FUTURE BY DESIGN — THE 2009-2010 BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLEGE CONFERENCE

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE PRESENTED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT INTERLAKE H.S. AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT NEWPORT H.S. TO SERVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF ALL BSD HIGH SCHOOLS.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE FOR ALL

A high school diploma is not an "end" point for today's students. Post secondary education, and its successful completion, is a must. The steps students can take to ensure success once they actually step onto a college/university/technical school campus will be highlighted. *Recommended for all grade levels as the perfect beginning to the evening's program.*

FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

Strategies to find colleges that match a student's profile and interests will be discussed. Defining student priorities and interests is an essential first step in finding colleges that "fit." *Recommended for 10th and 11th grade students and families.*

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Public universities in Washington offer a wide variety of programs. In this session you will learn about new program offerings, trends in admissions practices, and the unique characteristics of each of the public institutions in Washington. *Recommended for all grade levels.*

FINANCIAL AID — HOW IT WORKS AND HOW TO QUALIFY

This session will include information about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and on scholarships and grants which can also be part of a financial aid package for qualifying students. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families. (All grade levels may find it useful.)*

COMMUNITY COLLEGE: A GREAT WAY TO START

Starting your college career at a community college can be a good plan. Our local community colleges offer strong programs and transferring to a four year university can be done smoothly.

NAVIGATING THE NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE—COLLEGE FOR THE ATHLETE

The NCAA Clearinghouse process for student athletic eligibility will be covered. Advanced planning is essential. *Recommended for athletes of all grade levels.*

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS: WHY? WHEN? WHICH? HOW DO I PREPARE?

Both the ACT and the SAT have changes that will affect student planning to use these exams in the college admissions process. You will learn about specific changes, as well as which tests are required or recommended and strategies to prepare for these high-stakes exams. *Recommended for all grades levels.*

PAYING FOR COLLEGE WITHOUT GOING BROKE

Questions such as-- How can we afford private colleges? How can we get scholarships? How does the financial aid system work? Do we qualify for financial aid? How do colleges determine aid? How do 529 plans and the GET program work? We haven't saved enough, what do we do?—will be answered during this session. *Recommended for parents/guardians.*

COLLEGES FOR ARTISTICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

Learn about the different types of programs in the arts offered in the US & Canada. Understand the process for admissions, including portfolios and auditions. Find out about the future outlook for careers in the arts. It's all in this session!

SO HOW *DO* THEY MAKE THE DECISIONS: THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES

Representatives from various selective colleges will provide an overview of how their admissions teams evaluate applications. They will also take questions from students and parents/guardians regarding the application review process. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.*

APPLYING TO COLLEGE: BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER

The procedures for processing application documents at your high school, your role in the process, and the timelines that are critical to ease the stress of the college application season (October-January) will be discussed. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families.*

EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR EN WASHINGTON

Se discutirá en forma general de la educación superior de universidades y programas como los del Lake Washington Technical College. Se tocarán temas tales como el ingreso y la experiencia de los estudiantes en el Bellevue Community College y una visión general de la Universidad de Washington y la experiencia de sus estudiantes. *Recomendado para los estudiantes/familias, de todos los grados, que prefieran recibir la información referente estudios superiores en español.*

COLLEGE SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES--SPECIAL NEEDS ADMISSIONS

If you or your student has a 504 Plan or an IEP then this session is a must. You will learn what support is available in college and which colleges offer the best support. *Recommended for students in all grades who have special needs.*

YOU'RE OFF TO COLLEGE!

Come to this session to make sure you have the tools to make a good first impression!! Great information for parents/guardians and seniors. Don't miss this presentation! *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students.*

PUTTING YOURSELF ON PAPER: WRITING THE COLLEGE ESSAY

The college essay can be a critical part of the college application. Strategies to respond to essay prompts will be reviewed as well as ways to avoid mistakes and how to choose a topic that is appropriate for the essay. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students.*

COPING WITH STRESS AND DEPRESSION

Students are on their own at college. This session is a must for planning on how to deal with the real-world concerns in the college environment. *Recommended for 11th and 12th grade students and families..*

PROGRAMS FOR HONORS STUDENTS RIGHT HERE IN WASHINGTON

There is a high interest in Honors Education in our Public Institutions of Higher Learning in the state of Washington. These programs are developed specifically with the highly capable student in mind. In addition to WSU, the UW offers a similar program. Information about both will be provided.

FINDING YOUR PASSION/CAREER EXPLORATION

"Passion" comes from doing! Community service, job shadowing, career classes, career websites and educational camps offer students wonderful opportunities to discover their interests and to find their passion before they spend huge sums of money in tuition experimenting at college. This session is all about taking advantage of what's in high school to make better choices in college. *Recommended for all grades, parents/guardians and students.*