

# *WCA Counselor Chats*

## *Topic: Researching College Options*

*“...turn your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding.” Proverbs 2:2*

- The Internet provides a wealth of information regarding the college selection process. Some helpful sites include:

The College Board	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>
ACT	<a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>
The College Foundation	<a href="http://www.cfnc.org">www.cfnc.org</a>
Christian colleges	<a href="http://www.myblueprintstory.com">www.myblueprintstory.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org">www.affordablecollegesonline.org</a>
All colleges	<a href="http://www.xap.com">www.xap.com</a>
Scholarship searches	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>
- The Guidance Office maintains a trove of view books, brochures, etc. **but always check the web site** for the most current information.
- **College Fairs:** The Christian College Fair is an important time for students and parents to visit with college representatives. Also, college opportunities sessions are held in early October in Greensboro and in Winston-Salem and large national fairs are held in Raleigh and Charlotte each spring. They will be announced through counselor newsletters and emails. The dates and times of fairs in the area will be announced through counselor newsletters and email.
- In many cases, the representatives attending the area fairs and/or making school visits at Wesleyan will be the representatives who will be the “First Reader” on all applications from your school. **Remember: You never get a second chance to make a good first impression!!!!** Students should be serious and intentional about meetings with college representatives. Those are great people to have on your side!
- Students should initiate the contacts with colleges and universities. There will be opportunities for parents to talk with college admissions representatives at a later date. Remember, it is the student’s application, not “our” application. College admissions officials become skeptical as to the student’s readiness for college if parents do all the talking.