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Requesting a Crosby Scholars Senior Advisor: Action from all Senior Scholars Required by June 10

The Senior Advisor/Senior Scholar relationship is an important component of the Crosby Scholars Senior Program. In order to receive a Senior Advisor and continue as a Crosby Scholar, you must complete the Senior Advisor Form available in your portal no later than **June 10**. This applies to all Crosby Scholars seniors. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about requesting a Senior Advisor.

What is the role of a Crosby Scholars Senior Advisor?

Crosby Scholars Senior Advisors are adults who will meet with you periodically throughout your senior year to provide ongoing support as you consider and finalize your postsecondary plans. Meeting topics will include reviewing your target list of colleges, answering questions about admissions, financial aid and scholarship applications, helping you keep track of deadlines and making sure you are aware of your progress toward meeting Crosby Senior Program requirements.

Who will choose my Senior Advisor?

Students are given the option to request an advisor whom they know or to request that Crosby Scholars assign them an advisor. All students must complete the Senior Advisor Form to indicate their preference.

How do I make sure that I will have a Senior Advisor?

Consider whether you would like Crosby Scholars to assign you a staff advisor or whether you would like to choose your own Senior Advisor. Once you have discussed the options with your parents and made a decision, login to your Crosby Student Portal. There you will find the Senior Advisor Form. All senior scholars must submit this form by June 10.

Who are Crosby Scholars Staff Senior Advisors?

Crosby Scholars Senior Advisors are paid staff members who are trained by Crosby Scholars. Staff members are typically retired guidance counselors or have college admissions or counseling related work experience or are Master's in Counseling candidates who are paired with a senior staff mentor.

Who do scholars typically ask when self-selecting an advisor?

Self-selected advisors are volunteers from the community whom the scholar knows. The person might be a teacher, a parent or other family member. The advisor must be a high school graduate, may not be the student's guidance counselor (because the guidance counselor is already a resource for that student in the college process), and must agree to attend an initial training session over the summer. If a student hires a professional college counselor to assist him or her, the student should choose that person as the self-selected advisor. Self-selected advisors must have agreed to act as the student's advisor prior to the student submitting the Senior Advisor Request Form.

How do self-selected advisors receive support from Crosby Scholars?

Self-selected advisors will attend an initial training session to provide information and to answer their questions about the college admissions and financial aid process. In addition, self-selected advisors will be assigned a staff member who will review completed Conference Notes, act as a guide through the process and answer any questions from the advisor.

After the initial training session, what training is provided to advisors?

Crosby Scholars provides ongoing training throughout the year to all advisors. This is in the form of workshops, e-mail communication, newsletters and Conference Notes to guide each discussion with the scholar.

Is it better to request an assigned staff advisor or self-select an advisor?

Because each student is unique, this will depend on the preference and situation of the individual student. About 2/3 of scholars typically request that Crosby Scholars assign a staff advisor.

Where and when will I meet with my senior advisor?

Students and advisors will meet periodically throughout the school year to complete a set of Conference Notes about the student's post high school planning process. The Conference Notes will act as an outline for each meeting to facilitate discussion between the advisor and the student. Assigned staff advisors will meet with students at their school or the Career Center during the school day. Self-selected advisors will meet with students at a mutually convenient location and time outside of school hours.

Can I self-select an advisor who does not live nearby?

Yes. Crosby Scholars will work with the advisor to offer training through either an online format or provide materials that will assist the advisor in providing guidance to the scholar. The student and the advisor can determine the meeting format that works best (phone, FaceTime, etc.) and all advisors submit completed Conference Notes electronically.

What can I expect after I submit my Senior Advisor Request Form?

Following the June 10 deadline, a Crosby Scholars staff member will contact the advisor to invite him/her to the initial advisor training. The Scholar should also contact the advisor (if the advisor is self-selected) to confirm the advisor is aware of the training and plans to attend. Once the advisor has completed the initial training session, Crosby Scholars will confirm the advisor assignment and the advisor's name will appear in the scholar's portal.

Are advisors required to attend the initial training session if they served as an advisor during the prior year?

No. Senior Advisors returning from the previous year are not required to attend the initial training in the subsequent year.

What if I change my mind about my advisor assignment after the June 10 deadline?

As of June 11, all advisor assignments are final. If a self-selected advisor is not able to act as the scholar's advisor then the scholar must self-select another person.