# COLLEGE COUNSELING at Trinity-Pawling

## **OVERVIEW**

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As a top college preparatory school in the Northeast, Trinity-Pawling provides our students with the guidance and support they need to find success in college and beyond. Our dedicated college counseling team has an individualized and student-centered approach as they help each student navigate the college selection process — from researching and visiting to applying and interviewing.

## **OUR DISTINCTIVE APPROACH**

Accessible, active, and engaging. Our college counseling team has offices in the Dann Academic Building and Cluett, allowing students regular access for college questions, essay prep, one-on-one meetings, and more!

A unique aspect of every Trinity-Pawling application is the committee of **Secondary School Report (SSR)** writers. Each year, 12 faculty members (each of whom work closely with the senior class) volunteer to help the college counseling team write each senior's SSR. This process creates a personalized and in-depth letter of recommendation that introduces the college admissions teams to each well-rounded student in our community. Every year, colleges applaud these letters as some of the most personal and genuine ones they read.

## **MEET THE TEAM**

Here to help you every step of the way!

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## THE PRACTICUM ADVANTAGE

The Practicum for Civic Leadership — Trinity-Pawling's signature program for experiential learning — plays an essential role in our students' college process. Each of the three parts of the Practicum will find its way into almost every senior's college portfolio. Additionally, the Practicum has its own section of the transcript, allowing college admissions teams to see the journey each student has gone through during their time at Trinity-Pawling.

WINTER PROJECT



GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE CHALLENGE

SENIOR INDEPENDENT PROJECT



These interdisciplinary projects allow students to showcase their interests and achievements outside of the traditional classroom setting.

Many college essays and interview questions will reference collaboration, teamwork, and overcoming obstacles. The GCC provides each of our students an opportunity to master these skills, discuss important topics, and prove their successes in addressing their assigned global issues.

An opportunity for Trinity-Pawling seniors to showcase their research and real-world experiences in a particular subject or industry. Seniors may also pursue a Diploma with Distinction — an honor given to students who showcase exceptional independence and determination throughout their SIP process.



Our team uses the Naviance Network, which allows counselors, students, and parents to access all pertinent information throughout the college process. We also utilize College Kickstart to provide students with an analytical preview of their college prospects, while also providing parents with detailed information about financial aid and merit aid at all institutions.





As a College Money Method partner, we provide an in-depth and transparent overview of the financial aid process to families — including helpful webinars, resources, and more.

### With the foundation of a Trinity-Pawling education, our graduates have gone on to...

...serve on the Student Senate at UC Berkeley;

- ...become Class Valedictorian at Trinity College;
- ...launch a safety-based mobile application at Carnegie Mellon University;
- ...start the Black Student Union on campus at Sewanee: The University of the South;
- ...be named Rookie of the Year as a freshman on the hockey team at Williams College;
- ...earn a national award for archeology stewardship at St. Lawrence University...and many more!