



## March 2020

### College Fair

BSM will host a College Fair on **Tuesday, April 21**, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Haben Center. All juniors are required to attend as a part of their Building Your Future portfolio, and all other BSM students and parents are welcome to attend. Approximately 130 college and university representatives will be available to talk with prospective students and parents. They will answer questions about the college admissions process and provide information about their particular college or university.

### Parents of Juniors

The required Building Your Future college and career portfolio, which includes assignments and required attendance at the BSM College Fair on **Tuesday, April 21**, are due in the college and career center by **3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21**. Juniors will receive half a credit and a passing grade on their transcript for the portfolio, and this is a graduation requirement. If students need help with any of the assignments, they should ask one of the counselors. Portfolios will be graded based on what is turned in, and **grades will not be negotiated**. Juniors will earn part of their total portfolio points from attending the **College Fair on Tuesday, April 21**, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Haben Center.

### College Reminders for Parents of Seniors

**1. Scholarships:** Be mindful of scholarship deadlines. There are still many scholarship opportunities that can be found in the “scholarship list” or the “National Scholarship Search” under the “colleges” tab in your Naviance account (<http://connection.naviance.com/bsm>). Other websites with scholarship searches: <http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**2. Housing Deposits:** The housing deposit is different than an enrollment deposit. Once admitted, or in some cases before you find out an admission decision (larger campuses), you should submit your housing deposit to secure a room. Students may submit housing deposits at more than one college. Note that the housing deposit is often refundable before May 1. Read all of the e-mails (remember to check your junk mail frequently) and letters sent to you from each of your colleges, and look on their website and/or call the admissions office or residence life office with any housing-related questions.

**3. Contact the colleges you will not be attending:** If you know that you will not be attending a college that you have been admitted to, please contact that college's admissions office (by phone or by e-mail) to let them know that you will not be attending. Contacting colleges now, or as early as possible, allows them to make better decisions about whether they can admit students who have been deferred or waitlisted.