

The parents and teachers of the Gate/Honors District Advisory Council are pleased to invite you to a presentation addressing

How to Find the Right College How to Get Scholarships to Pay for It

For parents of students in 8th-11th grade (students are also welcome)

Speaker: Susan Goodkin is a graduate of Harvard University, Harvard Law School, and Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. In addition to college consulting, Susan writes and speaks nationally on education issues including college admissions. Her articles have appeared in newspapers including The Washington Post, The Miami Herald, The Philadelphia Enquirer, The Sacramento Bee, and The Houston Chronicle.

How to Find the Right College

- When to start looking at colleges (it's earlier than you think!)
- How to get your child interested in the college search
- Secrets to searching from home
- The best college search resources
- What you need to know about college visits
- What your child should do before saying "yes" to a college

How to Win Scholarships

- Biggest scholarship search mistakes
- Surprising scholarship sources
- Scholarships you shouldn't apply for
- The most efficient ways to search for scholarships
- How to writing winning scholarship essays
- How to get the most effective recommendations
- Acing scholarship interviews

**Also featuring Mr. Hoby Pearce, who will speak on the topic of
"College Funding Planning"**

Mr. Pearce is a Certified Financial Planner who has taught many families how their personal finances integrate with the financial aid system and what impact college tuition will have on their bottom line. He will address how to navigate the financial aid system, demonstrating how proper planning can save a family thousands of dollars in college expenses.

And Finally, but Certainly Not Least:

Magna Sundstrom: The Princeton Review Test Prep Services

Ms Sundstrom will discuss The Princeton Review's free services, as well as those offered for a fee. Additionally, she will speak on the topic of 8th graders making the jump to 9th grade: selecting courses for competitive college admissions.

**SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011 9:00-12:00**

Admission is Free

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