**CollegeTracks’ Mission** -- To help students get onto higher ed/career pathways that lead to productive futures:

- get admitted to higher ed options that fit their interests and abilities
- secure enough financial aid to get post-secondary degrees without onerous debt

**Process:** College admissions/financial aid advising to ensure students meet critical milestones delivered by 3 full-time staff members and 16 trained volunteers

**Wheaton High School CollegeTracks Students**
439 CT students:
- 224 Class of 2020 (45% of the senior class)
- 214 Class of 2021, 1 Class of 2022

**Programming and Outcomes**
- 63 total student workshops
- 97 total parent meetings

**Admissions:**
- 896 college applications submitted to 131 colleges or technical schools
- 98% admitted to at least one of 88 colleges or technical schools
- 76% admitted to 4-year colleges

**Financial Aid:**
- 96% submitted a FAFSA, of those eligible – 114 students received Pell grant
- 91% submitted a MSFAA, of those eligible
- Scholarships received: Bonner Scholars, Jewish Social Service Agency, Alice D. Hamling, Joseph Fox Jr., Maryland Promise, Montgomery College Board of Trustees, Falk Memorial, Senatorial and Delegate scholarships, institutional-specific scholarships

**COVID-19 Engagement and Outreach Efforts:**
- Google Classroom
  - 193 students in Class of 2021 Google Classroom
- Class of 2021 Spring Workshops
  - 94 submitted Brag Sheet in Google Classroom
  - 60 submitted Resume in Google Classroom
  - 926 Total YouTube Views (across all sites)

**Collaboration with Wheaton High School to date**
- CollegeTracks co-facilitated Junior and Senior parent webinars with CCIC and ACES staff in May
- CollegeTracks co-facilitated a Posse Information session with CCIC in July

**Highlights**
- 59 eligible for Guaranteed Access Grants from MD – will attend University of Maryland, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Towson, Goucher, McDaniel, Frostburg, Morgan, Mt. St. Mary’s and Montgomery College
- 29 eligible for Educational Assistance grants from MD - will attend Montgomery College
- One student was selected to join the highly competitive MC Macklin Business Institute
**CollegeTracks COVID-19 Steps Taken:**

- CollegeTracks Staff members worked virtually throughout the spring semester to support our 1,343 students and their families across all sites.
- We pivoted our service model to have each staff member be responsible for an assigned caseload of students. Our first priority in the spring semester was to focus on seniors to guide them through college decisions and financial aid processes.
- Staff directed students on how to find their college financial aid award letters on college portals and met virtually with students and families to explain how much they will have to pay at a given college. They also continue to help students strategize on where to enroll since they recently were awarded state grants from MHEC.
- CollegeTracks Success Program staff recruited 125 total seniors from our 4 high schools to participate in our program for college students.
- CollegeTracks developed an online release form for new rising Seniors to sign up for our program. The form has been shared with counselors, CCIC, and other school partners to share with students and families.
- Paint Branch staff developed Youtube videos to supplement virtual workshops on Creating a Resume, College Search, Career Search, Brag Sheet/Naviance Forms, Common Application, Coalition Application and Financial Aid for the Junior Class at all sites.
- CollegeTracks partnered with PrepMatters to continue to offer ACT Prep to Juniors. PrepMatters has developed webinars for ACT/SAT Prep, AP courses, and College Planning.
- As CollegeBoard and ACT released information about canceled/changed testing dates, CollegeTracks staff informed Juniors of updates and registration next steps.
- The higher education landscape is changing daily and is full of uncertainty. CollegeTracks is tracking changes in colleges’ testing policies, deadlines for admissions, and campus closures. Many colleges have still not finalized their opening plans for the fall.

**The 2020-2021 School Year - Strategies for Continued Success During COVID-19 Challenges**

- **MCPS Funding:** MCPS has committed funding in the 2020-2021 budget for CollegeTracks to continue our impactful work at Wheaton High School as well as at B-CC, Paint Branch, Quince Orchard, and Watkins Mill High Schools.
- **Virtual Advising Tools:** CollegeTracks has invested in a suite of virtual advising technology and tools based on best practices in the college access sector to serve your students. We have hired a Director of Virtual Advising Tools and infrastructure to lead this important effort. We are poised to serve your students in person or virtually.
- **To achieve this goal:**
  - **School Communications:** please include CollegeTracks in your communications to students and families to help us in our recruiting efforts.
  - **Counselors and CCICs:** please encourage your CCIC and school counselors to continue to refer students to our program since we will likely not be able to recruit in person. Our goal is to reach out to every FARMS, first-generation, black, Latino, and immigrant students.
  - **Mindset and Equity:** please help us continue to foster an equitable, college-going mindset that promotes accessibility to college, regardless of race or background.