

## Verde Valley School announces College Launch AZ for Summer 2017

With generous support from the Arizona Community Foundation, Sedona-based Verde Valley School will host its inaugural *College Launch AZ* in June 2017: a tuition-free, week long residential College Application Workshop for twenty high-achieving 10th and 11th grade students from historically underrepresented communities in the Verde Valley and throughout Arizona.

Under the direction of Meg Haesloop, Director of College Counseling at Verde Valley School, the program will be staffed by college students from throughout the country, some of whom were the first in their families to attend college. They will be joined throughout the week by admissions representatives from leading colleges and universities who will lead seminars and provide mentoring.

The workshop includes college research, college list development, essay and resume writing, feedback from admissions representatives, and a campus visit to a local university. By the end of the workshop, participants will have completed the Common Application, a collection of personal statements and supplement essays, an activities resume, a mock-interview, and a financial aid application.

Participants will live at Verde Valley School, sleeping in the dormitories, eating their meals in the dining hall, and enjoying the full experience of living and learning in a residential community.

### Eligibility:

To be eligible, each participant must:

- Be a current or permanent resident of the United States
- Be a resident of Arizona
- Be a member of a historically under-represented group (ie. 1st generation college student, Student of Color, Native American)
- Be a current 10th grade or 11th grade high school student
- Have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average (in core academic courses, not electives)
- Be enrolled in higher level classes in at least one discipline
- Have college aspirations

### Application Process:

To apply, students should submit the following materials by March 1, 2017:

- General Application
- Essay Questions
- Teacher Recommendation - Letter and Form
- Counselor Recommendation, High School Transcripts and test scores

Applications may be submitted via email or hard copy to:

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