**Name: Due Date:**

**COLLEGE – 101**

*Project Outline Sheet*

**Introduction:**

Just like Drew in “Playing the Game,”all teens think about their futures, especially college. Continuing with education after high school requires a great deal of thought. Common questions many consider are: Where should I go to school? Do I want to go away to school or commute from home? What major (and minor) should I choose? What are my potential career options? What extra curricular activities are important to me? How much is tuition?

**The Project:**

You will **create a banner** for the college of your choice & **write a paragraph** explaining why you have chosen this college.You will **submit your research** on the college via the *Research Outline Sheet*& **write a college essay.** Under the *Units of Study* tab on our class website, there is a list of websites that will help you gather information needed to complete these tasks.

**The Research:**

Begin by thinking about a career that interests you. Then research a college or university that offers a major/minor appropriate for this career path. Record all of your research on the *Research Outline Sheet.*

**The Banner:**

You have been provided with a blank outline of a college banner. You may create your banner using this 11” x 14” sheet **OR** use the outline as a template for something more creative. ☺

Either way, your banner must:

 1. clearly identify the school’s name & represent the school colors.

 2. include a picture of the college’s mascot.

 3. display the location of your college (where is it?).

 4. include your area of potential study (major/minor).

 5. name one **specific** extra-curricular activity (sport or club) you’d like to join.

**The Paragraph:**

With the college banner, you are to include a **SIM Style** paragraph explaining why you have chosen this college. Please refer to the sample paragraph for additional information.

**The Essay:**

You will be writing a traditional college essay using the essay prompts from the **Common App.**

We will be working on the essay in class as you are working on the banner/paragraph at home.

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*Student Signature*  *Parent/Guardian Signature*

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**Sample Paragraph:**

Dowling College, in Oakdale, is the right college for me. First, Dowling is an internationally recognized school for education. This is important because I am interested in majoring in English with a minor in education, as I would like to become an English teacher someday. Dowling also appeals to me because it is not too far from home and I can commute to class. I really do not have an interest in leaving home, but they do have dorms on campus if for some reason I were to change my mind. In addition, Dowling offers many extra curricular activities. I have played field hockey for years and I am thrilled that Dowling has a team that I can join. In conclusion, Dowling’s reputation as a strong school for education, its competitive Field Hockey team, and its convenient location to home, make this school my first choice of colleges.