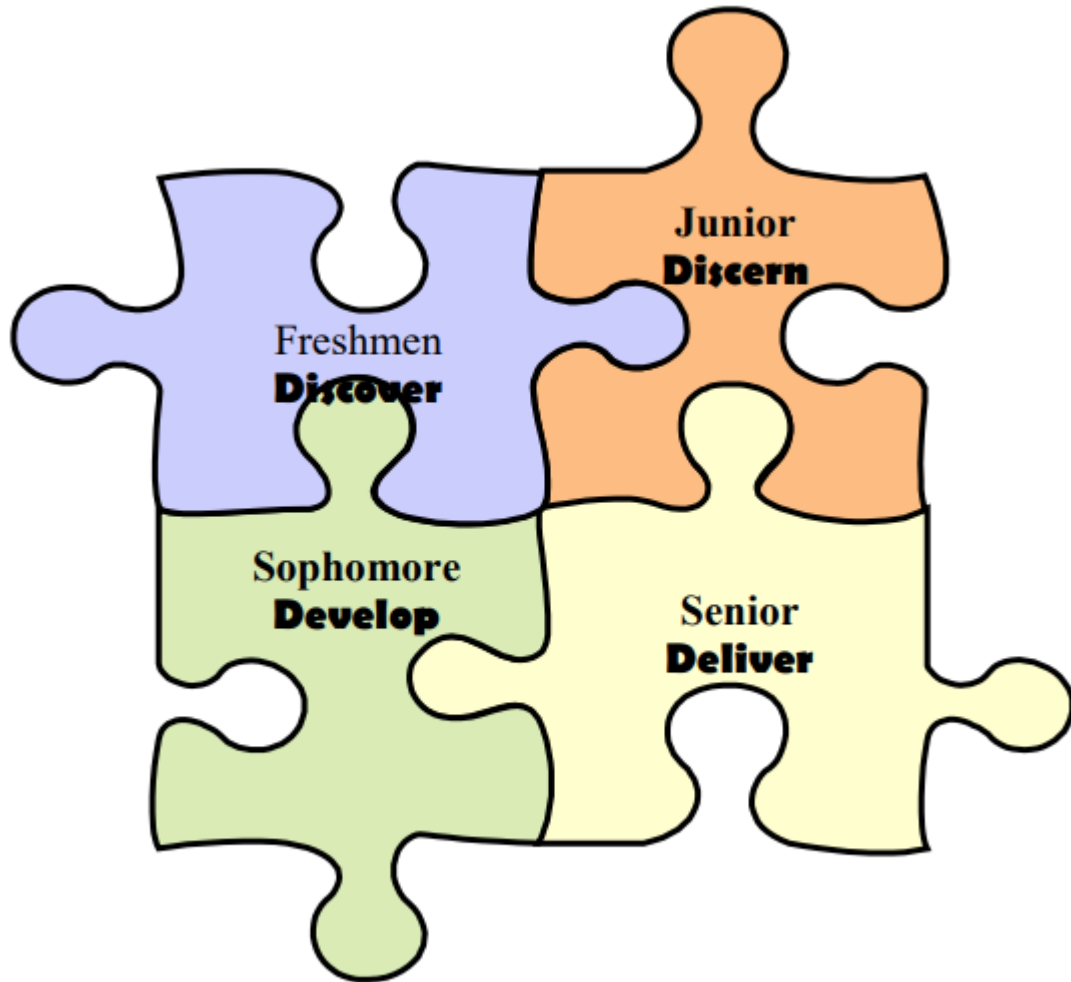


Ocean View Christian Academy College and Career Counseling Guide

"Glorifying God by equipping students spiritually, academically, socially and physically"



For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the LORD, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster to give you a future and hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



Dear Ocean View Christian Academy Student and Family,

We are pleased to share with you the College and Career Counseling Guide for Ocean View Christian Academy. Our goal is to provide students with the opportunities and information to help them reach their God given potential. The objective is to help students **discover, develop, discern** and finally **deliver** their God given talents to the world upon their graduation from Ocean View Christian Academy.

This document will help you understand the opportunities provided by Ocean View Christian Academy, the expectations of the student and the plan for the parents to help our students accomplish this goal and objectives. Like any document, it is only a plan. The ultimate success of your experience will be determined by your effort and execution of the plan. If done right and well, We believe it will result in the student's admission and success at the college or career program of their choice.

A Christian high school education is unique in that to be completed successfully; students must be led by their relative dependence on the adults in their lives to a more independent level of existence, yet sustained by their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is with this reality in mind that we have planned a curriculum and experience to challenge our students to their fullest and invite them to reach beyond their usual comforts.

It is fitting that our mascot symbolizes the adventurous Patriot who left the comforts of his homeland and traveled out into the unknown where he was forced to **discover, develop, discern** and **deliver** an experience that God masterfully orchestrated. We look forward to working together to make this happen.

With eternity in mind,

College & Career Counselor
Ocean View Christian Academy

Discover – Freshmen Year

The freshmen year is one filled with new discoveries. It is important that students keep an open mind and seek out opportunities to discover the many different options available for them in their college and career choices. Most importantly, it is a critical year to discover the importance of a solid high school experience as it relates to opportunities and options for college and beyond. This will be done largely through learning the importance in and implementation of study skills and time management (aka *homework and studying*).



Expectations of Students:

- Students will develop proper study habits and skills to reach their full potential by studying at least one hour every weeknight
- Students will communicate with teachers regarding absences and makeup work
- Students will discover their interests, values and abilities and how they relate to career and college explorations by using resources made available by the College & Career Counselor and outside sources
- Students will be involved and engaged in school so they can develop as a person
- Students will research what colleges desire and require in admission decisions
- Students will prepare for and take standardized testing offered by OVCA
- Students will meet with the College & Career Counselor to discuss, update and follow up on their goals and checklists
- Students will reflect and find the balance between maintaining good grades and rest
- Students will be involved in after school activities
- Students will participate in service projects to complete the required hour requirement (50 hours by graduation)
- Students will read the personal development book assigned by the College & Career Counselor

Plan for Parents:

- Parents will monitor student's academic progress regularly
- Parents will encourage students to develop their study skills by ensuring they study for one hour per weeknight
- Parents will encourage students to participate in after school activities and service opportunities

Supplemental Material for Student and Parents

- MappingYourFuture.org
- CollegeThatChangesLives.org
- ***Queen Bee Moms & Kingpin Dads: Dealing with the Parents, Teachers, Coaches, and Counselors Who Can Make –or–Break Your Child's Future*** by Rosalind Wiseman & Elizabeth Rapoport
- ***Countdown to College: 21 To Do Lists for High School: Step-By-Step Strategies for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders*** (2nd Edition) by Valerie Pierce