The University City High School Counseling Office provides a comprehensive school counseling program offering support in academics, college and career placement, financial aid, college counseling and well-being counseling through individualized planning and responsive services. The office has an open-door policy for students. Students have multiple spaces in the office where they can work on applications, resumes or other necessary projects with professional support from the counseling team, a social worker and a Lutheran Family Services therapist. Students are encouraged to visit starting freshman year to learn and utilize the services and opportunities that are available to them throughout their high school journey.

**Academic Counseling Services**

- Individual academic planning and advisement
- Individual Career and Academic Plan development (ICAP)
- Assistance with course selection and scheduling

**Two and Four-Year College Counseling Services**

- One-on-one college placement and application advising with Washington University in St. Louis college advisors
- ACT preparation and testing on site and paid for by the school
- Financial aid counseling and FAFSA coaching for students and families; regular FAFSA Frenzy nights
- College essay coaching in collaboration with the English Language Arts teachers
- Annual free UCHS College and Career Fair featuring more than 50 colleges and employers
- Office visits from more than 50 college and career admission representatives each school year
- Annual free UCHS group visits to colleges and universities such as Harris-Stowe University, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri – Columbia, University of Missouri – St. Louis, Washington University in St. Louis and Webster University
- Missouri A+ designated school that supports students through community service opportunities and provides qualified graduates with scholarship resources to public Missouri colleges and universities

**Career Counseling Services**

- WorkKeys certification program to place students in professional trade training and positions both in and after high school
- Project Lead the Way course opportunities in engineering and biomedical science
- Interview coaching
- Access to paid summer internships through NAF
- EMT certification program with University City Fire Department

**Early College Credit Programs and Counseling**

- Early College Experience in partnership with St. Louis Community College to simultaneously earn an associate’s degree and a high school diploma upon graduation
- Dual enrollment to take college-level courses offered through University of Missouri – St. Louis, Harris-Stowe University, St. Louis Community Colleges and Saint Louis University

**Volunteer Support**

- U-Serve, a UCHS program that provides community service volunteer opportunities and tracking for A+ Program

**Well-Being Services**

- On campus individual therapy to address emotional and behavioral issues from Lutheran Family and Children’s Services
- Wyman Wrap-Around Services for social emotional health and well-being
Quick Facts from UCHS School & Career Counseling Office

By the Numbers

$2.7 million in college and career scholarships reported annually by UCHS graduating seniors (estimated average)

16 UCHS graduates admitted to highly elite* colleges and universities since 2017 from American University to West Point

48 UCHS graduates admitted in Historically Black Colleges and Universities** since 2017

16 UCHS graduates admitted at University of Missouri-Columbia (MIZZOU) as freshmen for Fall 2019

9 Students currently working towards EMT certification through the University City Fire Department

6 Students participated in paid summer NAF internships at KPMG, MasterCard and WorldWide Technologies

40 Current students currently pursuing associates degree’s through UCHS’ Early College Experience program while in high school. First cohort group expected to graduate with both degrees in May 2020.

Colleges and Universities Admitting UCHS Graduates since 2017

Public Colleges/Universities In Missouri
Jefferson College • Missouri State University (Springfield) • Missouri Western State University [St. Joseph] • Northwest Missouri State University [Maryville] • Ranken Technical College • St. Louis Community Colleges • Southeast Missouri State University [Cape Girardeau] • Truman State University [Kirksville] • University of Central Missouri [Warrensburg] • University of Missouri-Columbia • University of Missouri-Kansas City • Missouri University of Science & Technology [Rolla] • University of Missouri-St. Louis

*Private and Out-of-State Colleges and Universities
American University • Applied Technologies/Met Center • Bates College • Boston College • Columbia College [Chicago] • Davidson College • Fontbonne University • Garden City CC • Hannibal LaGrange • Hickey College • Jefferson CC • Knox College • Lawrence University • Lindenwood University • Loyola University-Chicago • Macalester College • McKendree University • Millikin University • Missouri Baptist University • Olive Harvey-City Colleges [Chicago] • Pitzer College • Rhodes College • Rockhurst University • St. Louis University • Texas Southern University • United States Air Force Academy • United States Military Academy at West Point • University of Alabama-Huntsville • University of Alabama • University of Arkansas • University of Denver • University of Kansas • University of Memphis • University of Richmond • Vanderbilt University • Washington University in St. Louis • Webster University

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Alabama A&M University • Harris-Stowe University • Jackson State University • Lincoln University • Morehouse College • Pilander Smith College • Tennessee State University • Xavier University-Louisiana

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