

COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES IN VIRGINIA

To: Virginia High School Directors of Guidance
From: Robert Lambeth, President
Date: January 12, 2009
Re: Special Saturday *WRAP Sessions* for Prospective Students & Families (Class of 2009 and 2010) – January 24, 2009

On January 24, at 10 a.m., 25 private colleges across Virginia will offer special Saturday *WRAP Sessions* (*Within Reach and Personal*) to reassure prospective students and parents that the personal education we offer is more valuable than ever before and is within reach financially, even in today's economy.

The *WRAP Sessions* are not intended to be a routine open house or financial aid workshop. Although the programs will vary by institution, college officials on all private college campuses will offer a special presentation highlighting the quality and affordability of private higher education in Virginia.

When our admissions deans met in December, they decided it was important to offer this joint session as quickly as possible. If students have a scheduling conflict on January 24th (for example, SAT testing), we encourage parents to attend. They may choose a *WRAP Session* close to home or travel to an institution of interest. In fact, guidance counselors are also welcome to attend.

As you know, students will be most successful when they attend the college that is the best fit – the one that best suits their personality, academic goals, athletic interests, and even their geographic preferences. It would be unfortunate for students to cross their top choice colleges off the list because of anxiety about affordability.

I would appreciate your assistance in publicizing this special event. A copy of this memo and the attached flier are available on our web site: www.cicv.org/withinreach

We will keep you updated on the status of the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG). Last month, Governor Kaine's proposed budget protected funding for the undergraduate TAG award at \$3,200. The Virginia General Assembly will now deliberate the state budget during their 45-day session, which begins this week. After the session, we will send more TAG brochures to each Virginia high school.

Thank you, and Happy New Year.

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