

## THE COLLEGE COUNSELING PACKAGE

Three Richmond-based businesses, The BrownMiller Group, CSS Tutoring Services and College Connections have combined their expertise to provide The College Counseling Package, a professional, comprehensive college planning service. This package includes career counseling and vocational testing, an SAT or ACT prep class and coaching on college selection, application materials and essays.

### CAREER COUNSELING AND ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY BROWNMILLER

Sally Brown and Bonnie Miller of The BrownMiller Group will provide career counseling and vocational testing to assess the student's career interests and relate those interests to possible college majors.

This will involve:

- Initial career counseling session to determine student's current view of higher education choices. The process of career decision-making and how it relates to college choice will be explained.
- Student will be provided with the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and the Strong Interest Inventory to complete and mail back to the BrownMiller Office.
- A second session to interpret the MBTI with a focus on the student's unique personality characteristics and how they relate to both educational and career choices. Other relevant topics such as learning styles, living with a roommate and managing time and stress may also be discussed.
- A third session to interpret the Strong Interest Inventory relating the student's interest patterns to career choices. This information can be used to identify college majors and extracurricular activities that can provide the students with experience in their areas of interest, making them more marketable. A research plan into areas of interest will be developed.  
**Parents are encouraged to attend this session.**
- A fourth session to report in on the student's research into areas of career interest and potential majors.
- A fifth follow up session is available from The BrownMiller Group at any point in the future according to the needs of the student. For instance, this might be helpful in college, when the student is making final decisions regarding a major, minor, or internship. The student may also schedule this follow up session when nearing graduation in order to craft a resume or job search strategy.

The assessment portion of the college counseling package is designed to teach the student a process of self assessment and career planning that will benefit them throughout their educational career and work life.

**NOTE:** In order to strengthen the college planning process, with the consent of the student, a written summary of the career counseling and assessment done by The BrownMiller Group will be provided to each family and to each of the educational partners in The College Counseling Package.

### **COLLEGE CONNECTIONS TO OVERSEE THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

Christel Milak-Parker, M.Ed. of College Connections will provide a step-by-step plan for completing the college application process so your student looks as competitive as possible on paper. The goal is to have letters of admission from colleges that are the right fit for your student.

Web site- [www.collegeconnections.net](http://www.collegeconnections.net)

College Connections will provide:

- 90-minute needs assessment to determine where you are in the college application process and create your step-by-step plan.
- Additional 90 minutes of college planning. Based on your plan, this can include college selection, identifying reach, target and safety schools, application tips, campus visit and interview information and advising on recommendations.
- Two hours of essay coaching. This can be separated into two, one-hour sessions.

### **CSS TUTORING TO PROVIDE SAT OR ACT STRATEGY SESSIONS**

CSS Tutoring will provide strategies to ensure success on the standardized test of choice for college admission. Students will learn how to “think inside the box” and to understand that “location, location, location” is an important concept on these standardized tests.

Web site- [www.satactprep4u.com](http://www.satactprep4u.com)

Test prep will consist of:

- SAT or ACT instruction in a group setting (maximum 6 students) with one of our experienced instructors. All materials provided.
- Opportunity to upgrade to one on one tutoring for a special additional rate.
- Opportunity for further tutoring at a special rate after the group instruction.

The College Planning Package provides a collaborative approach to your child's college planning. We will put our years of experience to work for you in order to minimize the stress involved during the transition from high school to higher education. As a result, you will be maximizing the probability that your child will make wise choices and lay the foundation for success in college and beyond.

The cost of the College Counseling Package is \$2100.00. If you want to register, send your check, payable to The BrownMiller Group, and the registration form (available on our website on the college counseling page) to: The BrownMiller Group, 312 Granite Ave., Richmond, VA 23226. If you have any further questions about this package, feel free to e-mail us and we will be back in touch with you as soon as possible.

The College Counseling Package is the collaboration between three independent businesses. If you are not interested in all of the services provided by the College Counseling Package, but require the expertise of one or two of the providers, please contact the individual business or businesses offering the services you want.

*Note: Students will be reserved a space in The College Counseling Package on a first-come-first-served basis. Once the spaces are filled, we place students on a waiting list.*