



# Jerome High School

College Mentor Program



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# Jerome High School Mission Statement

▶ Working Together To Engage in Rigorous, Innovative Opportunities To Empower Students To Reach Their Aspirations.

▶ **RIGOROUS INNOVATIVE EMPOWERMENT**

▶ Staff

1 PRINCIPAL	2 Full Time Counselors	52 Teachers	9 Total Paras
1 FT VP		1 Librarian	4 Extended
½ VP, ½ AD	½ Workbase Coordinator,	2 College Mentors	3 Resource
½ VP	½ Counselor		1 ELL/Migrant
			1 21 <sup>st</sup> Century



# STAFF COLLEGE SHIRT DAY

# Students

<b>Total Student Count</b>	<b>942</b>
<b>Student Numbers by Accommodation:</b>	
Special Education	9%
504 Plans	4%
LEP	8%
Migrant	3%
Free/Reduced Lunch	58%

# CHANGING MINDSETS

“I JUST WANTED TO COME  
IN AND TALK TO YOU SO I  
CAN BE ON TOP OF THIS. I  
ALREADY FEEL BEHIND.  
THANK YOU FOR HELPING  
ME.”

STUDENT QUOTE



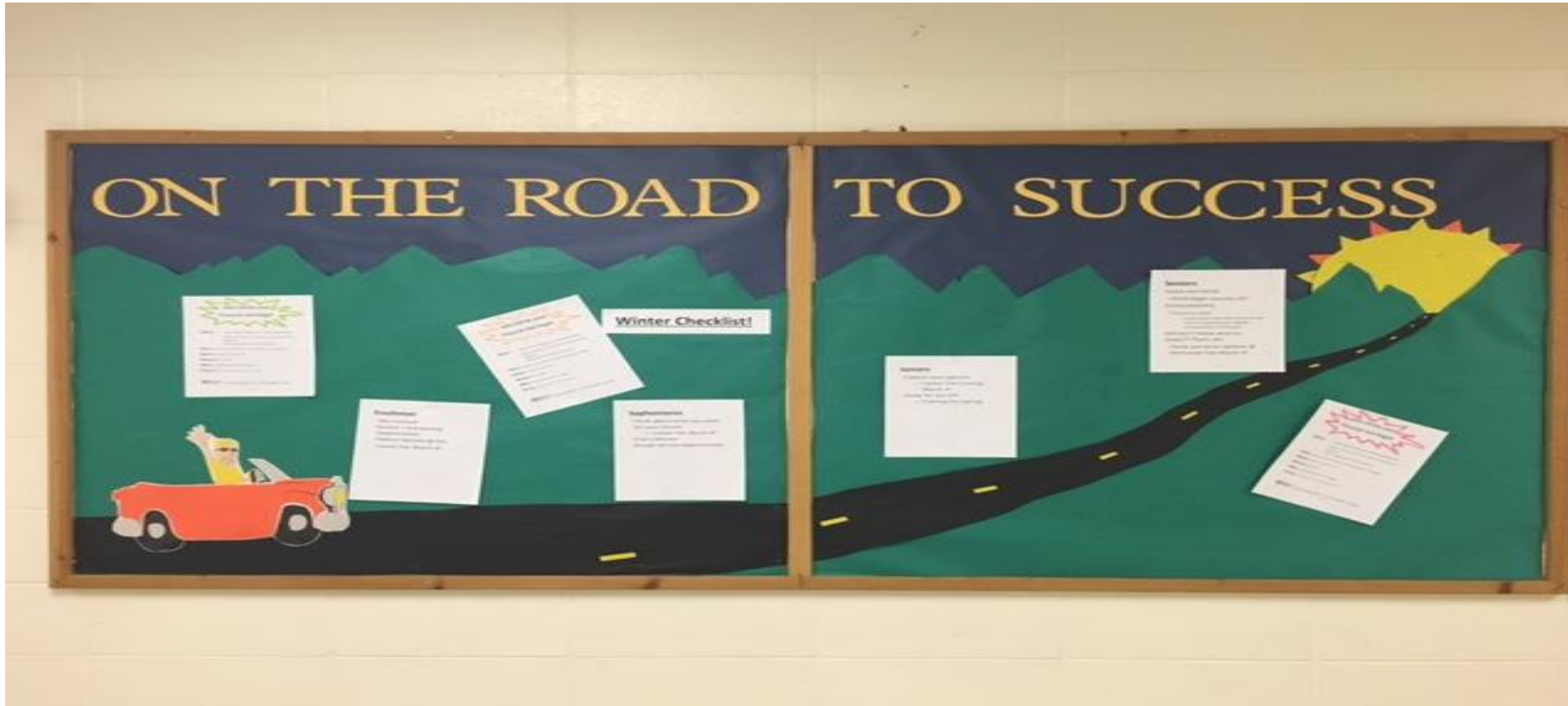
# Counselor : Student Ratio

- ▶ 1 Counselor : 471 Students
- ▶ 1 Full Time Counselor - Only Counseling Duties
- ▶ 1 Full Time Counselor - Testing Coordinator, Advanced Opportunities
- ▶ ½ Time Counselor, ½ Time Workbase Coordinator - Scheduling, Alternative School Counselor

# College Mentors

- ▶ Awarded College Access Grant for 2015-16 School Year
- ▶ Hired 2 Full Time Near Peer College Mentors
- ▶ Recent College Graduates and Previous Jerome High School Graduates

# OPENING MINDS TO POSSIBILITIES



“I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT FIGURING OUT MY LIFE,  
CAUSE IT’S KIND OF A MESS RIGHT NOW.”  
STUDENT QUOTE



# College Mentor Data

Individual Student Meetings -  
discussing options, setting goals,  
encouraging pursuit of  
degrees/certificates, completing  
applications

958 Meetings Held

College Tours - BSU, CWI, ISU

3 Tours - 91 Students Attended

College Presentations - 10 schools  
represented

363 Students Attended

Classroom Presentations - Grades 9-12,  
main focus on freshman and  
sophomore classes

30 Classes - 651 Students Attended

# College Tours



“Dude, did you know I’m going to college? I just found out today.”  
Student Quote



# Financial Aid Preparation

Scholarship Night - 1 night per month (4 total), several scholarship applications can be completed in 1 setting	37 students attended
FAFSA Night FAFSA Info - 1 on 1 meetings discussing FAFSA and how to complete it, options for assistance	104 students
FAFSA Completion - Assisted students in completing FAFSA on FAFSA night as well as in 1 on 1 meetings	56 students and counting

“FAFSA IS KINDA EVIL. I’M GLAD I’M NOT HERE TRYING TO DO THIS ALONE.”  
STUDENT QUOTE



# Volunteer Extra-Curricular Connections

- ▶ Activities College Mentors have participated in to create relationships and connections with students in all grades:
  - ▶ Senior-Freshman Mentoring
  - ▶ Orange Crush (Spirit Club)
  - ▶ Roaring Times (School Newspaper)
  - ▶ Drama
  - ▶ Book Club
  - ▶ Cross Country - Assistant Coach
  - ▶ Basketball - Assistant Coach



**“THIS ROOM IS SO FUN I  
SHOULD COME HERE  
EVERYDAY!”**

**MR. SHARP, HISTORY TEACHER**

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ Career Fair - Recruited and connected with 36 businesses for a total of 74 business participants.
  - ▶ Create a “Go on Culture”
  - ▶ Business/community connections with students
  - ▶ Expose students to opportunities available to them beyond high school
  - ▶ Example - Home Depot intends to attend the JHS career fair with the intent of hiring students and sharing their programs for furthering education and tuition assistance.
- ▶ Junior Class Student Meetings - holding 220 individual student meetings with Juniors to get a head start on next year. Discuss goals and plans, research options, college placement tests, grades, etc. Create excitement for senior year and alleviate anxiety over the process of furthering education after high school.

# Middle School Connections

- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentations - Meetings with small groups of 8<sup>th</sup> graders to discuss importance of their futures and make connection between how their choices and school performance make a difference for their futures.
- ▶ 278 8<sup>th</sup> grade students affected.



# MAKING PLANS

“THE COLLEGE MENTOR PROGRAM HAS HELPED MOTIVATE ME TO HAVE A PLAN AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.”

SENIOR STUDENT

“THE BENEFIT OF THE COLLEGE MENTORS IS NOT ONLY GUIDING THE UPPERCLASSMEN, BUT ALSO CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LOWER CLASSMEN.”

SENIOR STUDENT

# Overall Impact of College Mentors

- ▶ College Application Week
  - ▶ 205 Students Applied for College
- ▶ Total Applications = 257

Year	Percent of Students in Senior Class Applying for College
2015-2016	97%
2014-2015	37%
2013-2014	56%

# CHANGING EXPECTATIONS

“WALKING THROUGH THE COUNSELING OFFICE THIS YEAR, THERE IS A LARGER PRESENCE OF SENIORS, ASKING FOR ADVICE, DOING WORK NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, AND COMMUNICATING ABOUT THE FUTURE.”

MR. MUNROE, HUMANITIES TEACHER

“IT WAS REFRESHING THEN, THIS YEAR, TO NOTICE A MARKED AND UNMISTAKEABLE CHANGE IN THE AIR. COLLEGE IS ON THE STUDENTS’ LIPS AND IN THEIR MINDS.”

MR. VAN ORDEN, ENGLISH TEACHER

# BUILDING A “GO ON CULTURE” AT JHS

- ▶ Changing perceptions on post secondary options for all students
- ▶ Fostering relationships with students and staff
- ▶ Contributing to establishing a positive school culture
- ▶ Enriching and completing counseling services
- ▶ Data Tracking
- ▶ Making connections across schools throughout the district



**“WE MUST NOT FORGET TO MAKE ENHANCEMENTS TO OUR FUTURE PREPARATION THAT WILL BETTER EQUIP THE ALUMNI OF OUR SCHOOL. THE KNOWLEDGE WE OBTAIN WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL IS ONLY AS VALUABLE AS OUR CAPABILITY TO TRANSITION IT INTO THE WORKING WORLD.”**

**SENIOR STUDENT**