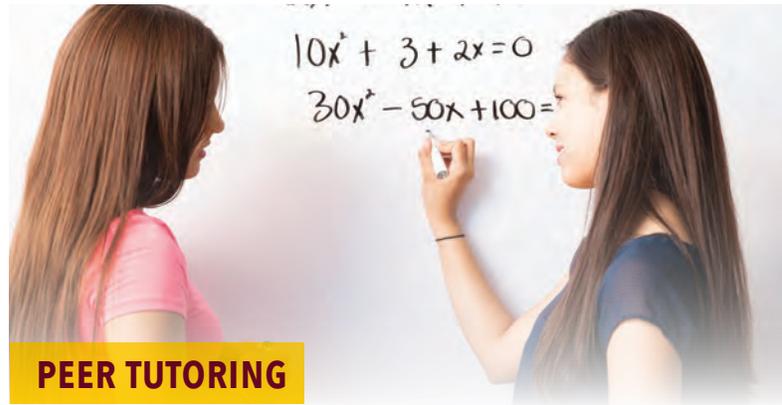
NAPCA COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

NAPCA Chapters and CPCAs will provide workshops on the admissions process and on writing an effective personal statement/admissions essay.



CASH FOR COLLEGE

NAPCA Chapters and CPCAs will organize our annual Cash for College event during the month of December, January or February at their school or in their community. Seniors and their families will receive individual, hands-on assistance with completing the FAFSA and other financial aid forms.



PEER TUTORING

CPCAs are trained to help students stay motivated and on track to complete the critical steps required to become a competitive applicant for admission to their "best-fit and top-choice" college.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Chapters will organize and implement community service projects that will benefit their school and local community.



PARENT - FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

CPCAs organize events for parents to help them learn how they can support their children while they are on the path to enroll and complete some form of postsecondary education.

College Focused Program Features



MONTHLY COLLEGE TOURS

Students will have the opportunity to visit college campuses during the school year and in the summer where they will meet with the admissions and financial aid staff and counselors to help them become better prepared and competitive applicants for their top-choice college.



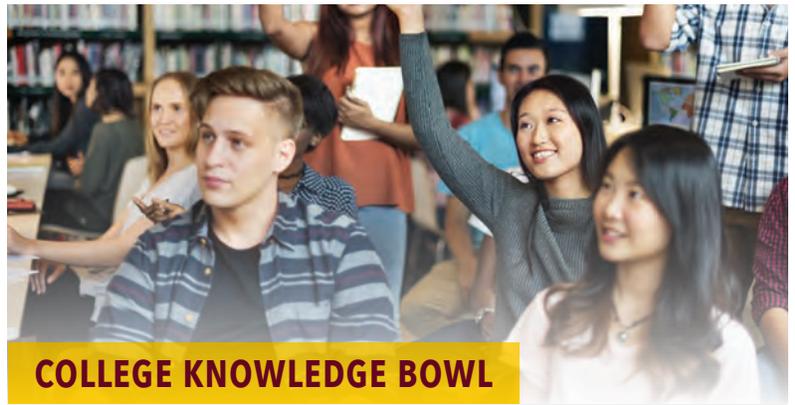
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PRESENTATIONS

NAPCA chapters/CPCAs will bring college admissions officers from several colleges and universities across the U.S. to their high school campus every month to meet with students school-wide to expose them to their college admission requirements, degree programs, financial aid, and campus life.



COLLEGE APPLICATION/ ESSAY WORKSHOPS

These workshops clearly explain to students how to write an effective personal statement and fill out the UC, CSU, and private/independent four-year college/ university applications.



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE BOWL

The College Knowledge Bowl will allow new and returning CPCAs to showcase their college knowledge in a friendly competition.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION DAY

School Counselors play a huge role in helping students achieve school success. To show appreciation, NAPCA will host a special luncheon celebrating all school counselors.



SAT/ACT TEST PREP

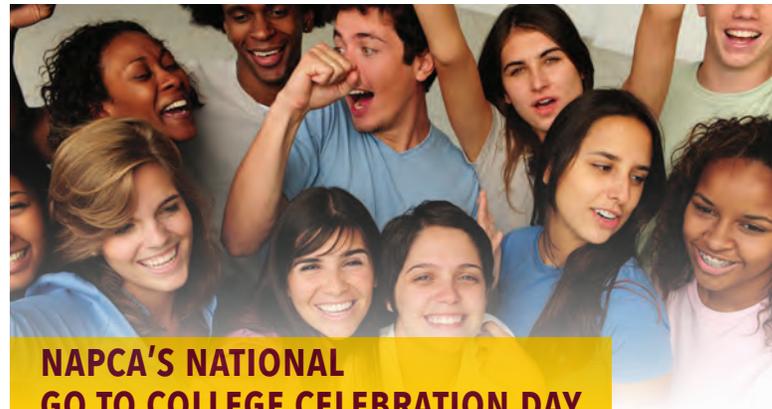
NAPCA chapters organize workshops to familiarize students with the tests and with study strategies and test-taking tips. Additionally, NAPCA chapters help financially eligible students and families receive fee waivers for college entrance exams.

College Focused Program Features



COLLEGE DECISION DAY/ AWARDS BANQUET

Chapters will organize a yearly dress-up affair for CPCAs, chapter members, and other seniors in the graduating senior class. The banquet will celebrate seniors and their decision to attend college.



NAPCA'S NATIONAL GO TO COLLEGE CELEBRATION DAY

Every year, NAPCA Chapters/CPCAs plan and implement a NAPCA National "Go to College" Celebration day at their school to recognize high school seniors going on to pursue their postsecondary plans.



ACADEMIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

NAPCA Chapters/CPCAs conduct academic skills workshops on study skills, time management, goal-setting, and several others to help students strengthen their academic skills for high school and college success.



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Enrichment activities are designed to provide supplemental learning opportunities, fundamental knowledge, academic proficiency, and scholastic enhancement to students. Through NAPCA, students can participate in NAPCA Summer Programs, NAPCA Concurrent Enrollment and Community College Program, and Peer Tutoring (*Offerings vary by Chapter).



CPCA APPRECIATION DAY

To show CPCAs our appreciation, NAPCA will host a special luncheon with the School Principal and District Superintendent honoring our CPCAs.



COLLEGE-GOING TEAM WALL OF FAME

Each college-going team will showcase its members by posting a "Wall of Fame" poster in the hallways of their school. Members will share their college and career aspirations in a short biography along with a photo.

Career Focused Program Features

CAREER PLANNING ELECTIVE COURSE

The Career Planning elective course is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students school-wide. Students will create their own Personal Strategic Plan, where students receive assistance setting priorities for their life, define their academic and career goals, and develop strategic action plans to achieve them.

CAREER PLANNING ELECTIVE COURSE CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT

Career Planning & Development				
Defining your Purpose/Career Path	Personal Strategic Planning: Education & Career Action Plan	Writing a CV or Resume	Writing an Effective LinkedIn Profile	Applying for a Job/ Internship Aligned with your Career Path
Effective Interview Skills	Writing a Cover & Thank You Letter			

Note: Elective courses will be offered in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Each semester the elective course will run during the school day and/or Saturdays.



Career Focused Program Features



CAREER EXPLORATION & PLANNING: EXPLORING DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS

CPCAs provide career exploration events and activities, including speakers from the business community, visits to employer sites, career planning assistance, career fairs, and job shadowing/internship opportunities.



EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKERS FROM DIFFERENT CAREER INDUSTRIES

NAPCA Chapters will arrange to have guest speakers from different industries speak to students school-wide to gain insight on their future careers and learn valuable strategies on how to achieve their education and career goals.



CAREER TOURS

Students will have the opportunity to take educational trips to a variety of companies and industries to help them explore their different career interests.



CAREER FAIRS

NAPCA chapters will host college fairs that showcase a variety of businesses, industries, and organizations in order to help students in their career search.

Fun Activities



Six Flags Magic Mountain

Are you a thrill seeker? Come out to Six Flags with NAPCA and the staff and enjoy the gold standard of regional theme parks. Six Flags has 160 world-class roller coasters, upscale restaurants, entertainment, and one-of-a-kind rides!



Hurricane Harbor Waterpark

Be cool! NAPCA is ready to take you out to slippery slides, crazy water tubes and lots of refreshingly cool water. Hurricane Harbor includes the thrill of a coaster while you stay fresh under the sun!



Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park

Sky Zone is the world's first indoor trampoline park. You can join in on a fitness class for a workout, slam dunk on a 10ft basketball net, flip into a pool of foam, or simply bounce around!



iFly Indoor Sky Diving

iFly is an indoor skydiving experience that creates true free fall conditions, just like skydiving, without having to jump out of an airplane. It's just you and the air, and it's the most incredible adrenaline rush!



Ice Skating with NAPCA

Want to race? Come out and join NAPCA and staff on a beautiful night by taking some laps around the skating rink and enjoy your new friends!



Wavehouse Indoor Surfing

Indoor surfing offers an authentic experience for boarders and casual guests alike without the danger of the ocean and without the salty taste in your mouth. Experts can refine their skills and beginners can finally learn to surf!



Lucky Strike Bowling

Lucky Strike Bowling is an evening of fun for everyone! Come show your skills on the lane or just hang out and eat some delicious pizza and wings while you relax in the lounge areas.



Swimming / Pool Parties

It's time to bring out the sunglasses, tanning lotion and get your swim on! Feel the vibes with music thumping and relaxing by the pool with your friends while you soak up the sun.

Fun Activities



Movie Night

Lights, camera, popcorn! Students and NAPCA program staff will spend an evening together out in the town to watch an entertaining movie at one of the top theaters in the U.S.



NAPCA Game Night!

Prepare yourself for a fun night of games and tap into the strategist within.



An Evening at the Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Game

NAPCA students and staff will spend an evening at Dodgers Stadium in full force to support the Los Angeles Dodgers (professional American Baseball team) with the rest of the Dodgers Nation.



A Night out on the Town with Starbucks

Interact with your NAPCA staff and peers while sipping on a delicious cup of your favorite Starbucks drink. Starbucks is greatly known for their hot and cold drinks around the world!



Fun Under the Sun at the Beach

NAPCA students and staff will spend an afternoon enjoying the beach. Join the fun and relax a little with your new friends!



Ice Cream Socials

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, whatever your favorite flavor is, it is time to indulge with your friends and NAPCA program staff.



Open Mic / Talent Show

Whether it's singing a pop culture song, playing a Beethoven sonata, or sharing an athletic feat, the Talent Show at NAPCA is sure to be an evening of amazing entertainment and merriment.



Golf & Stuff

NAPCA Chapters rent out the whole park to host their fun event. Play miniature golf, ride go-karts, or bumper cars.



Become A Certified Peer College Advisor

JOIN US

Join our global student movement in high schools across the world to empower your peers to define their life's purpose/career path, break through their barriers, and prepare to enroll and complete some form of postsecondary education, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers or trades.



Certified Peer College Advisors (CPCA) Role:

Work with middle and high school students from all backgrounds (including students with disabilities) to build their college and career aspirations.

Work to tie college-going into the life of a school, devise creative approaches to reach and connect with students, and most importantly, open the eyes of students and their families to the importance of completing a regionally accredited undergraduate degree program or postsecondary career/technical training program to be prepared to enter and succeed in high skilled careers or trades.

Help students register and complete college entrance exams and search for two- or four-year colleges that match their future education and career goals and fit their financial, social, and cultural needs.

Help their peers navigate through the complex processes of applying to, securing financial aid/scholarships, and enrolling into a regionally accredited two- or four-year college or career/technical training certificate or licensure program, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers or trades.

CPCA Training & Certification

Complete a total of 140 hours of CPCA training & certification during our 3 week summer training program.

- 100 hours of pre-service classroom training.
- 40 hours of supervised fieldwork.

Complete at least 20 hours of on-going, in-service training throughout the school year to reinforce a wide range of competencies learned from their CPCA training.

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